

SOMETHING ABOUT OUR HISTORY

The Edmonton League is now over eighty years old. It is the oldest Sunday Football League in England. When we started in 1925 the Management Committee applied to the F.A. to become affiliated but was refused because Sunday football was not allowed in those days. That is why the League was not affiliated to the F.A. or any other association until 2004. After years of independence the membership voted to join the London Football Association and we are now part of the established family of football leagues.

HOW DO WE OPERATE

Administration of the League is on two tiers comprising The Management Committee who are responsible for the day to day running of the League [the Management Committee meets two or three times a month during the season] and the League Council which is made up of the Management Committee and the secretaries of member clubs. The League Council meets once a month during the season and your secretary should attend and get involved.

HOW MUCH FOOTBALL WILL YOU GET

The League is divided into five divisions. Ten cup competitions are organised. In addition to the divisional championships each team takes part in four cup competitions which are the challenge cup, divisional cup, league cup and supplementary cup. It is our intention to give you football every Sunday from September to May.

WHERE WILL YOU PLAY

All our fixtures are played within the London Borough of Enfield. The League block books Enfield pitches and allocates them to member clubs. This system is of advantage to the League as we are able to re-arrange fixtures during the season as may become necessary. Clubs benefit by paying monthly in arrears for pitches

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST YOU

Playing football is not cheap and you should be aware of this before you start. Costs fall into several categories.

Firstly to get started you will need to buy one full kit (and also a second strip usually a change of shirts for when colours clash with the opposition), one goal net, 4 corner flags, footballs including a good quality match ball and a first aid kit.

Each week you will need to get your kit washed and you may need to replace torn shirts or lost items of kit. Your club may organise training sessions or hire a gym. All these costs are outside our jurisdiction.

Referees will cost you £15.00 a week payable on match days.

Pitch fees are at present £48.00 which is shared between both clubs playing on the day.

League fees consist of the entrance fees payable each season currently £150.00 and in addition new clubs pay a once only good faith fee of £80.00 which is refunded when the club leaves the League with its affairs in good order.

F.A. costs consist of an affiliation fee to the London Football Association currently £50.00 per season which includes the cost of one copy of the L.F.A. handbook and two types of insurance. Increasingly these days we find people ready to seek compensation for injuries to themselves or their property. Public liability insurance and compulsory accident insurance are currently £150.00 a season. The London Football Association arranges block insurance for our clubs and this is payable at the start of the season.

All these sums are subject to amendment at the Annual General Meeting.

Then there are the optional costs which include fines for various offences as listed in the handbook which are payable to the League and discipline costs for player or club misconduct which are payable to the F.A. It is up to clubs and players whether they wish to incur either of these.

WHAT ABOUT FINANCE

Clubs are expected to hold a bank account in the club's name and are advised to have at least 2 signatures on cheques. All payments to the league are made by cheque. Clubs are invoiced every month for pitches used and any fines due. We expect prompt payment and clubs in default risk suspension.

How you fund your club is up to you. Some clubs have sponsorships which may fund the purchasing of kit and equipment and in some cases all running costs as well. However we do advise that even if everything is paid for by a sponsor that players make contributions themselves in the form of signing on fees or weekly subscriptions. This tends to make players more loyal to a club and makes them more interested in club affairs. As a guideline weekly subs should be at least £ 5.00 and signing on fees at least £ 20.00.

Clubs are expected to maintain full accounts of their finances and may be asked to present these to the League at any time.

HOW DO WE KEEP IN TOUCH

A weekly circular showing results, fixtures, fines, player suspensions and things like that is issued weekly during the season. Then there is the web site edmontonsundayfootball.com which contains tables, fixtures, results, news and much more. Additionally the League handbook showing rules, clubs in membership, fixtures and all you want to know. It is published at the beginning of each season and all clubs must purchase a minimum of 16 copies currently priced at £ 1.70 each

HOW DO YOU REGISTER YOUR PLAYERS

All players are required to complete a registration form which has to be accepted by the League Registration Secretary before they are allowed to take part in a League fixture. Registration photo ID cards are issued for each player which are held by the Club Secretary and must be available for inspection on Sunday's at matches.

WHAT ABOUT DISCIPLINE

The London Football association maintains its own players discipline scheme. All reports from referees go to them and players are awarded penalties relevant to the offence as set out in the L.F.A. handbook issued each season. The League however maintains discipline with regards to all other matters. The League maintains high standards of discipline and expects all clubs to do the same.

WHY YOU SHOULD READ THE LEAGUE RULES

Almost every question you may wish to ask has an answer in the rule book, it is important that all your club members have knowledge of the rules. You will also find them on the web site.

WHAT DO YOU DO NOW IF YOU WANT TO JOIN

You should complete the application form I have included in full and send it to the League General Secretary. On receipt of your application you will be asked to attend a meeting with the Management Committee You should also contact The London Football Association and register your club with them. Don't worry it's all very painless.

EDMONTON AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Application for Membership.

Form 1.

To be completed and returned to the League General Secretary
All questions must be answered. PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY.

1. Full Name of Football Team:

2. Full Name of Team Secretary: _____

3. Home Address of Team Secretary: _____

Home Telephone Number _____ Mobile _____

4. Home Pitch - Answer (a) or (b)

(a) Public pitch in the London Borough of Enfield. Allocated by the League. DO NOT apply to the London Borough of Enfield.

State preference of Ground.

(b) Full address of the pitch you have, or will apply for. State if private, or hired from a local authority.

(i) _____

(ii) Will you be sharing the pitch? _____

(iii) Do you know who with? (Show League club is in)

5. Team Colours: Shirts _____ Shorts _____

6. Did the team play last season (State competitions and/or friendly matches?)

7. Does your team intend to play in any other competition outside this League during the season?

Give details

8. Which Division are you applying to join? -1st to 4th._____

NAME OF TEAM _____

9. To the General Secretary Edmonton and District Sunday Football League.

[a] I enclose a deposit of £ 150.00 One Hundred and forty pounds as part payment of fees for entry into the Edmonton and District Sunday Football League. I understand the deposit is returnable should the League Management Committee be unable to accept the above team into membership.

[b] I understand and agree that the Edmonton and District Sunday Football League cannot guarantee any assistance being given to obtain a pitch.

[c] On behalf of _____ F.C.
I agree to abide by the rules of the Edmonton and District Sunday Football League as agreed by the clubs in membership.

[d] I agree to honour all debts incurred by the above club.

[e] I certify that I am over 18 years of age. In the event of a change of club secretary and/or assistant secretary I will notify the League General Secretary immediately in writing.

Signature of club Secretary _____ Date _____

Full name and address of club Assistant Secretary

Telephone Number _____ Mobile _____

THIS FORM WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED UNLESS IT IS COMPLETED IN FULL.

League use only

Cheque number _____ Account Name _____

Date sent to Financial Secretary _____

Date acknowledged _____

Club _____
Deposit: £ _____
Secretary _____
Address _____

To Financial Secretary on _____

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Team Sheet

Form 17 [amended April 99]

Names and addresses of the members of _____ F.C.

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