NWGFL Adult Local Rules 2025-26

LR 2.1 Membership of the Competition is subject to Clubs complying with Ground Standards as agreed by the

Management Committee.

LR 4.1 Where applicable, Clubs playing on Local Authority / Council / School pitches shall be required to comply with all League instructions with regards to payment of relevant fees and any other matters.

LR 4.2 New Clubs or new Teams from existing member Clubs, or teams re-applying, may be required to attend a meeting with the Management Committee and/or comply with any other League instructions with regards to their application.

LR 5.1 Officers shall retire at the Annual General Meeting following their 75th birthday.

LR 12.1 Any Club or Team failing to complete all of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting, or a Special General

Meeting decides otherwise by a majority of two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast) be debarred from membership

the following season.

LR 15.1 The Management Committee shall give the League Treasurer the power to obtain online banking.

LR 18.2 Subject to FA Rule C dealing with players without a written contract, when a player desires a transfer, the Club the player wishes to transfer to, shall submit a fully completed transfer form to the League accompanied by a fee as per the fees tariff. A transfer is not deemed complete until the Club seeking the transfer receives a registration confirmation from the Competition.

LR 18.5 Further to rule 18(M) above, in the case of an unregistered player or players the team may have the points gained in the match deducted from its total and may be fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

LR 18.7 Further to Rule 18(A), all registrations must be completed on Club Portal. Where a player is a match day

registration that is not entered on Club Portal prior to kick off, a Norfolk FA Adult Offline Consent Form must

be fully completed, signed by the player and countersigned by an Officer of the Club. Furthermore, the Form

must be countersigned by an Officer of the opposing Club. Details of the player registration must then be

entered on Club Portal by midnight on the day of the match. The player shall not play again on a subsequent

match day until the player is registered and approved on Club Portal.

Failure to comply with Rule may result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

LR 18.9 (in relation to 18 B (3) 3. In relation to 7 a side teams, each team must have at least 7 Players registered 14 days before the start of each Playing Season. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

LR 20.1 Further to Rule 20 (F) the player information must be provided on a fully completed team sheet as prescribed by the Competition. Shirt numbers on the team sheet must correspond with the correct number worn by each player. Any Club failing to comply with this rule may be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Any Club providing incomplete or incorrect information shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines

Tariff. Team sheets received by clubs must be retained for the whole of the current season and must be

supplied to the Competition within 5 days if such a request is made.

A copy of the fully completed team sheet must be emailed to the Divisional Secretary within 3 days of the

fixture completion. Failure to do so may incur a charge as per the Fines Tariff.

LR 20.2 In the event of the home club being unable to fulfil a League match because of inclement weather or ground conditions the home club shall before postponing the match and provided that the two teams have not

already played the reverse League fixture ascertain from their opponents whether their ground is available

and if it is the match shall be played on the ground of the opposing team. Any Club failing to comply with

this rule may be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

LR 20.9 Further to Rule 20(A), failure to ensure that a match commences at the scheduled time for kick off other than for reasons related to the required equipment and specified in Rule 20(A) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

LR20.10 Teams will be permitted to call off one league game per season for any reason. The minimum notice to

invoke such a call off is 0 days. This call off cannot be used for matches to be played after 1st April or for the

purpose of participation in an external competition.

LR 20.13 Kick off times are between 10am & 2pm, with kick offs outside of these times acceptable, providing both teams agree, and this has also been agreed by the relevant divisional secretary prior to the match taking

place. Failure to notify the Divisional Secretary of a kick off outside of the usual window, may result in a fine in relation to the fines tariff for the HOME team.

LR 20.14 In accordance with the Laws of the Game, the minimum number of Players which will constitute a Team for a Competition Match in 7-a-side fixtures is 4.

LR20.19 Further to Rule 20(C), notice of the full particulars must be given by the Sunday evening for a Saturday

fixture, and Monday evening for a Sunday fixture.

LR20.20 Any postponement from April 1st onwards where one team is at fault, excluding weather & pitch conditions, will result in a charge being issued and the game awarded to the opponents regardless of mitigation.

LR20.21 All matches to be played at venues which have a changing room with a toilet and basic hygiene facilities, which must include clean water which can be bottled. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a fine as per the fines tariff.

LR20.22 All venues must have emergency vehicle access, which must be kept open or, if locked, someone present must have a key to open it. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a fine as per the fines tariff.

LR20.23 Further to Rule 20(C) above, when giving notice of the particulars of a fixture the Officer of the Home Club must also provide details of the colour of kit that the team will be wearing, and the away team shall then

ensure that they do not wear a kit that clashes with the home team. Failure to do so may result in the offending club being fined as per the fines tariff.

LR20.24 Any away team travelling in excess of 50 miles, will not receive a kick off time earlier than 10am. Distance calculated using Google maps from home venue to away venue, taking SHORTEST distance possible.

LR20.25 In addition to our current postponement stipulations, the following sanctions shall be applied:

1. 1st postponement – sanction free providing it is used before April 1st – this will automatically be applied.
2. 2nd postponement – 2-point deduction & £10 fine.
3. 3rd postponement – award fixture & £15 fine.
4. 4th and any subsequent postponements – award fixture & £20 fine, plus a discussion over viability of how the team plans to avoid further postponements in order to complete the season.

In addition to the above, if Team A postpones a fixture vs Team B more than once in the same playing season, then the fixture is awarded to the non-defaulting team, regardless of being home or away.

LR 21.2 Further to Rule 21(A) the prescribed manner refers to posting the team sheet on Full-time.

LR 22.1 Further to Rule 22(D), in the event of a team completing 75% or more, but not all, of its fixtures, then the

remaining points shall be awarded to the teams that the defaulting team should have played. No goals shall

be awarded.

LR 22.5 Not applicable in this competition

LR 22.6 Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first 2 Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last 2 Teams in each division except as provided for below subject to the provisions of Rule 2.L.

1. Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the Playing Season may be filled in any of the following ways:

a. retention of otherwise relegated Team(s).

b. or additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the division below.

c. or election.

2. When a senior Team is relegated to a lower division of which its reserve Team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve Team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower division; and should the senior Team be relegated to the lowest division its reserve Team automatically retires from the Competition.

3. Should either or both leading Teams in any of the divisions have its senior Team in the next higher division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest Team or Teams in the division concerned.

LR23.1 Further to Rule 23(B) it is ultimately the responsibility of the home club to provide a Referee. In the event of the home team failing to do so they may be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

LR 23.3 At every match, the home club shall ensure that a whistle is available for use by the Referee and flags for use by the Assistant Referees.

Fines Tariff

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| Rule Number | Description | Maximum Fine |
| LR 18.7 | Failure to correctly complete registration process | £40 |
| LR 18.9 | Failure to have the minimum number of players registered 14 days prior to the season commencing | £25 |
| LR 20.1 | Failure to complete, share a team sheet, or recording inaccurate information | £30 |
| LR 20.2 | Failure to check the availability of an opponent’s venue before postponing | £50 |
| LR 20.9 | Failure to ensure a fixture kicks off on time | £30 |
| LR 20.13 | Failure of Home team to gain permission from divisional secretary to a kick off time change | £30 |
| LR 20.21 | Failure to ensure a venue has the stated changing & hygiene criteria | £100 |
| LR 20.22 | Failure to ensure emergency vehicular access without delay | £100 |
| LR 20.23 | Failure to ensure no kit colour clash on a match day | £50 |
| LR 23.1 | Failure to provide a Referee | £50 |
| LR 23.3 | Failure to provide a whistle and or Assistant Referee flags. | £25 |
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