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General Secretary Information Sheet - Season 2024 – 2025

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Welcome to the ninth newsletter of the 2024 – 2025 Season and trust that the information is useful for your Club officials and please make sure this is shared with your Managers and Club officials.

Newsletter No.9

General Secretary Unavailability

Please note that I am unavailable and not able to take calls or emails from Monday 3rd February 2025 – Friday 7th February inclusive. If urgent and can not wait until I return please contact the Assistant General Secretary Mark Gower mgower85@hotmail.co.uk and he will either help you or point you in the right direction.

DBS and Safeguarding Children

Each Friday I receive a list from Devon FA informing me of any coaches or Club officials without either an in-date DBS or a Safeguarding Children Certificate. The number of outstanding issues has reduced dramatically over the last two months and our League now often has none outstanding. If any are passed to me Clubs are informed that coach or official can not be involved in junior football until outstanding issues are resolved. My thanks to Welfare Officers and Club Secretaries for their support in these matters.

Transfer Window now closed

I would like to thank the Registration Secretaries and Emergency Transfer committee for their work over the month of January that has enabled many transfers to take place. I would also like to thank Clubs who have enabled transfers to take place and enable more children to play regular football with new Clubs.

Deregistration of Players

Now the transfer window is closed for the year players can only be deregistered if they have missed five consecutive games, or a Club requests a deregistration and I am sent an email from the parent confirming that they wish their son or daughter to be deregistered. 21 Days must elapse from the date I receive the correspondence. The only other way a player can move is through emergency transfer, but these will only be agreed in exceptional circumstances.

Secretaries of Clubs please do not give my telephone number out to get parents to phone me as the above rules are very clear. I understand during the transfer window the need sometimes to get clarification, but I ended up speaking to over 20 parents over the last month and their intervention made no difference to any of the decisions made by the Executive.

Invoices

A reminder to all teams that have an outstanding pitch fee, central league invoice or fine that they need to be paid by no later than the 9th February 2025 and Nicola thanks all Clubs that have already made their payments. Nicola will also be sending out the invoices for teams that have transferred a player or players in either of the two transfer windows for Season 2024 – 2025

Personal Thanks

Can I thank all the Clubs that supported my place of work Four Greens Community Trust Christmas 50.000 Tin Appeal. Through cash donations and tins DJM Clubs and officials contributed in tins able to be purchased or collected an incredible 2420 tins. I still have a couple of crates to collect as well.

These tins help some of the most vulnerable families in our community. Thank you.

Silent Football Weekend

The FA is again running its Silent Football Weekend on the 15th and 16th March 2025 and this is where

What happens during the weekend?

- ! Spectators are encouraged to applaud good play from both teams
- ! Spectators are encouraged to refrain from talking or shouting
- ! Grassroots football leagues run games with the coach voice only or completely silent

The League are going to review whether to be part of this initiative at its February Executive meeting on the 10th February. In the past we have not got involved in the initiative as it is felt that it stops the overall positive interaction that most parents give however we are keen for your thoughts

What happens if a Club can not get two DBS coaches / officials to a game?

The League Executive are to review this at its Executive Meeting on the 10th February 2025. Clubs are asking as to what happens to the game if they cancel because even if they have two people DBS checked someone goes ill or can not attend. The FA rule has to be observed and turning up with only one DBS coach is not an option so we will provide the clarity asap.

League Management Meeting

Please note in your diaries that we have an online League Management Meeting that Club Secretaries or a representative of each Club must attend.

Mark Gower will send an invite to the meeting on the weekend of the 15th and 16th February 2025.

[U7 and U8 Divisions](#)

The U7 and U8 Second Phase programme started this weekend and fixtures been sent to all Clubs. We have ten new teams participating and hope they enjoy the experience

[New Clubs for Season 2025 – 2026](#)

The League has already received interest and some application forms for the new Season and the League Executive Committee will be setting up vetting meetings in next few months to review their suitability and to ensure they have everything in place in terms of FA and League Requirements.

[Cup Rules – I have kept this in as more Cup games scheduled](#)

With Cup games restarting shortly and with some Cup competitions at the later stages please can I urge you to get your team managers to read the Cup rules that are to be found in the handbook on pages 130 – 132. There is nothing worse for the League Executive to remove a team from the Cup, especially if they won the cup tie due to playing an ineligible player.

Also please note as per Rule no 14 Day cancellations are allowed for Cup Final dates.

[Website Launch Update](#)

Just to let you know our website will have the same web address <https://djm-league.co.uk/>

I was hoping to Launch the website on the 27th January but this is now deferred to the 10th February 2025 and this is purely down to time and my apologies for the delay in getting this finalised.

[Team Withdrawals](#)

There have been no withdrawals from the League since the last newsletter.

[Handbook Changes](#)

Chaddlewood

U10 Girls change of Manager is now Lee Ellis 07877236083

Tavistock

New Manager details for:

Tavistock Community Youth u13

Neil Miles; Mob: 07398987299

Tavistock Community Youth u14 Black

Martin Ruffin; Mob: 07557737102

Tavistock Community Youth u15 Red

Robert Tremblett; Mob: 07776441085

Kind regards

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General Secretary DJM League
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