

Campus League 11-a-side Football

Terms & Conditions

1. Venue

All matches will take place on the Synthetic Pitches at the University of Sheffield, Goodwin Sports Centre, Northumberland Road.

2. Eligibility

Competitions shall be open to all students, staff members, alumni and invited teams.

3. Team Registration

Teams must sign up online via the Sport Sheffield Campus League Website (www.sport-sheffield.com/campus-leagues) before the date of league commencement or before the league fills (whichever comes first). Teams are only accepted into a league once full payment has been made.

4. Payment

Societies

- Team Captains signing up on the behalf of a Society must have sought permission from the Chair and Treasurer of the Society before they sign up a team to the league.
- Payments will come out automatically from the Society Bank Account in two instalments, one in November and one in January.
- Team Captains must ensure all player payments are paid into the Society Bank Account before the commencement of the league. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to ensure that the payments are made into the Society Bank Account and not the responsibility of the Students Union or Sport Sheffield.

Sports Clubs

- Team Captains signing up on the behalf of a Sports Club must have sought permission from the Club Captain and Treasurer of the Society and have informed the Club Sport Office before they sign up a team to the league.
- Payment will come out automatically from the Club B Account in one instalment in November.
- Team Captains must ensure all player payments are paid into the Club Account before the commencement of the league. It is the responsibility of the Team Captain to ensure that the payments are made into the Club Account and not the responsibility of the Students Union or Sport Sheffield

Independent Teams (e.g. groups of friends, housemates etc.)

- Teams that are not associated with a Society or a Sports Club must pay the full cost of the league up front upon signing up. If the payment is not completed before a team's first game, they will be removed from the league and replaced with another team.
- The collection of player payments is the responsibility of the Team Captain and not of Sport Sheffield. Please ensure that team members commit to paying the fee before signing up a team as Sport Sheffield are not able to recoup any outstanding payments owed to the Team Captain.

5. Photography

By taking part in Campus Leagues, all players consent to the use of photography/filming which may be used by Sport Sheffield and/or The University of Sheffield for marketing purposes. If any team member does not wish to be included in any photography/filming, please give prior notice by notifying the Campus League Coordinator.

6. Discipline

The Campus League programme provides recreational, fun and competitive sports leagues. Teams participating should demonstrate good sporting behaviour and show respect to the opposition/ fellow students, staff and the facilities.

Violent or abusive conduct is not acceptable. Players who commit serious offences will be reported to the Campus League Coordinator and will be subject to a period of suspension.

Teams with a poor disciplinary record or teams who are consistently reported for playing in an aggressive manner will be removed from the competition and barred from entry to all future Sport Sheffield competitions.

Teams whose league status is terminated shall forfeit all privileges of league status with immediate effect without any right to claim for any refund of fees. All fixture fees outstanding shall be immediately due and payable.

Alcohol must not be consumed during Campus League sessions or fixtures under any circumstances.

7. Disputes with Play

All disputes must be reported via email to the Campus League Coordinator within 24 hours of the match.

8. Reporting of Results

The team captain shall be responsible for reporting the result of the game to the member of staff on duty at the conclusion of each game. If there is no member of staff available, the team captain must email the result to the Campus League Coordinator or make a note of the score and put it in the Campus Leagues results folder to the right of the Social Sport Office. This is essential in order to ensure that league tables are as accurate as possible.

9. Points & League Positions

- Teams will receive 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw, 0 points for a loss.
- Teams failing to fulfil a fixture will receive 0 points and the score will be registered as a 5-0 walkover.
- League position will be decided by points gained.
- If one or more teams are equal on points, goal difference will determine league position.
- In the event of goal difference being equal then the team scoring the most goals shall take precedence.

10. The Referee

One referee will be provided for all league and knockout games. The referee will be responsible for all on-field decisions, including offside decisions. The following respect rules must be adhered to:

- All players must respect the referee at all times, this includes no passing comment to other players about a referee's decision-making, no repeated moaning at the referee about decisions and no gestures that are made in a derogatory manner, such as a shaking of the head or waving of the hand.
- Only the captain can openly ask for clarification of a referee's decision. This includes the period before, during and after a match.
- If a player, including the captain, openly harasses or challenges the referee, they will be cautioned and shown a yellow card. If a player, including the captain, continues to harass or question decisions made by the referee, then a second yellow card will be shown and the player sent from the field of play.
- The referee will record the names of all players receiving a caution or being sent off, as per usual. All such incidents will then be reported to the Campus League Coordinator on conclusion of the match and the players in question will be suspended from playing in the Leagues until further notice.

11. Equipment

Bibs can be provided in the event of team kit clash. If bibs are needed, a representative from the team must report to the Main Reception at Goodwin Sports Centre with their UCard, where a bag of bibs will be provided. All bibs must be returned at the end of each game for the UCard to be returned. Any lost or stolen bibs will be charged to the team that was last responsible for them at a cost of £2 per bib. Teams must provide their own football.

12. Fixture Commitment

Teams must honour all fixtures for the full season. Continued non-attendance with no prior notice of Campus League fixtures will incur the following penalties:

- 1 Match = Warning
- 2 Matches = 3 Point Deduction
- 3 Matches = Dismissal from the League with No Refund

13. Replacement Teams

- If a replacement is available, the Campus League Coordinator will offer withdrawal from a league without financial detriment. Replacement teams will take over all remaining fixture payments.
- If a replacement team is not available, all fixture payments for the full season will still be payable by the team withdrawing from a league.
- All fixture fees outstanding shall be immediately due and payable by teams removed from a league due to poor discipline.
- Replacement teams will inherit the points and league position of their predecessors.

14. League Tables:

League Tables can be found on the Sport Pad Fixtures website:

<https://sportsheffield.sportpad.net/>

A link can also be found on the 'Explore' section of the Sport Sheffield website.

15. Safety Considerations

- **Equipment:**
A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to him/herself or another player, including any kind of jewellery. Jewellery which is potentially dangerous and cannot be removed should be taped.
- **Clothing:**
Players must wear appropriate playing kit for the activity (e.g. a suitable t-shirt and tracksuit bottoms / shorts).
- **Footwear:**
Players should wear AstroTurf boots or moulded boots. Trainers are also permitted but at the players own risk as surfaces could be slippery. Players wearing blades or metal studs will not be permitted to play as it damages the playing surface.
- **Personal Insurance:**
All sporting activity carries a risk of injury. Sport Sheffield therefore advises all players to take out personal accident insurance. Sports Reps and Captains are asked to make their players aware of this fact.
- **Injuries:**
If a player is injured and in need of medical attention please contact any member of the Sport Sheffield Staff Team for assistance. Alternatively, contact a Duty Manager on 07879603300. In the event that an ambulance is required please call campus security on 0114 222 4444 and alert a member of Sport Sheffield staff as soon as possible.