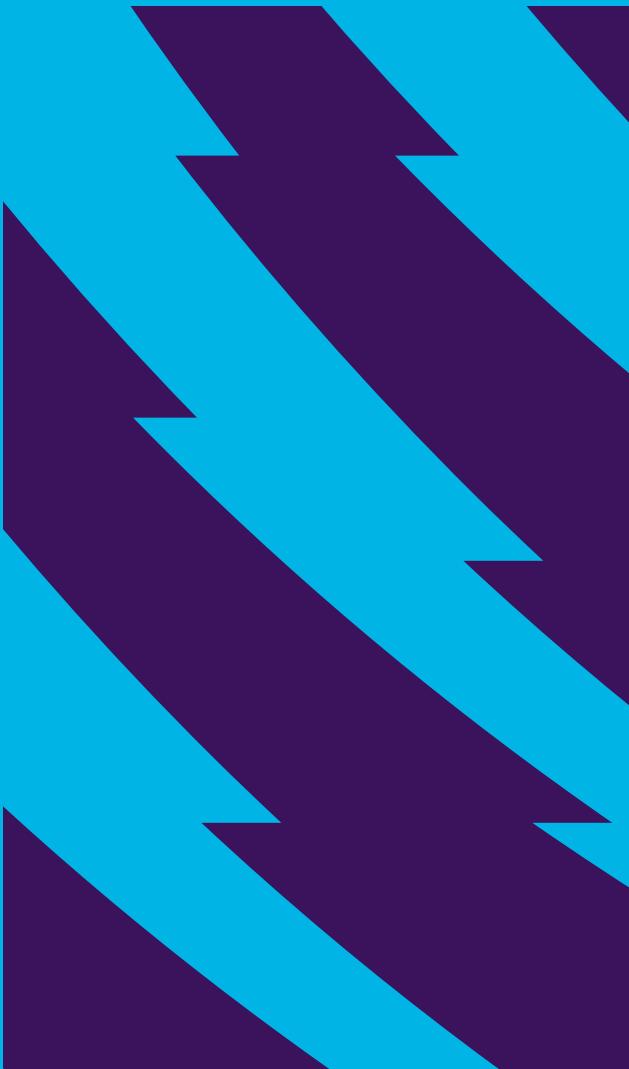




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First Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: Red
Shorts: White
Socks: Red
GK Shirts: Green
GK Shorts: Green
GK Socks: Green

Academy Manager: Bobby Hassell
Email: bhassell@barnsleyfc.co.uk

Lead Coach: To be advised

Second Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black
GK Shirts: Orange
GK Shorts: Orange
GK Socks: Orange

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Bristol City

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First Choice Kit Colours

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Shorts: White
Socks: Red and White Hoops
GK Shirts: Black and Multi
GK Shorts: Black
GK Socks: Black

Academy Manager: Gary Davenport
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Lead Coach: Mickey Bell
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Second Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: White
Shorts: Black
Socks: White
GK Shirts: Purple and Pink
GK Shorts: Purple
GK Socks: Purple

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First Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: Blue
Shorts: Blue
Socks: Blue
GK Shirts: Green
GK Shorts: Green
GK Socks: Green

Academy Director: Paul Williams
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Second Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: Red
Shorts: Red
Socks: Red
GK Shirts: Volt Yellow
GK Shorts: Volt Yellow
GK Socks: Volt Yellow

Burnley

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First Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: Claret with Sky and White Patterned Sleeve
Shorts: White with Claret Branding
Socks: White with Claret and Blue Detailing
GK Shirts: Yellow with Blue Patterned Detailing
GK Shorts: Yellow
GK Socks: Yellow

Academy Manager: Paul Jenkins
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Lead Coach: Tony Philliskirk
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Second Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: Sky with Claret Branding and Detail
Shorts: Navy with Claret Branding and Detail
Socks: Sky with Claret Branding and Detail
GK Shirts: Teal with Fuchsia Pattern Detail
GK Shorts: Teal
GK Socks: Teal



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First Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Team Royal
Shorts: Team Royal
Socks: Team Royal
GK Shirts: Pink
GK Shorts: Pink
GK Socks: Pink

Academy Manager: David Hughes
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Lead Coach: Steve Jenkins
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Gunmetal and Black
Shorts: Black
Socks: Gunmetal
GK Shirts: Orange
GK Shorts: Orange
GK Socks: Orange

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Shorts: Blue
Socks: White
GK Shirts: Grey
GK Shorts: Grey
GK Socks: Grey

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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black with Yellow Hoops
GK Shirts: Orange
GK Shorts: Orange
GK Socks: Orange

Charlton Athletic

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First Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Red
Shorts: White
Socks: Red
GK Shirts: Blue
GK Shorts: Blue
GK Socks: Blue

Academy Manager: Tom Pell
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Lead Coach: Hamza Serrar
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Dark Blue
Shorts: Dark Blue
Socks: Dark Blue
GK Shirts: Green
GK Shorts: Green
GK Socks: Green

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First Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Sky Blue
Shorts: Sky Blue
Socks: Sky Blue
GK Shirts: White and Black Sleeves
GK Shorts: White
GK Socks: White

Academy Manager: Dan Bolas
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U18 Coach: Chay Thompson
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Passion Flower and Black
Shorts: Blackberry Cordial
Socks: Passion Flower
GK Shirts: Black and Rainbow Sleeves
GK Shorts: Black
GK Socks: Black



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Club Information

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First Choice Kit Colours

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Shorts: White
Socks: Red
GK Shirts: Blue
GK Shorts: Blue
GK Socks: Blue

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Lead Coach: Ryan Dicker
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Second Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: Navy and Green Stripe
Shorts: Navy
Socks: Turquoise
GK Shirts: Orange
GK Shorts: Orange
GK Socks: Orange

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First Choice Kit Colours

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Shorts: White
Socks: Blue
GK Shirts: Green
GK Shorts: Green
GK Socks: Green

Academy Manager: Dean Wright
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Lead Coach: Sam Darlow
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Second Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: Red with Black Stripes
Shorts: Black
Socks: Red with Black Stripes
GK Shirts: Grey
GK Shorts: Grey
GK Socks: Grey

Hull City

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First Choice Kit Colours

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Shorts: Black
Socks: Black
GK Shirts: Grey Flint
GK Shorts: Grey Flint
GK Socks: Grey Flint

Academy Manager: Richard Naylor
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Lead Coach: John Anderson
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Second Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: White
Shorts: Red
Socks: White
GK Shirts: Teal
GK Shorts: Teal
GK Socks: Teal

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Administration: Katie Bassett
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First Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: Navy
Shorts: White
Socks: Navy
GK Shirts: Amazon Green
GK Shorts: Amazon Green
GK Socks: Amazon Green

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Lead Coaches: Chris Perry / Larry McAvoy
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Second Choice Kit Colours

Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Yellow
Socks: Yellow
GK Shirts: Love Potion Pink
GK Shorts: Love Potion Pink
GK Socks: Love Potion Pink



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First Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Blue
Shorts: Navy
Socks: White
GK Shirts: Green and White
GK Shorts: Green
GK Socks: Green

Academy Manager: Kieran Scarff
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Lead Coach: Jamal Campbell-Ryce
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Mist Green
Shorts: Mist Green
Socks: Black
GK Shirts: Neon Orange
GK Shorts: Neon Orange
GK Socks: Neon Orange

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First Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Blue and White Hoops
Shorts: White
Socks: Blue
GK Shirts: Turquoise
GK Shorts: Turquoise
GK Socks: Turquoise

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Lead Coach: Michael Donaldson
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Pink
Shorts: Black
Socks: Pink
GK Shirts: Red
GK Shorts: Red
GK Socks: Red

Queens Park Rangers

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First Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Blue and White Hoops
Shorts: White
Socks: White
GK Shirts: Navy
GK Shorts: Navy
GK Socks: Navy

Academy Manager: Alex Carroll
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Lead Coach: Micah Hyde
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Navy and Burgundy
Shorts: Navy
Socks: Navy
GK Shirts: Yellow
GK Shorts: Yellow
GK Socks: Yellow

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First Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Red and White Stripes
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black
GK Shirts: Yellow
GK Shorts: Yellow
GK Socks: Yellow

Academy Manager: Derek Geary
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Lead Coach: Paul Quinn
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: White
Shorts: White
Socks: White
GK Shirts: Green
GK Shorts: Green
GK Socks: Green



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Club Information

Sheffield Wednesday

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Administration: Craig Chappell
Position: Academy Operations Lead
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First Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Blue and White
Shorts: Black
Socks: Blue

GK Shirts: Turquoise
GK Shorts: Turquoise
GK Socks: Turquoise

Academy Manager: Steven Haslam
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Lead Coach: Andy Holdsworth
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Yellow with Blue Trim
Shorts: Blue with Yellow Trim
Socks: Yellow with Blue Turnovers

GK Shirts: Black
GK Shorts: Black
GK Socks: Black

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Club Information

Watford

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First Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Yellow
Shorts: Black
Socks: Yellow

GK Shirts: Grey
GK Shorts: Grey
GK Socks: Grey

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Lead Coach: Tom Hart
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Blue
Shorts: White
Socks: Blue

GK Shirts: Green
GK Shorts: Green
GK Socks: Green

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First Choice Kit Colours
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Shorts: White
Socks: White

GK Shirts: Purple
GK Shorts: Purple
GK Socks: Purple

Academy Manager: Jon Grey
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Lead Coach: Darren Davies
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Orange
Shorts: Blue
Socks: Orange

GK Shirts: Yellow
GK Shorts: Yellow
GK Socks: Yellow

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First Choice Kit Colours
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Shorts: Blue
Socks: White

GK Shirts: Green
GK Shorts: Green
GK Socks: Green

Academy Manager: Gregor Rioch
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Lead Coach: Kieran Driscoll
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Second Choice Kit Colours
Shirts: Black and Yellow
Shorts: Black
Socks: Black

GK Shirts: Yellow
GK Shorts: Yellow
GK Socks: Yellow



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Format

North	South
Barnsley	Bristol City
Birmingham City	Cardiff City
Burnley	Charlton Athletic
Coventry City	Colchester United
Crewe Alexandra	Ipswich Town
Hull City	Millwall
Peterborough United	Queens Park Rangers
Sheffield United	Reading
Sheffield Wednesday	Swansea City
Wigan Athletic	Watford

- Clubs will play matches within their regional group on home and away basis. Additional matches against each Club within the other region will be staged on either a home or away basis.
- The North group are to play each other home and away totalling 18 games. They will then play each team from the South group once meaning they receive a total of 28 league games.
- The South group are to play each other home and away totalling 18 games. They will then play each team from the North group once meaning they receive a total of 28 league games.
- At the end of the league season, the winner of each regional league shall play the runner up of the other league in the semi-finals, with Clubs which finished first being the home club.
- The winners of each semi-final shall compete in the National final, the winner of which shall be deemed the U18 Professional Development League National Champions

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Definitions

1. In these rules terms defined in Premier League Rule A.1 and Rule 1 of the Youth Development Rules shall have the meanings set out in those Rules save where a different definition is specifically adopted in these rules.
2. In addition, in these rules the following terms shall have the following meanings:
 - 2.1. **"Category 2 Academy"** means an Academy which has been designated as Category 2 by the Professional Game Board;
 - 2.2. **"Home Club"** means the Member Club at whose venue a Match is or was or should be or should have been played or, where the Member Clubs participating in that Match share a venue, the Member Club whose name first appears in respect of that Match on the fixture list;
 - 2.3. **"Laws of the Game"** means the laws governing the playing of association football as authorised from time to time by the International Football Association Board;
 - 2.4. **"Match"** means a match played in the League;
 - 2.5. **"Member Club"** means a club in membership of the League;
 - 2.6. **"MOAS"** means the 'Match Officials Administration System' an online system operated by The Football Association, through which information relating to Matches and the performance of Match Officials can be submitted electronically;
 - 2.7. **"Premier League"** means The Football Association Premier League Limited;
 - 2.8. **"Premier League Rules"** means the rules for the time being of the Premier League;
 - 2.9. **"Season"** means the period commencing on the date of the first Match in the League and ending on the date of the last such Match;
 - 2.10. **"U18 Professional Development League"** means the competition organised by the Premier League and designated as such and "League" shall have the same meaning;
 - 2.11. **"Under 18"** and **"Under 19"** has the meaning in Youth Development Rule 2; and
 - 2.12. **"Visiting Club"** means the Member Club playing, which has played, which should play or which should have played a Match at the venue of a Home Club or, where the Member Clubs participating in the Match share a ground, the Member Club whose name last appears in respect of that Match on the fixture list.

General Provisions

3. Unless the context otherwise requires:
 - 3.1. words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice-versa; and
 - 3.2. words importing any particular gender shall include all genders.
4. The headings in these rules are for convenience only and shall not affect their interpretation.



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5. Premier League Rule B.11 shall apply to any discretion, right or power expressed in these rules to be exercisable by the Board.
6. Subject to rule 7, no alteration shall be made to these rules unless it has first been submitted to and approved by clubs in membership of the Premier League in accordance with the provisions of the Articles.
7. Rule 6 shall not apply to any matter which is stated in these rules to be a matter which shall be determined by Member Clubs.
8. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of these rules and the provisions of the Premier League Rules, the provisions of the Premier League Rules shall prevail.
9. The League shall be governed, managed and organised by the Premier League, acting by and through the Board, subject to the provisions of the Articles, the Premier League Rules, and these rules.
10. Where a Member Club is required to submit a form to the Board or to the Premier League pursuant to these rules, the Board may instead require that the information to be provided in the form is submitted in such manner as it may determine.

Participation in and Structure of the League

11. Membership of the League shall be limited to and (subject to rule 12) mandatory for those Premier League clubs and Football League clubs who hold licences to operate Category 2 Academies.
12. Membership of the League shall cease if:
 - 12.1. a Member Club is expelled from the Premier League or the Football League (as appropriate) or from the League; or
 - 12.2. a Member Club ceases to hold a licence to operate a Category 2 Academy.
13. The League shall be called the 'U18 Professional Development League' to which name may be added the name of any title sponsor.
14. There shall be no annual subscription.
15. The League shall be split into two regional leagues.
16. Each Member Club shall play:
 - 16.1. each other Member Club in its regional league twice (once home and once away); and
 - 16.2. each Member Club in the other regional league once (either home or away as determined by the Board).
17. League rules 23 to 29 shall apply to the league tables recording the results of Matches played in each of the regional leagues.
18. The winner of each regional league shall receive 25 commemorative medals to distribute to such of their players and Officials as they think fit.

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19. Eligibility in the League shall be limited to players in age group Under 18 or younger, save that each Member Club may:
 - 19.1. nominate one Under 19 goalkeeper on its team sheet for any Match; and/or
 - 19.2. apply to the Board to nominate an Under 19 player on its team sheet for any Match.
20. Subject to rules 22 to 29 inclusive, the format of the League competition shall be determined annually by the Board after the 1st June and shall be published to Member Clubs as soon as practicable thereafter.
21. The Board shall be empowered at any time to inspect the pitch and the facilities at any venue at which it proposed to play a Match and, if it is considered to be unsuitable for the playing of Matches, to order that it be played elsewhere.
22. Matches shall:
 - 22.1. be organised on a largely regional basis;
 - 22.2. take place during the Professional Development Phase Games Programme; and
 - 22.3. be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
23. Unless otherwise determined by either the Board or a Commission pursuant to the provisions of the Premier League Rules, the winner of a Match shall score three points and each Member Club participating in a Match which is drawn shall score one point.
24. The results of Matches shall be recorded by the Board in a table containing, in respect of each Member Club, the following information:
 - 24.1. the number of Matches played;
 - 24.2. the number of Matches won, drawn and lost as a Home Club;
 - 24.3. the number of Matches won, drawn and lost as a Visiting Club;
 - 24.4. the number of goals scored in Matches by and against that Member Club; and
 - 24.5. the number of points scored by each Member Club.
25. The position of Member Clubs in the table shall be determined by the number of points scored, the Member Club having scored the highest number of points being at the top of the table and the Member Club having scored the lowest being at the bottom.
26. If any two or more Member Clubs have scored the same number of points their position in the table shall be determined on goal difference, that is to say, the difference between the total number of goals scored by and against a Member Club in Matches, and the higher or highest placed Member Club shall be the Member Club with the higher or highest goal difference.
27. If any two or more Member Clubs have scored the same number of points and have the same goal difference, the higher or highest placed Member Club shall be the Member Club having scored the most goals.



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28. If any two or more Member Clubs have scored the same number of points, have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals they shall be deemed to occupy the same position in the table.
29. If at the end of a Season any two or more Member Clubs occupy the same position in a table, the Board shall determine the means, if any, by which they shall be separated.
30. The results of Matches and each table shall be published and distributed to the media by the Board as soon as practicable after each Saturday during the Season upon which Matches are played.
31. In all matters relating to any interruption to or potential curtailment of the League, the provisions of Premier League Rules C.18 to C.30 shall apply, with references to 'Club' and the 'Competition' in those rules interpreted as reference to Clubs participating in the League, as applicable.
32. The winner of the League shall receive a trophy, which it shall return to the Board in good order and condition not later than three weeks before the final Matches of the following Season, and both the winner of and the runner-up shall receive 25 commemorative medals to be presented to such of their players and Officials as they think fit. Additional medals may be presented with the consent of the Board.

End of Season Competition

33. The winner of each regional league shall play the runner-up of the other league in the semi-finals of the League, with the winner of each regional league being the Home Club for its semi-final.
34. The winners of each of the semi-finals shall compete in the final, the winner of which shall be deemed to be the winner of U18 Professional Development League.
35. Each of the above matches (semi-finals and final) shall be played at the Home Club's ground registered pursuant to Premier League Rule K.5 or Football League Regulation 13.2, or at a neutral venue to be determined by the Premier League, and which club shall be the Home Club for the final shall be determined by a draw undertaken by the Premier League.

Fixtures

36. The dates and kick-off times on which Matches shall be played shall be fixed and published by the Board as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of each Season and except as otherwise provided in rules 38, 51 and 52, Matches shall be played on the dates thus fixed.
37. All intellectual property and other rights in the League's fixture list shall belong to the Premier League.
38. The Board shall have the power at any time to change the date upon which a Match is to be played. Before exercising such a power the Board will consult with and take into account any representations made by the Member Clubs participating in the Match in question and any other Member Club which may be affected by the proposed change.

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39. Unless the Board otherwise provides, Matches will be played on Saturdays, with each Season commencing on a date to be determined by the Board.
40. No later than seven days before the date upon which a Match is to be played in accordance with the fixture list, the Home Club shall send U18PDL Form 1 to the Visiting Club, the appointed Match Officials and the Board. Where the Match Officials have not been appointed by this time, the Home Club shall send U18PDL Form 1 to the Match Officials as soon as it is notified of such appointment.

Pitch Size

41. Unless otherwise permitted by the Board, in Matches the length of the pitch shall be 105 metres and its breadth 68 metres.
42. The dimensions of a pitch at a ground registered pursuant to Premier League Rule K.5 or Football League Regulation 13.2 shall be as determined by the Board for the purposes of the Premier League competition.

Artificial Surfaces

43. No Match shall be played on an Artificial Surface.

Technical Areas

44. At each Match, there shall be two technical areas, one for the Home Club and one for the Visiting Club, the boundaries of which in each case shall be clearly marked.
45. The technical area shall be occupied during a Match only by substitute Players and Officials whose names appear on the team sheet. Only Officials whose names appear on the team sheet and who are situated in the technical area may communicate instructions to Players during a Match.
46. Any Player who is dismissed from the field of play shall proceed immediately to the dressing room and shall not occupy the technical area.

Hospitality

47. Each Home Club shall provide hospitality arrangements for the Directors and other Officials of the Visiting Club.

Finance and Broadcasting

48. The cost of staging Matches, including the fees and expenses of Match Officials, shall be met by the Home Club and the Visiting Club shall meet the cost of its attendance thereto.
49. Unless the Board otherwise determines in any particular case, charges for admission to a Match may be made at the discretion of and retained by the Home Club.
50. A Match shall not be broadcast without the prior written permission of the Board.



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Postponement of Matches

- 51. A Match shall not be postponed or abandoned except with the written consent of the Board or on the instructions of the appointed referee who shall be empowered to instruct that the Match be postponed or abandoned only if he considers that the pitch is unfit for, or if adverse weather conditions preclude, the playing of the Match.
- 52. Upon a Match being postponed or abandoned in accordance with rule 51, the Home Club shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Board in U18PDL Form 2 and the Board will thereupon exercise its power under rule 38 and fix a date upon which the Match in question shall be played.
- 53. Except in the case of a Match which, without either the Home Club or the Visiting Club being at fault, is postponed or abandoned under the provisions of rule 51, any Member Club which causes the postponement or abandonment of a Match on the date fixed under rule 36 or the date to which it is rearranged under rule 52 will be in breach of these rules.

Kick-off and Re-start

- 54. Unless otherwise decided by the Board, after consultation with both the Home Club and the Visiting Club, the kick-off time of a Match shall be no earlier than 11:00 and no later than 19:00 and in any case shall be confirmed on U18PDL Form 1.
- 55. Each Member Club participating in a Match shall adhere to the kick-off time and the Home Club shall report any delay to the kick-off or to the re-start to the Board together with any explanation for such delay.
- 56. Any Member Club which without good reason causes the kick-off or the re-start of a Match to be delayed from the time fixed will be in breach of these rules.

Team Sheet

- 57. At least 30 minutes before the kick-off time of a Match, each participating Member Club:
 - 57.1. shall hand to the referee a team sheet in U18PDL Form 3; and
 - 57.2. shall hand to its opponents a team sheet in U18PDL Form 4, and each duly completed, which shall also include the names and job titles of up to five of its Officials who will occupy the trainers' bench during the Match.
- 58. If any player or substitute player named in the team sheet is injured after the submission of the team sheet but before kick-off, upon the referee being satisfied that the injury is such that the player in question cannot reasonably be expected to play, the name of another player may be added to the team sheet as a player or substitute player.
- 59. No player whose name does not appear on the team sheet shall take the field of play in that Match.

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Substitutes

- 60. Subject to Rule 60A, a Member Club may include in its team sheet up to five substitute players, five of whom may take part in the Match subject to the conditions set out in Law 3 of the Laws of the Game.
- 60A. In each Match, in addition to the five substitutions permitted by Rule 60, each Club shall also be permitted to utilise up to two 'concussion substitutes' and/or two 'additional substitutes' (as appropriate) from those substitutes listed on the team sheet, strictly in accordance with the provisions of the International Football Association Board's 'Additional permanent concussion substitutes – Protocol B' ("**IFAB Protocol**") and any associated guidance issued by the League. Each Club must also provide the League with such information as is necessary to ensure compliance with the IFAB Protocol.

Guidance

In the event that all five substitutes have entered the field of play and the IFAB Protocol is subsequently activated then Players already substituted may be utilised as 'concussion substitutes' and/or 'additional substitutes'.

Duration of Matches

- 61. Subject to the provisions of Law 7 of the Laws of the Game and rule 62, the duration of a Match shall be 90 minutes.
- 62. The Board may order a Match which for whatever reason lasts for less than 90 minutes to count as a completed Match or to be replayed.
- 63. The half-time interval shall be 15 minutes.

Notification of Match Results

- 64. Within 30 minutes of the conclusion of a Match the Home Club shall notify the result to the Premier League's appointed media data collection and distribution partner.
- 65. Each Member Club participating in a Match shall complete U18PDL Form 5 in duplicate, retaining one copy for its own records and submitting the other to the Board so that it is received within 72 hours of the conclusion of the Match. Each Member Club shall also submit the information set out in U18PDL Form 5 via the online system provided by the League by 17:00 on the first Working Day after the match.

Strip, Match Ball and Other Equipment

- 66. Each Member Club shall ensure that its Players only wear in Matches Strips which have been registered with the Premier League pursuant to Premier League Rules M.17 to M.20 (save that the provisions of Premier League Rule M.21 shall apply to a Member Club's last home or away Match), or, in the case of a Member Club which is not a member of the Premier League, in accordance with the relevant regulations of the Football League concerning the registration of Strip.



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67.	When playing in a Match the Players of each Member Club shall wear Strip which in the opinion of the referee is of a sufficient contrast that Match Officials, spectators and television viewers will be able to distinguish clearly between the two teams. In selecting the choice of Strip, the following order of precedence shall apply unless authorised by the Board:
67.1.	1st priority – the outfield players of the Home Club, who shall wear their Home Strip;
67.2.	2nd priority – the outfield players of the Visiting Club;
67.3.	3rd priority – the Home Club goalkeeper; and
67.4.	4th priority – the Visiting Club goalkeeper.
68.	When playing in Matches each Player shall wear a shirt on the back of which shall be prominently displayed his shirt number.
Guidance	
The shirt number need not be his squad number as the provisions of Premier League Rules M.1 to M.4 do not apply in the League.	
69.	The colour and design of the shirt and socks worn by the goalkeeper when playing in Matches shall be such as to distinguish him from the other Players and from Match Officials.
70.	The captain of each team appearing in a Match shall wear an armband indicating his status as such.
71.	The Board shall have power to specify the equipment and facilities to be provided by Member Clubs for the playing of Matches.
72.	In all Matches, the Home Club shall provide, and the participating Member Clubs shall only use the official ball approved from time to time by the league (either the Premier League or the Football League) in which the Home Club's first team competes.
Match Officials	
73.	The Football Association shall arrange the appointment of Match Officials to officiate at each Match and shall determine the terms and conditions of their appointment.
74.	The acceptance by a Match Official of his appointment under rule 73 shall constitute an agreement with the Premier League by such Match Official to be bound by and to comply with:
74.1.	the Laws of the Game;
74.2.	the Football Association Rules; and
74.3.	these rules.
75.	The Match Officials shall wear black Match uniform, save that where that uniform clashes with the Strip worn by either the Home Club or the Visiting Club, the Member Club with the clashing Strip shall provide the Match Officials with an alternative colour Strip (in good, clean and presentable condition and in the correct size) to wear during the Match.

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Guidance

Given that the Match Officials shall be wearing black Match uniform, each Member Club shall be aware if there is a risk that its Strip will clash with that of the Match Officials. Where there is such a risk, the obligation shall be on that Member Club to bring an alternative colour shirt (also approved by the Premier League) for the Match Officials to wear.

76.	At the conclusion of each Match, the Home Club shall pay fees and expenses to Match Officials at such rates as the Board shall determine from time to time.
77.	No Member Club or Official shall either directly or indirectly make or offer to make any payment to or confer or offer to confer any benefit upon any Match Official.
78.	Prior to the commencement of a Match at which he has been appointed to officiate, the referee shall:
78.1.	together with the other Match Officials, arrive at the ground not less than one hour before the kick-off time;
78.2.	decide on the fitness of the pitch for the playing of the Match and:
78.2.1.	if the referee considers it to be unfit, instruct that the Match be postponed or that the kick-off be delayed; or
78.2.2.	if the referee considers it to be necessary, instruct that the pitch be re-marked;
78.3.	receive U18PDL Form 3 from each participating Member Club;
78.4.	check and approve any football to be used in the Match;
78.5.	ensure that the players' Strip complies with the provisions of rule 67; and
78.6.	decide the position of assistant referees for the kick-off and their direction of patrol and ensure that each carries a flag.
79.	Players and Officials shall comply with any lawful instruction given to them by a Match Official officiating at a Match.
80.	As soon as practicable after officiating at a Match the referee shall complete and send to the Board U18PDL Form 3 and shall report in writing (if applicable) via MOAS or as otherwise directed by the Board:
80.1.	on the late arrival at the ground of any of the Match Officials giving reasons therefor;
80.2.	on the circumstances surrounding the kick-off being delayed;
80.3.	on either assistant referee taking over as referee and stating the reasons therefor; and
80.4.	on any breach of these rules by Member Clubs, players, Officials and other Match Officials.
81.	A referee shall likewise report to The Football Association any breach of the Football Association Rules.



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League Observers

82. The Premier League may appoint individuals to attend a Match as an observer as well as a representative of its official data partner. If it does so, the Home Club shall ensure that each such individual is allocated a prime seat (where applicable) and (in the case of the Premier League's appointed observer) allowed access to all areas of the ground.

Medical

83. At each Match:
- 83.1. the Home Club shall procure the attendance of the following individuals, in accordance with Youth Development Rule 230.1:

Academy Category	Individuals who must be present
Category 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a doctor who holds a current Advanced Trauma Medical Management in Football ("ATMMiF") or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board or a paramedic and (for Premier League Clubs) an ambulance; and • a physiotherapist (or Sports Therapist) who holds a current ATMMiF or an equivalent or higher qualification approved by the Board

- 83.2. the doctor (who shall be a registered medical practitioner) or the fully qualified and equipped paramedic shall be available throughout and for a reasonable time after the Match (including during the teams' warming-up) and shall only leave the venue after both teams have returned to the dressing rooms and the senior member of the medical staff of each Participating Member Club present at the Match venue has confirmed that their attendance is no longer required;
- 83.3. both participating Member Clubs shall procure the attendance of a physiotherapist (or sports therapist) whose minimum qualification shall be as set out in Youth Development Rule 230.1;
- 83.4. no person other than those mentioned in rule 83 shall be permitted to treat players or Match Officials on the field of play, save that the Visiting Club shall be entitled to bring a doctor (qualified as set out in Youth Development Rule 230.1) with it, if it so chooses, who may also treat its players on the field of play;
- 83.5. each doctor, physiotherapist and therapist shall, when present at a Match, carry the pocket concussion tool which is set out at Appendix 4A of the Premier League Rules.
- 83.6. a defibrillator must be maintained at the venue at which the Match is taking place.
84. The Home Club shall before each Match make available to the Visiting Club an emergency care/medical information sheet in the manner prescribed by the Board from time to time.

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Players' Eligibility

85. A player shall not be named on the team sheet of a Member Club and/or play in a Match unless:
- 85.1. the Member Club holds his registration under the provisions of the Premier League Rules (in the case of a Member Club which is in membership of the Premier League) or the Regulations of the Football League (in the case of a Member Club which is in membership of the Football League);
- 85.2. he is a Trialist provided that if another club holds his registration, that club has given written permission (to be copied to the Board) for the player to play for the Member Club in Matches;
- 85.3. he is an amateur player, or a non-contract player, provided that in both cases his participation has been permitted in writing by the Premier League in advance;
- 85.4. he is an Academy Player whom the Club have entered into a Pre- Registration Agreement with in accordance with Youth Development Rule 261; or
- 85.5. he is not the subject of a suspension by The Football Association.

Codes of Conduct

86. Each manager of a Member Club shall conduct himself in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Managers found at Appendix 5 to the Premier League Rules and any failure to do so will constitute a breach of these rules.
87. Each Member Club shall conduct itself in relation to managers in accordance with the Code of Conduct for Clubs found at Appendix 6 to the Premier League Rules and any failure to do so will constitute a breach of these rules.

Disciplinary Procedures

88. The provisions of Section W of the Premier League Rules shall apply to any Member Club in breach of a League rule and Forms 21 to 25 inclusive shall be appropriately adapted for that purpose.

A dynamic photograph of two young male soccer players in blue jerseys and white shorts celebrating a goal. The player in the foreground is laughing and pointing towards the camera, while the player behind him is also smiling and gesturing. They are on a grassy field with a goal net visible on the left. A large teal diagonal banner across the bottom left contains the text.

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Confirmation of Date of Match (Rule 40)

U18PDL Form 1

To: (1) [Visiting Club] Football Club
.....
(2) [Referee]
.....
(3) The Board, The Premier League.

We, [Home Club] Football Club
hereby confirm that our Match against the above Visiting Club will be played at [address
of ground]
..... on [date]

Kick-off will be at

The colours of our Strip will be:

Shirts Shorts Socks

The colours of our goalkeeper's Strip will be:

Shirts Shorts Socks

The colours of the Visiting Club's Strip will be:

Shirts Shorts Socks

The colours the Visiting Club's goalkeeper's Strip will be:

Shirts Shorts Socks

Home Club Designated Safeguarding Officer:

Home Club Match day contact number:

Signed
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Position
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Date
.....

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Notice of Postponed or Abandoned Match (Rule 52)

U18PDL Form 2

To : The Board
The Premier League

Copy to : (1) [Names and addresses of Match Officials]

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(2) [Visiting Club] Football Club.

We, [Home Club] Football Club hereby give notice
that our Match against the above Visiting Club which was to have been played at
[address of ground]

on [date] was postponed/abandoned* for the following
reason(s)

We request the Board to determine the date and time at which the Match shall be
played.

Signed
.....

Position
.....

Date
.....



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Team Sheet (Rule 57.1)

U18PDL Form 3

Season 20.....20.....

Team Sheet of.....Football Club

Date..... Kick-off time.....

Opponents F.C. Referee

Home Club				Goals:	
Visiting Club				Goals:	
Colour of Strip	Shirts	Shorts	Socks	Goalkeepers Shirt	Goalkeepers Socks

GK	Surname	First Name	Indicate "O" for overage goalkeeper and Players and "T" for trialist	Caution/ Sent Off	Officials occupying trainers' bench	
					1	2
1						
2						
3						
4						
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10						
11				Replaced	Time	
12						
13						
14						
15						
16						

Assistant Referee 1 – Name	Mark (Out of 100)	Assistant Referee 2 – Name	Mark (Out of 100)

Referee (print name)..... Signed.....

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Team Sheet (Rule 57.2)

U18PDL Form 4

Season 20.....20.....

Team Sheet of.....Football Club

Date..... Kick-off time.....

Referee.....

Home Club				Goals:	
Visiting Club				Goals:	
Colour of Strip	Shirts	Shorts	Socks	Goalkeepers Shirt	Goalkeepers Socks

GK	Surname	First Name and Initial	Indicate "O" for overage goalkeeper and Players and "T" for trialist	Officials occupying trainers' bench	
				1	2
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Signed..... Position.....

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Team Sheet (Rule 65)

U18PDL Form 5

Season 20.....20.....

Team Sheet of.....Football Club

Date..... Kick-off time.....

Referee.....

Home Club				Goals:	
Visiting Club				Goals:	
Colour of Strip	Shirts	Shorts	Socks	Goalkeepers Shirt	Goalkeepers Socks

Nominated substitutes	Surname	First Name and Initial	Indicate "O" for overage goalkeeper and Players and "T" for trialist	Goal scorers and time	Officials occupying trainers' bench
	GK 1				
	2				
	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
	7				
	8				
	9				
	10				
	11				
	12				
	13				
	14				
	15				
	16				
			Own Goals Scored By Opponents		

Signed..... Position.....



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