

Rules - Frequently Asked Questions

(Note - none of what follows relates to the Premier Division which is currently suspended, nor to the Junior League to which separate rules apply.)

Registration

When do players register?

A player is registered either on submission of the Registration form by his/her club prior to start of season, or within one week of playing their first match.

How many players need to be registered per team at the start of season?

A minimum of three players per team should be registered.

Can a new player register after 31 December?

Yes, but only following committee approval. (Request approval via Match Secretary).

Can a player register for more than one club?

No, although it is possible for a player to transfer between clubs or to a lower team in the same club with committee approval. . (Request approval via Match Secretary).

Reserves

What is a Reserve?

A reserve is a player **registered** to a lower team playing temporarily for a higher team. His/her name on the scorecard should be annotated "(Res)".

How often may a player act as a reserve in a season?

A maximum of three reserve games is allowed for any one player, regardless of whether this is for one or more teams.

What happens if a player plays more than three games for a higher team than that to which he/she is registered?

After playing three games as a reserve, a player may only play for the team to which they are registered or the next higher team for which they have played as a reserve. If they then play again for the higher team, they are then registered to it and can no longer play for their original team.

Can a senior player play as a reserve for a Junior team?

No.

Can a strong player be registered in a Club's lower or lowest team and still be available play as a reserve in higher teams?

No.

Recreational Players

What is a Recreational Player?

A Recreational Player (for West of Scotland League purposes) is an **unregistered** player who is allowed, subject to certain restrictions, to play in league games. His/her name on the scorecard should be annotated "(RP)".

What is the purpose of allowing Recreational Players?

The Recreational Player Rules are intended to (1) reduce the possibility of teams playing with only two players; (2) enable young, inexperienced, or potential team players to experience competitive, league play.

What are the Rules on Recreational Players designed to prevent?

Matches being postponed or cancelled and teams having to play matches against only two opponents.

My club has A, B and C teams. Can a Recreational Player play for the A or B Team?

Yes.

Can any unregistered player play as a Recreational Player?

Yes.

Can Recreational Players play in the Cups?

No - they may only be used in league matches.

Can reserves be used in Cup matches?

Yes, but only if they are not cup-tied to another team. On playing as a reserve, they become cup-tied to the team for which they are reserve.

Postponements

If I need to request a postponement, whom do I ask?

You should request the postponement from the Team Secretary of the opposing team and, if he/she agrees, arrange to play the match before 31 December (first half of the season) or within one week after the last scheduled League match of the season (2nd half of season).

Does anyone else need to be informed of an agreed postponement?

Yes - the Home team Secretary must inform the League Manager by the Sunday evening following the originally scheduled match date (ie the same deadline as for submitting scorecards) or the match will be awarded against the Home team.