



Walsall Junior Youth Football League

Season 2026-2027

Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Code In collaboration with FA & League rules

The primary aim of the League is to provide a safe environment and a friendly atmosphere where everyone involved has the opportunity to have an enjoyable football experience and that players have the opportunity to develop to their potential in terms of both their football and whole life skills. In order to achieve this all Clubs/Teams are required to abide by FA/League Rules and Walsall Junior Youth Football League's Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Code as follows:

Point No.	Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Code
1.	All Clubs are responsible for the conduct and of everyone associated with their club including, officials, players, members and spectators and should ensure that everyone, including match officials and opposition officials, players and spectators are treated with dignity and respect.
2.	All Clubs are required to have their own code of conduct that mirror the League's aims and engender a spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.
3.	All Clubs are required to gain their England Football Accreditation during season 2026-27 to reach or maintain their current status and which must be a minimum standard of one star.
4.	All Teams are required to have a Respect Marshall at each fixture as per FA & League rules, who will be identified by wearing a fluorescent respect bib.
5.	All Clubs must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminate all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010). Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation will be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation. The League will not tolerate any acts of attempted assault; foul and abusive language and any reported will be dealt with by the FA and the League Management Committee.
6.	Registration is via the FA Competition Portal. Guidance is available from each Age Group Secretary and/or the League Secretary for Clubs/Teams on how to register their players. All teams MUST register at least the MINIMUM number of players as referred to in the League rules section by the date notified at the AGM and by the League Secretary. When a player leaves a team either by transfer or registration, the FA databases will be required to be updated by the Club. A recent clear passport type colour photograph of each player and the team Manager/s and Coaches/s are required to be uploaded onto the system. All questions within the system should be completed as requested. The League will reject any registrations which do not have satisfactory photographs or those who do not have ALL the details correctly entered. Proof of ages for players are required to be checked by Club Officials, players who played in the League last season do not need to provide proof of age, although an up-to-date photograph is required to be uploaded each season. The Management Committee has the power to check ID for players, this includes the verification of a Birth Certificate, Passport, or any other acceptable forms of ID. Failure to comply with this request may result in Club/Team/Individual/Player being suspended including exclusion from Cup Competitions, fixtures awarded and a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.
7.	Alcohol and Smoking/Vaping is banned from the touchline. Flasks or hot water urns are not permitted to be used. Dogs are not allowed on the touchline on Education Grounds or Private Grounds. Individual Centre

	rules may supersede League rules so please check with appropriate Centre Manager. The Centre Manager's decision is final.
8.	The League is committed to ensuring the welfare and safety of all young people in football. The League has a Social Media and Image Policy which can be found on the League website. Clubs are responsible for adhering to this and bringing it to the attention of everyone associated with their Club. Any concerns should be raised with the League Management Committee.
9.	Club Secretaries are required to report any alleged incidents of misconduct by uploading a report on the FA Competitions Portal and completing the Match Incident Report Form on the League website as soon as possible after the fixture. Reports emailed by any other person associated with a Club will not be considered and will be forwarded to the relevant Club Secretary.
10.	In the interest of fair play, no player can be transferred from one team to another in the same Club and age group unless 28 days have lapsed between transfer dates or unless special dispensation has been granted by the League Management Committee.
11.	Any alleged acts of misconduct by a Club, Team, player or individual will be subject to investigation by the League Management Committee and if found proven will be liable to penalties as set out in the FA and Leagues Rules. Where the circumstances warrant it, Clubs, Teams and/or individuals may have fixtures suspended by the League. All sanctions issued are carried over into the following season if there is no opportunity in the current season as per FA and League rules.
12.	All on the field incidents will be subject to investigation by the County FA's. Sanctions are carried over into the following season if there is no opportunity in the current season to implement as per FA and League rules. Upon receipt of the outcome from the County FA and or The FA the League Management Committee may apply further League sanctions as appropriate.
13.	All Clubs/Teams are monitored throughout the season by the League and County FA with regard to misconduct charges, those which are proven as well as sanctions and fines. The League has the right to apply further sanctions if, in the opinion of the Management Committee, there is a safeguarding and/or welfare issue.