



# Football Fortunes 2019 Rules (Version 2.4 updated January 13th 2020)

**Football Fortunes 2019 is a football management computer and board game suitable for two to six players based on the classic 1980s football management game Brian Clough's Football Fortunes. In the game each human player takes on the role of a club manager. The object of the game is for each manager to successfully steer their team through the season using their skills to make their team stronger as the game proceeds.**

Each manager competes with human and computer controlled teams in a league and also both domestic and European cup competitions.

**The winner of Football Fortunes is the manager who survives to the end of the game, and has the highest number of game points.** Game points are points awarded by the Football Fortunes app, based on each managers performance in League and Cup competitions and on the amount of cash they have left at the end of the game. It is very important not to confuse game points with points obtained by winning league matches. It is not enough to do well in the league.

The winner of Football Fortunes will be the manager who excels in all aspects of their job. The main aim of every manager must be to create as strong a team as possible. They do this by increasing the total star rating of their playing squad. **They must buy from and sell to other managers, borrow and loan players, buy players in transfer windows or coach and improve youth players** all while coping with problems thrown at them by movements on the game board.

They must do all this shrewdly and with skill. They must resist the temptation to spend carelessly, or sell players too freely. Any action which results in poor team performances or low cash levels will cost them game points at the end of the game. **Above all their team must not run out of money as bankruptcy means the sack!**



## Setting Up Football Fortunes

**The game has two elements; the physical board game and the Football Fortunes companion app available on iPad, Android tablets, PC and Mac.** Up to six human controlled managers can play the game. All teams that are not controlled by a human manager will instead be controlled by the Football Fortunes app. Links to the Football Fortunes app on PC (Windows), Mac, iPad and Android can be found on the website at [www.footballfortunes.co.uk](http://www.footballfortunes.co.uk)



## Trophies

Winners of trophies such as the league and cups will win the trophy with the larger amount while the runner up will receive the trophy card with the lesser amount (for example league winners win the FF League trophy token with £300m denoted on it and the runner up receives the FF League Trophy token with £150m). The trophy tokens can of course be spent as cash in auctions and other scenarios such as paying debts.

Ready to play? To get started press **Start The Season** on the homescreen of the app.



## Setting Up Your Teams

Managers should choose their team from the teams on offer in the Football Fortunes app and be assigned player counters with their chosen team's colours for use on the game board. **Team names for the teams in the league can be changed by tapping the Settings button on the home screen of the Football Fortunes app.** Click or tap into the team name to change it.



## Starting Money

**Each manager will begin the game with £200m each.** One player will be nominated to control the money of the bank and another player will be nominated to control the input into the Football Fortunes app.



## Players and Staff

Each manager's initial team lineup and player abilities will be determined by the Football Fortunes app. **Managers will be assigned an initial squad of 11 players with various star ratings and also two Youth Players who begin as zero star players but can be upgraded later.** Bear in mind that Youth Players can play in any position in your team apart from in goal.

**Each manager will also begin the game with a zero star rated Coach on their staff.** This Coach can be upgraded at various times in the game usually under a Manage Staff scenario.



## Player Tokens and Player Cards

Managers should also choose a player token to move on the board. **Unused player cards should be shuffled and placed out in piles on the game board.** The Youth Player cards are placed on The Academy section of the game board and are always separate from the 'senior' player cards.



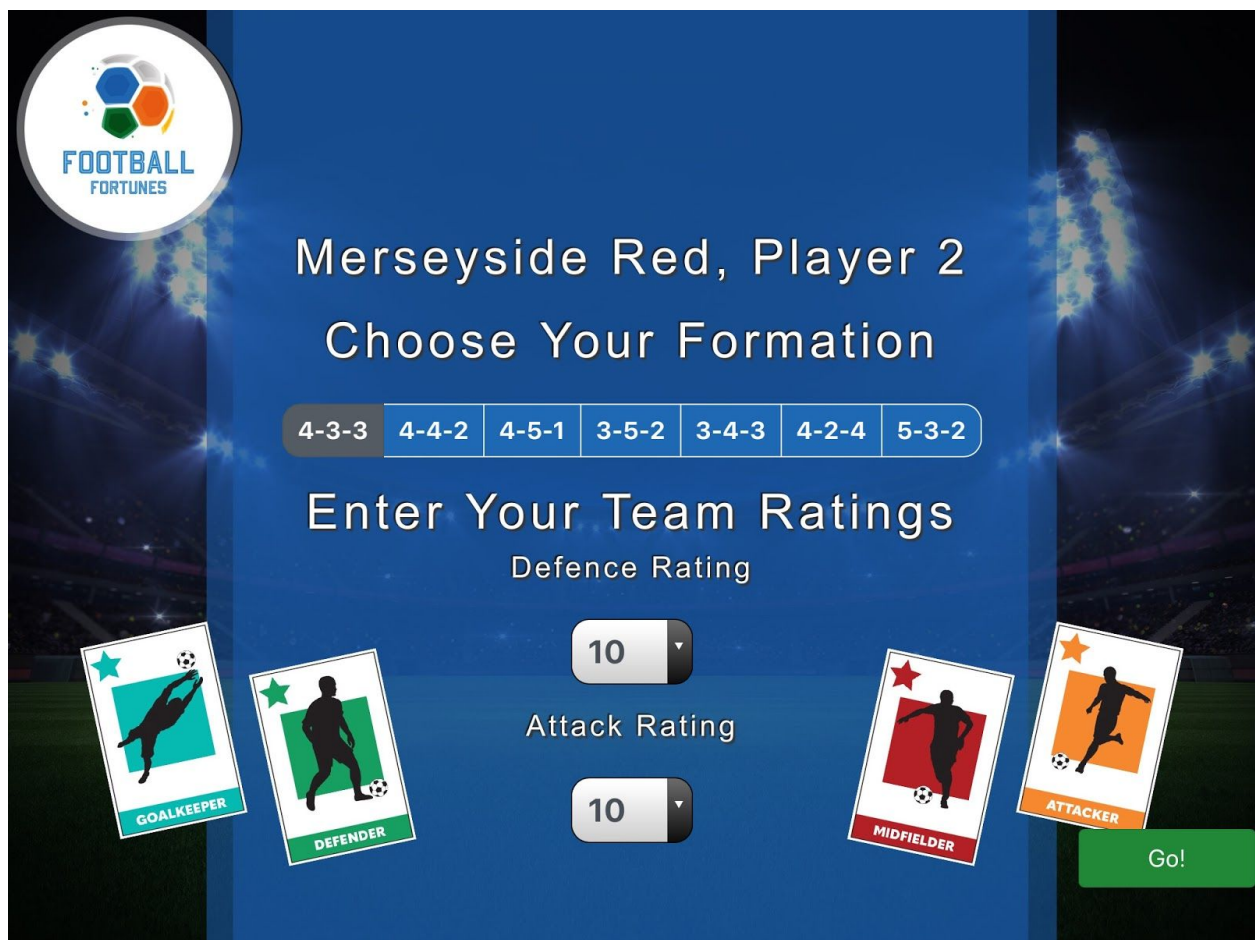
## Formations and Team Ratings

A key objective in Football Fortunes is to build a strong squad of players who can help

**you to win the league and cup trophies that will ultimately see you win the game.** This can be achieved in a number of ways, from winning highly-rated players in auctions to developing Youth Players in your Academy or perhaps a blend of both.

Whatever your approach to squad building you will need to make some important tactical decisions to help you win games.

**First you must choose your team's formation.** There are a number of formations available in the game from the very attacking (3-4-3) to the defensive (5-3-2). Your formation might be influenced by your opponent or perhaps you'll adopt a particular philosophy (all out attack for example) and pursue players who will help you to play this way.



The screenshot shows the 'Football Fortunes' app interface. At the top left is the 'Football Fortunes' logo. The main title is 'Merseyside Red, Player 2 Choose Your Formation'. Below this is a row of formation buttons: 4-3-3, 4-4-2, 4-5-1, 3-5-2, 3-4-3, 4-2-4, and 5-3-2. The next screen is titled 'Enter Your Team Ratings'. It features two sliders: 'Defence Rating' and 'Attack Rating', both set to 10. To the left of the sliders are cards for 'GOALKEEPER' and 'DEFENDER', and to the right are cards for 'MIDFIELDER' and 'ATTACKER'. A green 'Go!' button is at the bottom right.

**Before each fixture managers will enter their team ratings into the Football Fortunes app.** There are two ratings, defence (which is the goalkeeper plus defenders in your team) and attack (which is the midfield players plus the attackers.)

Your Coach's star rating is added to either defence or attack depending on your tactical approach to give a boost to your intent.



Remember that **Youth Players can be played in any position apart from in goal**, making them a vital part of your squad.



## Summer and Winter Transfer Windows

**The game begins with the summer transfer window** and a player auction per manager whereby a player card is turned over in turn from the general pile of players and bid on by managers. The highest bidder will win the player's signature. In the case where there are less than four managers playing the game there will be a minimum of four player auctions in transfer windows. So for two managers, two auctions each per transfer window.

Players are rated from 2-5 stars depending on their ability with each star being worth £20m in transfer value. **The bidding must start at at least this value in transfer windows.** So a two star player will be worth £40m, a three star £60m etc. Youth players have no minimum value in auctions their value starts at £0.

**If no one wishes to bid on a player in an auction they are put into the Free Transfers pile in the middle of the game board** where they can be signed by players who land on the Start square later on.



## The Transfer List

Players can be transfer listed at any time during the season by a manager however **once a player has been transfer listed they cannot be returned to the manager's squad and must be sold or released.** Transfer listed players can either be released during transfer windows where they will be **added to the free players pool in the middle of the game board** or they can be sold to other managers. Transfer listed players have no minimum value and managers can agree any fee, even £5m for the player, at their own discretion.



**THE ACADEMY**

**FREE TRANSFERS**

TRANSFER FEES	
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**Icons around the pitch:**

- Top Row (Left to Right):** Kick Off (soccer ball), Selection Problems (group of people), Scouting Trip (binoculars), Sponsorship (jersey), Managers' Luck (handshake), Wages (money), Selection Problems (group of people), Visit the Academy (goalkeeper).
- Right Side (Top to Bottom):** Managers' Luck (handshake), Free Agent (player with ball), Selection Problems (group of people), Managers' Staff (person), Managers' Luck (handshake), Free Agent (player with ball), Selection Problems (group of people), Visit the Academy (goalkeeper).
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- Left Side (Top to Bottom):** Kick Off (soccer ball), Managers' Luck (handshake), Managers' Staff (person), Scouting Trip (binoculars), Selection Problems (group of people), Free Agent (player with ball), Managers' Luck (handshake), Kick Off (soccer ball).



## Kick Off

This is the beginning square on the game board. **Players who have left clubs on Bosman Free Transfers or not bidden on during auctions can be signed by managers who land here.** Note that managers can only sign one Bosman Free Transfer at a time from the free player pile.



## Manager's Luck

Manager's Luck cards are drawn randomly by the Football Fortunes app when players land on this square. **Manager's Luck cards affect the manager's club** as opposed to their playing squad and can be positive or negative.



## Selection Problems

Selection Problem cards are drawn randomly by the Football Fortunes app when players land on this square. **Selection Problem's cards directly affect managers playing squads** and can be positive or negative in nature.

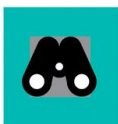


## Manage Staff

The Manage Staff square allows managers to perform multiple actions in the game. Managers can upgrade the club's Coach at a cost of £20m per star rating. **Note that coaches can only be upgraded by one star per Manage Staff turn except for their first upgrade where they are upgraded to a two star coach at a cost of £40m.** There are no one star coaches, players or youth players in the game.

Youth Players can also be upgraded during a Manage Staff turn at a cost of £20m per star rating **apart from their first upgrade which must be to a two star player at a cost of £40m** as there are no one star players or coaches in the game.

During managing staff **Youth Players can upgraded by the star rating of the club's Coach.** For example if the Coach is a three star any number of Youth Players can be upgraded by three stars, at a cost of £20m per star, to a maximum of five stars per player.



## Scouting Trip

Landing on the Scouting Trip square allows managers to hire a Scout if they don't already have



one. **Managers who already have a Scout** can start a youth player auction on any Youth Player currently in the game, even if that Youth Player is currently in another manager's squad. As they are not yet under contract **Youth Players do not have a minimum value in Youth Player auctions**. Any Youth Player signed from an opponent will retain their star rating in their new manager's team.



## Visit the Academy

Landing on the Visit the Academy square allows managers to **take a free Youth Player from the pile in the Academy on the board** and also to **upgrade Youth Players by the star rating of their coach at a cost of £20m per star**. Note that as there are no one star players or coaches the first upgrade must be a minimum of two stars at a cost of £40m.

For example if the Coach is a three star any number of Youth Players can be upgraded by three stars, at a cost of £20m per star, to a maximum of five stars per player.



## Free Agent Auctions

Landing on the Free Agent square triggers an auction whereby the Manager turns over a player from the top of any senior player pile for auction, **Youth Players cannot be free agents in this way**. The same as in transfer windows players in a Free Agent auction cost £20m minimum per star rating.



## Sponsorship

The Sponsorship square means that **the manager gets £50m from a new sponsor**, paid by the bank.



## Wages

Landing on the Wages square means **you have to pay all of the Players, Coach and Youth Players in your squad including those on the Transfer List**. Add up all of the star ratings and refer to the wages table on the gameboard for the amount owed.



## International Break

Landing here means **you have the day off!**



## Crisis!

**The square to avoid!** Landing on Crisis means that one of a number of crisis scenarios will befall your club!



## The Bung Token

Players who have a Bung token can play it to **buy their way out of any Selection Problem, Manager's Luck or Crisis scenario.**



## Player Loans

There are a number of scenarios in the game where players can be loaned between managers. **Loans are allowed at any time during the season and there is no minimum amount that players can be loaned for**, this is arranged between the managers. In the case where a loan fee is agreed the money is paid by the manager who is taking the player on loan **to the manager who is loaning out the player**, *not* to the bank.



## Game Gates

Each fixture attracts a game gate from ticket sales. Where managers are playing against a computer controlled team, whether home or away, they get 50% of the gate receipts. **Where managers are playing against another human controlled team the gate is split 50/50 between the managers.**



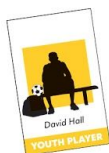
## The Sack!

Players who have run out of money can still loan or sell players to other managers for agreed fees and durations which might help them to stave off bankruptcy but it is better not to overspend! **If a manager runs out of money and can't raise funds they are sacked from their club** and their team continues to enter the team ratings they had when they were sacked for the rest of the game.



## Loans Among Clubs

Players are **not permitted to loan each other money** under any circumstances.



## Squad Size

Managers can have a squad of any size but they may **only have a maximum of five youth players** in their squad at any given time.



## Winning The Game

**The manager who wins the game will be the one who has performed best in the various competitions** winning leagues and cups etc. In the event that two managers finish the game on the same amount of Manager's Points then their cash and assets will be counted and the manager with the largest bank balance will win.

***Updated rules, app links and latest news on the game can always be found on the website at <https://www.footballfortunes.co.uk> and in the Football Fortunes app under How To Play > Rules of the Game***