

LEAGUE HANDBOOK



SPRING 2020

HONOURSBOARD

DIVISION ONE • DIVISION TWO • CUP

DIVISION ONE

2016 **Summer** | HUBS United
2016 **Winter** | HUBS United
2017 **Spring** | DBC United
2017 **Summer** | Shafters FC
2017 **Autumn** | Moyes in the Hood
2018 **Winter** | T&J Maintenance
2018 **Spring / Summer** | T&J Maintenance
2018 / 19 **Winter** | T&J Maintenance
2019 **Spring / Summer** | T&J Maintenance
2019 **Summer / Autumn** | HUBS United
2019 / 2020 **Winter** | HUBS United

DIVISION TWO

2017 **Autumn** | Whammy FC
2018 **Winter** | AFC Lambwath
2018 **Spring / Summer** | Batemans FC
2018 / 19 **Winter** | West Hull FC
2019 **Spring / Summer** | Real Flames
2019 **Summer / Autumn** | AFC Ultra
2019 / 2020 **Winter** | DBC United

FLOODLIGHT CUP

2017 **Autumn** | Athletico Forest
2018 **Winter** | AFC Lambwath
2018 **Spring / Summer** | Athletico Forest
2018 / 19 **Winter** | Athletico Forest
2019 **Spring / Summer** | T&J Maintenance
2019 **Summer / Autumn** | HUBS United
2019 / 2020 **Winter** | ?

TEAM REGISTRATION AND MATCH FEE PAYMENTS

The **£30** league entry fee must be paid before a team is accepted into the league. A team's place in the league is only confirmed once this payment has been made. The entry fee is non-refundable.

The match fee for the Spring 2020 season of the Hull Floodlight Football League is **£45**. Payments can only be made via bank transfer or [Pingit App](#).

Please put your name and date of the game you are paying for as reference

Bank Transfer	Pingit App
Please put your name and date of the game you are paying for as reference	Download Pingit app to your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play.
Barclays Bank	Send payment using either the mobile number of the code: 07826344661 PINGITQFY935
Sort code: 20-98-98	
Account Number: 23280276	

PLEASE NOT CASH PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED ON THE NIGHT OF GAMES!

FIXTURES

The Spring 2020 season of the Hull Floodlight Football League will operate with 6:30pm, 7pm, 7:30pm, 8pm and 8:30pm kick off times (subject to change) depending on what venue you are scheduled to play at. Teams are required to be at their respective venue at least 15 minutes before kick-off. Teams will be issued with their fixtures at the start of the season and will be notified of any changes as and when appropriate by the league secretary

All fixtures, league tables and results can be accessed on the [FA Full-Time league website](#). All games are 50 minutes in duration, 25 minutes each way with a straight turnaround at half time. All fixtures will take place on a 3G rubber crumb pitch.

If a game for whatever reason does not last 50 minutes and is abandoned by the referee then an investigation will be carried out by the league secretary as to why the abandonment occurred. The league secretary will then make a judgement as to what result will be awarded. Please note if a game is abandoned **AFTER** 25 minutes of play because of an injury to a player then the score at the time of abandonment will stand.

Match Venues:

Kingswood Academy	The Marvell College	The Steve Prescott Sports Centre	Malet Lambert	South Holderness Technology College
Wawne Road	Barham Road	Temple Street	James Reckitt Avenue	Station Road
Hull	Hull	Hull	Hull	Preston
HU7 4WR	HU9 4EE	HU5 1HU	HU8 OJD	HU12 8UZ
19:00 and 20:00 KO	19:00 and 20:00 KO	18:30, 19:30 and 20:30 KO	18:50 and 19:50 KO	20:00 ko

RESULTS

The league shall use the FA Full-Time website to make result reporting as quick and simple as possible. Each team will nominate one person to receive a **text message** (sent approx 15 minutes after their kick-off) asking for the match result.

At full-time, a designated person should respond (for FREE) to the text by following the instructions included in the text message. Both teams must do this within 30 minutes of the final-whistle. Scores will automatically load onto the FA Full-Time website. Results will only be visible however once approved by the league secretary. If the texted results are different, approval will wait until the actual result is confirmed by the match referee.

The member of the team who receive the text messages can be changed during the competition by emailing the new contacts name and mobile number to the league secretary. Failure to report results will result in a **1 point deduction** from your team's points total.

TEAMS / PLAYERS

Each team shall consist of eleven players and up to six substitutes for any one game. Repeat (or "rolling") substitutions are allowed, meaning players can go on and off multiple times. **See Substitutions section.**

Players are permitted to play for more than one team in the league and can play for teams in other divisions of the Hull Floodlight Football League. Permission must be granted by the league secretary before this can occur though.

TEAM SHEETS

At the start of the season each team will be issued with a book of team sheets. The team sheet should be completed prior to kick off in every game your team participates in and should include the name of every player who is participating in the game for your team. It should also include the name of the team, the name of the opposition, the date of the game and the colours you are playing in. One copy of the team sheet must be handed to the referee and one copy handed to the opposition manager.

Completion of the team sheet is mandatory and must be completed prior to every game. If you fail to hand a team sheet to the referee prior to the game then the referee may decide to abandon the game. Your team will also incur a £10 fine which must be paid prior to your next fixture. Failure to pay the fine before your next fixture will result in your team being expelled from the league.

FORFEITING FIXTURES

A team must play all of their fixtures unless permission to cancel is obtained from the league secretary. In the case of such permission being granted the league secretary will inform both the opposition and the referee. Any team wishing to cancel a fixture must give at least 36 hours' notice.

Failure to do so will result in the team being charged the £45 match fee for their fixture, even if the game isn't played.

If a team is successful in cancelling a fixture or fails to fulfil its fixture once the 36 hour notification period has ceased then a 1-0 victory will be awarded to the opposition.

Any team failing to turn up on more than one occasion is liable to be expelled from the league, without refund of any moneys paid and may be billed for remaining matches.

If a team fails to pay any match fees owed to the league as a result of the cancelation or failure to turn up for fixtures then the team will be placed on default and **excluded from any FA affiliated football activities** until the debt is paid. If the team administrator fails to pay the outstanding money then the players registered to the team will be placed on default until the fees are paid. Failure to pay money owed will result in the individual's players also being banned from competing in any FA affiliated football competition.

SUBSTITUTIONS

Each team can have up to a maximum of five substitutes. All five substitutes may be used and repeat substitutes are permitted. The referee must be informed of any substitution and give permission for it to occur. Substitutions must be completed as promptly as possible and only when there is a break in play.

EQUIPMENT

It is compulsory that all players wear shin guards. No player will be allowed to take part without shin guards. All jewellery and facial piercing must be removed before the start of the game. The playing surfaces used have been designed for use with moulded studs, not exceeding 8mm. Hull Floodlight Football League venues never allow the use of spiked running shoes, metal bladed football boots, or metal football studs as these will damage the surface pile.

As there is no home or away games it is the responsibility of both the home and away team to supply at least **two suitable match balls** for each fixture.

REFEREES

All referees will be provided by the league and will be at the venue at least 15 minutes before the stated kick off time.

The referee will email the league secretary with any cautions/red cards shown and also confirm the match result.

The referee will rule on all decisions, including offside.

The decision of the referee is final and cannot be overruled during a game. Verbal and/or violent abuse towards referees and/or venue staff and/or opposition and/or teammates and/or league officials and/or spectators and/or equipment and/or facilities will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Players or teams will be expelled from the league with no refund and be reported to East Riding County FA Discipline and/or the police.

Please note that as this is an FA affiliated league any bans or fines issued as the result of disciplinary proceedings entered into by the league will result in the player/manager being banned from playing in the league until such ban/fine is paid/spent.

DISCIPLINE (RED / YELLOW CARDS)

Red and yellow cards will be issued by the referee in accordance with the standard laws and rules of the game. Please note as this is an affiliated football league any fines or suspensions that arise as a result of a caution or sending off will carry the same sanctions as any other affiliated league.

TEMPORARY DISMISSALS (SIN BINS)

In line with the recent change to the Laws of the Game temporary dismissals will now be in operation in the Floodlight League. In short this means that players will be dismissed from the pitch for eight minutes if any dissent is shown to the referee.

To read more about Temporary Dismissals, how they will be administered and what the punishments are please [click here](#).

CLUB COLOURS

Teams must register the colour of its playing kit at the start of the season. The league secretary will inform all managers of each team's playing strips. Where there is the possibility of a clash the away team (second team on the fixture list) will wear their 2nd strip if available, or wear bibs that the league will provide.

If a team does not have a playing kit then they will be able to use bibs provided by the referee on the night of the game.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners.

In circumstances where two or more teams are equal on points team rankings shall be determined by goal difference where the goals scored against by each team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that team and the largest positive difference shall be placed the highest. In the event of the goal difference being equal the highest placed team shall be the team which has scored the most goals. In the event that two or more teams have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals then the highest placed team shall be the team which has won most matches.

In the event of two or more teams still being equal the team which has the better playing record against the other team in their head to head Competition matches during the season will be the highest placed team.

If the records of two or more teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches as decided by the league secretary.

The team with the lowest number of points and the team with the second lowest number of points in Division One will be relegated to Division Two whilst the two teams who finish first and second in Division Two will be promoted to Division One.

CUP COMPETITION

The Floodlight Cup

Cup games will be 50 minute in length with two 25 minutes half's. The match fee for each cup game is £45.

The preliminary round of the competition will see all 22 two teams entered with seven games making up the preliminary round. Teams not drawn out will automatically enter the Quarter Finals of the competition. The winner

from each of the preliminary round games will progress to the Quarter Finals of the Floodlight Cup with the losers exiting the competition.

If a Floodlight Cup game is level after 50 minutes, then the game will go to penalties

The format for the Floodlight Cup will be as follows:

Preliminary Round: Monday 2nd March | 14 teams

Quarter Finals: Monday 23rd March | 8 teams

Semi Finals: Monday 11th May | 4 teams

Final: Monday 18th May | 2 teams

The competition will be straight knock out with the game going to penalties if drawn after 50 minutes of play.

CANCELLATION POLICY

The match day venues and the Hull Floodlight Football League reserve the right to cancel fixtures due to unforeseen circumstances. In the event of a cancellation the league secretary will strive to contact all teams before kick-off to save travelling. If possible the league secretary will rearrange fixtures to suite the venue and teams affected. If a suitable date and time cannot be arranged between the league secretary and the two teams involved then a 1-1 draw (result) will be awarded to both teams.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

The league secretary has overall autonomy for the league and reserves the right to make judgements, decisions and amendments to the official rules for the autumn season of the Hull #FFL as and when he/she sees fit and appropriate.

APPEALS

Any challenge or appeal to the league secretary's decision or rules listed in the official rule book must be submitted by email no later than seven days after the decision was given to the team manager/player. This will be handed to the Chief Executive of the East Riding County FA for he/she to decide on. Once this decision is made there is no further right of appeal.

Please note the above rules are not exhaustive and the League Secretary reserves the right to amend the league rules as and when required.

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