

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Youth)

PLAYER REGISTRATION GUIDANCE



The FA Club Portal

Any player wishing to participate in the Nottinghamshire Football League (Youth Section) must first be registered through The FA Club Portal.

Players must be registered in the correct age category as follows:

- U15 players must register as U15s in the Nottinghamshire Football League (Youth Section).
- U16 players must register as U16s in the Nottinghamshire Football League (Youth Section).
- U17 players must register as U18s in the Nottinghamshire Football League (Youth Section).
- U18 players must register as U18s in the Nottinghamshire Football League (Youth Section).

Age Criteria

- **Under 15** - players must have reached the age of 13 by 31st August 2026 and must not be 15 before 1st September 2026.
- **Under 16** - players must have reached the age of 14 by 31 August 2026 and must not be 16 before 1st September 2026.
- **Under 18** - players must have reached the age of 15 by 31 August 2026 and must not be 18 before 1st September 2026.

Under 15's

An U14 player may play up one year and participate at U15 level in the Nottinghamshire Football League (Youth).

Under 16's

An U15 player may play up one year and participate at U16 level in the Nottinghamshire Football League (Youth). Once a player reaches the age of 16, they become eligible to play at any age level, including open age football.

Under 17's

All U17 teams are double age-banded and will play alongside U18 teams. We strongly advise these teams to register as U17s on the league's CARP system, but as U18 teams through The FA Club Portal. U17 and U18 players may play in the same team; however, an U18 player cannot be registered if the team has been registered as an U17 team.

Under 18's

An U15 or U16 player may play up one or two years and participate at U18 level in the Nottinghamshire Football League (Youth). Once a player reaches the age of 16, they become eligible to play at any age level, including open age football.

Notes

When creating U18 divisions, we recognise that many teams may consist entirely of U17 players and that playing ability will vary. Divisions will therefore be arranged to reflect the number of teams registered and their relative playing strength.

- U18's Division 1 - Predominately U18's teams and any outstanding U17's teams.
- U18's Division 2 - Predominately U18's teams and any outstanding U17's teams.
- U18's Division 3 - Mixture of U18's and U17's teams.
- U18's Division 4 - Predominately U17's teams and any low ability U18's teams.

This is an example only. Final divisions will depend on the number of teams registered and the number of divisions created.

When registering through the Notts Youth Football League Registration Portal, teams may register as either U17 or U18. If the team consists only of U17 players, register as an U17 team. If the team includes any U18 players, even one, the team must register as an U18 team.

U17 teams registering U18 players for the forthcoming season should be aware that those players will be too old to remain with the team the following season if the team wishes to return to the league.

Dual Registered Players

Dual registration is intended only to support a player's development. It should not be used to move players between teams at the discretion of the club, manager or player, or simply to cover teams that are short of players.

It allows a player who is performing exceptionally well at their own age level to test themselves at the next age level. If the arrangement is not suitable, the player may return to their original team without going through two transfer processes. The player must still be registered for the older age level in the same way as they would for their own age level.

Please note the following requirements:

- This must be requested in writing to the League secretary.
- Dual registration should not normally be required at the start of the season.
- The player must be registering for two teams in the same club.
- The league will monitor dual registrations. If the process is abused, one of the player's registrations will be cancelled.

Registration Fees

All player registration fees are encompassed within the annual subscription fee.

The deadline for registering or transferring any players in any season is midnight on 16 March