



Statement from the League Chairman

Hi All,

I hope you are all well and staying safe!

Great news that we can commence football again from the 29th March, in some format anyway, although we will be unable to complete all league fixtures now, in the few short weeks that we have available to us.

However, your fixture secretaries have sent out to you an email with a link to an online survey, this is to ascertain whether you want to resume playing, providing also that your facilities are still available to you, based on this information we will try to put a format forward to enable you to get some games in before the end of the season, this must be completed before midnight on Wednesday 3rd March please.

Please reply promptly so that we can provide some football to those who want it!

Just to update you all as to where we are presently regarding plans for the new season 2021-22

Committee have been working on various ideas which we can now put forward to you all. As you have not been able to complete fixtures for the last two seasons, precious little football has been played! Therefore, the Committee feel that we need to assist our clubs significantly going forward, as we know that everyone is out of pocket and struggling.

The FA may also offer advice regarding any financial support to member teams and clubs, going forward, considering the shutdowns of grassroots football, however, it will be down to the discretion of each individual league, to decide what they want to do, if anything, and in what format it will take, to help their clubs!

As far as the Notts Youth Football League is concerned, Committee are proposing the following seven-point plan for next season: -

1. **Fees:** - Free entry into the Notts Youth Football League for season 2021-22, this will mean no fees at all for all teams that are currently registered with the Notts Youth Football League.
 - **No Annual Subscription Fee**
 - **No Cup Entry Fee**
 - **No Player Registration Fees**
 - **No Player Transfer Fees**

All new teams including the up-and-coming U14's of the current season will, however, have to pay the £5 Administration Fee and the £25 deposit fee in line with all existing teams currently registered with the league, other than this there will be no further fees.

2. **Cup Finals:** - All Notts Youth Football League Cup Finals will be free of any charges to all competing teams, and their spectators who wish to follow them all the way to the final venue.
3. **Referees:** - A voucher for a new kit, will be awarded to all our qualifying referees, who achieve a certain number of matches set by committee, to be awarded at the end of January.

4. **Sportsmanship Award:** - Awarded to one team in every division with the best conduct and for the way they have conducted business with the league during the season. We will be awarding that team with a voucher, to a restaurant of their choice from our list, we hope this will go towards the teams' end of season celebratory meal out together.

Determining this team would be based upon

- Sportsmanship Marks awarded by opposition teams
- Number of postponements made during the season
- Cards received by players during the season
- Fines incurred
- Attention to detail in keeping 'Full Time' updated

5. **'Gary Brown' Award** this award is in memory of Gary Brown who was a well-respected member of our committee in upholding respect within the Notts Youth Football League.

Gary's wife Nicola Brown (our league welfare officer) will judge and decide upon the deserved winner of this award, it will be awarded to the one team from either day showing the upmost 'Respect' to all others during the season.

Along with the trophy to be held for one year, the league will also award that team with a new football kit of their choice supplied and printed as sponsored by the Notts Youth Football League.

6. **'Peter Burton' Award** this award is in memory of Peter Burton, having a lifelong devotion to grassroots football, Peter was our very valued General Secretary, he was an encyclopaedia of grassroots football, a very approachable person who had time and patience to help anyone who contacted him.

The League Committee will judge and decide upon the deserved winner, this will be awarded to the seasons outstanding or long serving Club Secretary.

Along with the trophy to be held for one year, will be a football kit for winning Secretary to decide upon which team, within their club should receive it, supplied and printed as being sponsored by the Notts Youth Football League.

The Secretary will also receive a voucher to a restaurant of their choice for them and their partner.

7. **Match Footballs:** -Two quality match footballs will be given to every team entering the league for the season 2021-22.

Each teams' financial obligations to the County FA regarding affiliation fees will remain, we have no jurisdiction over these, your team must be affiliated through your County FA before you can participate in the Notts Youth Football League.

League Rules and Regulations will continue to be upheld and fines will still be issued to teams that care to flout them.

I hope that this meets with your approval.

Best Regards and stay safe.

Geoff Brown

Notts Youth Football League Chairman