



**WEMBLEY  
FOOTBALL**



## **WEMBLEY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

### **BACKGROUND:**

1. The Wembley Football League (WFL) has been organised by Wembley Football and is supported by WEMBLEY NATIONAL STADIUM TRUST (WNST).
2. Queens Park Rangers (QPR) Football Club is the official supporter club of the WFL.
3. WFL aims to bring together children and young people from different cultures and backgrounds to play football and to have fun and celebrate our diverse community.

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

#### **FIXTURES:**

4. The named Team Organiser will be responsible for ensuring that their team fulfils all the fixtures at the correct times and for advising players of their match times/dates. If for any reason, a team cannot fulfil a fixture, the League Co-ordinator should be informed at least 2 days in advance.
5. Failure to turn up for a match at the stated time will result in an automatic 3-0 defeat, if a team fails to turn up 2 matches in succession they will be expelled from the league. Fixtures can be re-arranged as requested.
6. Teams that turn up 15 mins or later for their fixture will automatically start the game 3-0 in deficit.
7. All matches will take place on the 3G astro turf pitch at Ark Elvin Academy (former Copland School) Cecil Avenue, Wembley, HA9 7DU.

#### **SQUAD:**

8. Teams can name an unlimited squad for U10 and 18 players for U13 all of whom can play during a match. Only 7 (Under 10) or 11 (Under 13) players may play at any one time, one of whom must be a goalkeeper. You can register a maximum of 25 players in



**WEMBLEY  
FOOTBALL**

**WEMBLEY**  
WEMBLEY NATIONAL STADIUM TRUST



the squad for the season. There will be a limit on squad sizes for the Wembley Football League Finals Day: U10 (13 Players) U13 (15 Players)

9. Rolling substitutions are allowed throughout the game through usual notification of the referee. Substitutions may only take place when the ball is out of play. Players must enter and leave the field of play from the side line near the halfway line.
10. The age control of all the players will take place during registration. All players must be under the age of their relevant age group on the 31st August 2022 (i.e. under 13's age group must be older than the age of 13 by 31st August 2022).
11. All questions of eligibility of players or interpretation of the rules should be referred to the League Co-ordinator whose decision shall be final.

#### **MATCH TIME:**

12. U10 matches will be for a total of 45 minutes. U13 matches will be for a total of 50 minutes. Captains should toss a coin to decide ends and kick off. All matches must start on time.

#### **PLAYING KIT:**

13. All players within a team must wear shirts of identical or similar colours. Teams should bring their own Bibs in case of a clash in colours on any occasion.
14. Appropriate footwear must be worn on for astro turf (trainers, plastic studs only – NO Metal Studs allowed).
15. All players must wear shin pads at all times and all jewellery must either be removed or adequately covered.

#### **RULES OF PLAY:**

16. The normal rules of play shall prevail at all times as stated in the Wembley Football League rules.
17. All WFL referees appointed will be neutral and registered to an FA affiliated county football association.
18. All players are responsible for playing in an acceptable manner and for accepting the rules of play fairly.
19. Please note Sin Bin is used in this league in accordance with Middlesex FA guidance.

#### **COMPETITION ARRANGEMENTS:**

20. The Wembley Football League Finals Day will be on Saturday 16 July. All players on the day will receive medals / trophies and hospitality courtesy of WFL.
21. All fixtures, results and other notices will be communicated by the League Co-ordinator via the Wembley Football website: [www.wembleyfootball.com](http://www.wembleyfootball.com)

22. The WFL scoring system (where applicable) will be as follows: 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 point for a loss.
23. Matches for age groups U11 and below are non-competitive fixtures, unless designated as a knock-out tournament.
24. In the event of 2 or more teams being equal on points after all matches have been played, the team with the highest goal difference will take precedence in the league position. For semi-final and final matches, there will be straight penalties in the event of a draw after normal time.

### **REPORTING OF RESULTS:**

25. Both teams must report score and scorers to the designated Co-ordinator or match referee after each match.

### **TEAM BEHAVIOUR:**

26. Any individual/team behaving badly during the competition (exhibiting or using language that is deemed racist or abusive, protests about referee's decisions, clashes with rivals or with the organisation) can be expelled from the tournament. Team leaders (captains) and coaches of the teams will be responsible for the attitude and behaviour of their players towards referees, opponents, public, organisation and facilities.
27. If a player is red carded in a match they will receive a one match ban. Players receiving two yellow cards will automatically miss the next match. Serious foul play or violent conduct could result in the player taking no further part in the WFL. All disciplinary matters and issues will be overseen by Middlesex FA.

**WEMBLEY FOOTBALL**  
**info@wembleyfootball.com**  
**April 2022**

