



NORTH BURY JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Code of Conduct for North Bury JFL Referees

When registering to referee in the North Bury Junior Football League (NBjFL), by submitting your registration form to the league you agree to the following code of conduct. The code of conduct is to comply with the F.A.'s Respect campaign and to ensure the high standards all of our referees set each season are continually upheld.

Before reading this, please note that we are a Saturday morning league.

Code of Conduct:

- By signing up to the league, you confirm that you are fully registered with a county Football Association and that all of the information you put on your registration form is correct at the date stated on the form. You agree to inform the league's Referee Secretary if any of the details change.
- You agree to inform the league's Referee Secretary if you are ever unavailable for a game no later than midday on a Monday before the Saturday that you are unavailable, except in exceptional circumstances.
- If you ever become unavailable after your game has been confirmed, you agree to inform the home team manager, the away team manager and the league's Referee Secretary. This is so that all three parties can try to arrange a new referee and are all aware you will not be turning up.
- If you need to contact the league about your game after midday on a Friday before your game on the Saturday, you agree to do so by phone only and not by email. Text is acceptable in this instance.
- If your game is postponed/another manager asks you to do a second game before/after your allocated game, please inform the league's Referee Secretary by text/email as soon as you are made aware of this so that records can be kept up to date.
- You will be honest and impartial at all times, regardless of the teams involved or the participants involved, declaring any teams/clubs that you have links with to the Referee Secretary before the commencement of the season, or before you referee any games if you join after that date.
- You will apply the Laws of Association Football and the competition's rules consistently and fairly at all times and will seek clarification from the league on any points that you are unsure of.

- You will deal with all cases of misconduct as you see fit and, wherever necessary, report all instances of misconduct (including cards issued during a game) to the relevant county F.A. within two working days of the game. If you need any support, the league will be more than willing to help you out (main contacts being the Referee Secretary or the League Secretary).
- You must ensure that you are fully prepared both physically and mentally for every game that you are appointed to and will referee every game to the best of your ability, regardless of the age group or teams involved. If there is anything that may prevent you from doing this, you agree to inform the league's Referee Secretary who will then decide upon your fitness to referee the game in question.
- You agree to endeavour to keep your administration to an excellent level, responding to any correspondence that is sent by the league within the specified time frame, especially on urgent matters. To do this, you agree to check phone messages and emails regularly (this will help prepare you as you climb the refereeing ladder as administration becomes more important the higher you go. Poor administration does prevent promotion at all levels).
- You agree to a certain amount of travel in getting to your games and understand that it may not always be possible/suitable to appoint you to games in your immediate vicinity.
- You agree to ask and seek support and advice wherever necessary, in the knowledge that the league has a zero tolerance policy to unacceptable behaviour and is more than willing to help and advise you in whatever way may be necessary, remembering that the league only wants all of its referees to improve and progress.
- You only submit your registration form to the league if you wholly agree to every point mentioned in this document and agree to follow and adhere to these points throughout the season.
- In return for agreeing to these terms, the league agrees to provide any advice, help or support to help you enjoy and progress in your refereeing. This includes, where possible, providing a suitable person to watch your performance and provide constructive advice if requested. The league will also recommend any referees it considers to have the ability to progress to their relevant county Referee Development Officer.

Thanks in advance for your hard work for the forthcoming season.

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