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PETERBOROUGH & DISTRICT
CORPORATE LEAGUE



HANDBOOK
2018 SEASON

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Peterborough Corporate League – 2018 Rules

Rules & regulations

- Ethos:** This league is provided for the employees of businesses within the Peterborough area. The league shall be friendly, yet competitive, and run during the summer months each year.
- Officers:** The league shall be administered by representatives of the Peterborough & District Football League, Netherton Community Sports Association and the Northamptonshire FA.
- Venue:** All fixtures will be played at The Grange, Netherton.
- Respect:** This competition and its Clubs shall support The FA's Respect programme. As such it recognises that everyone in football has a collective responsibility to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. A Respect League values the contribution of match officials, players and spectators and ensures that they are treated with courtesy and fairness by opposing players, club officials and spectators. The League and its Clubs will seek to play fixtures in a fair, competitive but not antagonistic environment.

League format

- Format:** The format of the league shall be determined on a season by season basis. The members of the league shall determine this prior to the commencement of the league. Under normal circumstances teams will play each other twice in a regular league format.
- Months:** The league shall start in May and conclude by the last day of August annually.
- Kick-off times:** Under normal circumstances, matches will kick-off at either 6pm or 8pm on weekday evenings.
- Website:** Fixtures and results will be published online
- Points system:** 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.
- Standings:** League positions will be determined on the following priority: 1. Points 2. Goal difference. 3. Goals scored. 4. Goals conceded

League & Match fees

- Entry fee:** The league costs £65 per team per season to enter. This fee includes all league administration, appointing of referees, public liability insurance and personal accident insurance. The entry fee is payable to the Peterborough & District Football League a minimum of 14 days prior to the commencement of the league.
- Pitch fee:** The home team shall be responsible for covering the £80 hire charge for the pitch.
- Referees fee:** The away team shall be responsible for covering the £25 referee fee.

Match day

- Match length:** Matches will last 90 minutes (2 x 45 minute halves) with a 10-minute half-time drink break.
- Team size:** Teams will consist of 11 players; however, teams can play with a minimum of 7 players on the pitch
- Team sheets:** Team sheets (provided to managers) should be fully completed and handed to the referee a minimum of 5 minutes prior to kick-off. The referee will submit the team sheet to the league to record the match statistics for the league website.
- Substitutions:** A club may at its discretion use 5 substitute players in any match in this competition, who may be selected from 5 players. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football. This rule is known as "repeat substitutions".
- Postponements:** In the event of a Match being postponed, the match will be forfeited with 3 points being awarded to the opposition and the team responsible for the postponement shall be expected to pay the full Pitch Fee of £80.
- Withdrawals:** In the event of a team withdrawing from the Corporate League, a fine of £50 shall be incurred

Players/Squads

- Squad size:** Teams can register an unlimited number of players within their squad at any time. Initially a squad list shall be provided by the teams upon entry to the competition. Additional players can be added on match day using the team forms.
- Qualification:** Teams are allowed a maximum of only 5 non-company players and must confirm these with the League.
- Other than that, only employees of the team (business) they are representing shall be permitted in this competition. Players ideally should take ID to settle employment disputes before kick-off and may be asked to produce this at the request of the opposition.
- Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are not permitted in this Competition.
- While serving in any branch of Her Majesty's Regular Forces, a player must first obtain the consent of his Association Secretary before signing a registration form to play for the Club.
- The League Officers shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player at any time.

Player equipment

- Kit:** Teams are encouraged to wear matching shirts where possible. Players must wear shorts and football socks. Teams are encouraged to avoid wearing all black shirts where possible to avoid a clash with the referee's traditional shirt colour.
- Shin pads:** Shin pads are mandatory for all players at all times.
- Footwear:** Astro-turf trainers or moulded boots are permitted. Metal studs are strictly not permitted.

League Governance

- Discipline:** The use of temporary time suspensions (sin bins) and the exclusion of a player arising from the issuing of a red card are the disciplinary sanctions for use in this league. Further details can be found in Appendix 1 – Discipline sanctions for Peterborough Corporate League.
- Laws:** All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.
- Affiliation:** The Peterborough league is affiliated to Northamptonshire Football Association, which means that:
- The competition is covered under the NFA discipline process
The competition's referees are qualified and registered with The FA
- Insurance:** The competition is covered under the Peterborough & District Football League Bluefin insurance
- Registered players are covered by a personal accident insurance policy with Bluefin. Contact The Peterborough & District Football League if you wish to make a claim.
- Complaints:** All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the League Officers. Breaches of league rules will be dealt with by the League Officers whose decisions are subject to appeal in accordance with FA procedures.

Appendix 1 - Disciplinary Sanctions (Adapted from the FA Small Sided Football Laws of the Game)

The use of temporary time suspensions (sin bins) and the exclusion of a player arising from the issuing of a red card are the disciplinary sanctions for use in these leagues. Match officials will employ the use of temporary timed suspensions (blue cards) in all cases traditionally regarded as cautionable offences. The options for a match official imposing disciplinary sanctions are therefore:

- Player shown a blue card and temporarily suspended from play (five minutes)
- Player issued with a second blue card and permanently excluded from play
- Player issued with a straight red card and permanently excluded from play

Sin Bin Offences (Blue Card):

A blue card offence will be accompanied by a temporary suspension from play of **five minutes** in duration. The release of players from a temporary suspension will be at the direction of the referee. A player who has been sin binned cannot be replaced by another player during their temporary suspension from play.

A player is shown the blue card and temporarily excluded from play for **five minutes** in all cases traditionally regarded as cautionable offences. Blue cards will not be recorded by the match officials, league organiser, or County FA. No disciplinary fine shall be incurred by the player for receiving a blue card.

Sending Off Offences (Red Card):

A player is sent off and shown the red card if he commits any of the following offences:

- Guilty of serious foul play
- Guilty of violent conduct
- Spits at an opponent or any other person
- Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)
- Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick
- Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language

Disciplinary Procedures for Red Card Offences:

'Less Serious' Red Card Offences (as outlined in the table below)

Offences classified within the table will be dealt with by the league organiser under the delegated-authority of the County FA. The match official should complete a disciplinary report and ensure that it is sent to the league organiser. The league organiser should employ the following disciplinary tariff of suspensions in such cases as outlined in the table. The league organiser will not fine the player for 'less serious' red card offences.

Match Suspension Tariff:

Offence	Penalty
Receiving a second blue card in the same match	1 match suspension
Denying a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity	1 match suspension
Use of offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures	2 match suspension
Attempting to kick or strike another player	3 match suspension

'Serious' Red Card Offences

Offences not classified in the above table will be the responsibility of the local County FA. Once the County FA has reviewed the case the league organiser along with the player will be informed of the outcome and any disciplinary action. For these offences match officials are required to complete a Disciplinary Report and submit a copy to the league organiser and County FA.