



NORFOLK KORFBALL ASSOCIATION

Affiliated to the British Korfball Association

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Norwich & District League Rules

1 League Entry

- 1.1 Only affiliated clubs may enter the league.
- 1.2 Clubs must submit their teams at least 21 days before the start of the league, stating the number of teams entered, together with a contact name, telephone number and e-mail address for each team.

2 Korfball Rules

- 2.1 Matches will be played in accordance with the IKF Official Rules unless specifically altered by these League Rules.

3 Player Eligibility

- 3.1 All players are to be registered with the England Korfball Association (EKA) or the British Student Korfball Association (BSKA) for student teams.
- 3.2 Players will be assigned to teams by their club. Team lists must be sent to the League Administrator 10 days before the start of the League. Changes to assigned team lists must be sent to the League Administrator 10 days before they come into effect. The League Administrator will inform all clubs of these changes 7 days before they come into effect.
Clubs may either -
 - 3.2.1 register 8 players per team
 - 3.2.2 register 12 players as a first team squad and register 4 in the second team. Any 4 of these 12 first team squad may play down into the second team at any one time. The remaining teams are allocated 8 players.
- 3.3 All clubs must provide the name and contact details of each team's 'selector'. Selectors may be asked to explain their selection decisions to the NKA League Committee. This individual will be ultimately responsible for the selection of their team. All selectors should act with integrity, honesty and openness at all times and should adhere to the following guidelines:

3.3.1 With the exception of teams playing under rule 3.3.3, a maximum of 2 higher team players are permitted to be on the field at any one time. If a team cannot meet this requirement then they must forfeit the match. **Players may only play down by one team.**

3.3.2 Players registered to a higher team may play down into a lower team if another player registered to the lower team has played up into the higher team in the same game week. Rule 3.3.1 must be maintained.

3.3.3 If a team is short because of none korfballing reasons (ie. Player unavailability/injury) players must be promoted upwards (from lower teams) before players are played downwards.

3.3.4 Selectors should always pick the strongest possible team and higher teams should always take priority over lower teams. Players should never be played down to intentionally strengthen a lower team.

- 3.4 Both selectors (or a captain/coach acting on behalf of the selector) should meet with the referee 5 minutes before the start of the fixture. Any players playing down should be discussed, even if no rule or guideline is broken.
- 3.4.1 Any decision regarding players playing down should be written on the back of the team sheet and initialed by the referee.
- 3.4.2 If a player is playing down the referee should initial next to the players name.
- 3.4.3 If the decision to play a player down is not made clear before the match the offending team could be made to forfeit afterwards if any issues arise.

- 3.5.1 The NKA League Committee may take action against a selector if they are believed to have acted against the guidelines outlined in 3.3.

This may include

- The selector's term being docked points.
- The selector's club being fined

- 3.6 A club may request that their lowest placed team is designated as a Development Team for one season. Development Teams are only permitted in the lowest division of the league and may not be promoted to a higher division and may have more than 2 players from higher teams and guest players from other club with the permission of the NKA League Committee. Their matches will not count in determining league positions.
- 3.7 Lowest teams in a club playing in the lowest division may play a "guest player" for each game within the NKA; a guest player is a player from a different club who is competing for the team in a facilitation role so that a full game can take place.
- 3.7.1 Teams may use a maximum of two guest players in any game
- 3.7.2 Guest players may only be used when no other players are available.
- 3.7.3 Any team that uses more than two guest players in the same game will forfeit the match.
- 3.7.4 The guest player must be registered to another team playing in the lowest division of the NKA.
- 3.8 A player can only change clubs once in the season; the League Administrator must be informed at least 10 days before the player plays for their new club. The League Administrator must inform other clubs 7 days before.
- 3.9 Players under the age of 18 require a signed parental consent form, a copy of which should be present pitch side for each match. All players must be 13 years of age or older on 1st September, prior to the beginning of the season.

4 Match Fixtures

- 4.1 Fixtures for a round of matches will be distributed 14 days before the start of the round, clubs have 6 days from then to notify the Fixtures Secretary of changes, when a revised fixture list will be issued.
- 4.2 The league fixtures will be available on the Norfolk Korfball web site.
- 4.3 Further changes can be made under exceptional circumstances at NKA League Committee meetings or outside these meetings when all the following must be satisfied
- 4.3.1 More than 7 days notice
- 4.3.2 Obtain agreement of all teams, via team contact, and referees
- 4.3.3 Agreed changes notified to the Fixtures Secretary 4 days before the matches affected.
- 4.4 All games will last 2 x 25 minutes with a 2-minute interval at half time.

- 4.5 Games shall start within 5 minutes of the published start time. If a team is not ready to start within 5 minutes they concede 1 goal, if they are not ready within 10 minutes they concede the match.
- 4.6 All matches will be covered by an official Match Report Form from each club and signed by the captain and referee as a correct record of the match. The League Administrator will inform all clubs on how the completed forms will returned.
- 4.6.1 Failure of a club to submit a Match Report Form for a game will automatically deem that club as fielding an illegal team.
- 4.6.2 Clubs must enter the result on Fixtureslive within 48 hours. Full team lists and scorers must be entered on Fixtureslive within 10 days.

5 Referees

- 5.1 All matches shall be refereed by persons holding at least a BKA Theory Qualification. Division 1 matches will be refereed by those who have passed the practical assessment.
- 5.1.1 A complete list of each clubs' referees meeting the requirements in 5.1 shall be submitted to the Referees Coordinator. The Referees Coordinator will inform all clubs of these lists.
- 5.2 If a suitable referee is not supplied, the game may only continue if both captains agree to a replacement referee.
- 5.2.1 If the game does not take place, the club who's responsibility it was to supply the referee will be responsible for paying both match fees for that game.
- 5.2.2 Should the club continue to not supply referees; the NKA League Committee may impose penalties of the type and severity as deemed appropriate.
- 5.3 The NKA League Committee can grant special dispensation to a club for limited time at the beginning of a season.
- 5.3.1 This can apply to a university club if there is no person meeting 5.1 at the time of the first league match.
- 5.3.2 Other clubs will need to ask permission of the NKA League Committee no less than 10 days before the game in question.

6 League Administration

- 6.1 Teams will be awarded 3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw and 1 point if the losing side scores 50% or more of the winning teams score.
- 6.2 League position will be decided on the following criteria, in order of importance:
- 6.2.1 number of points
- 6.2.2 aggregate results between the two teams
- 6.2.3 goal difference
- 6.2.4 goals scored
- 6.3 The winners of the 1st Division are eligible to apply for entry to the National League as long as they retain at least one further team in the league.
- 6.4 The winners of the lower divisions will be promoted to the next highest division should they be deemed to have a full team – a full team is quantified by -
- 6.4.1 having on average not played more than 1 player from a higher team down throughout the season
- 6.4.2.1 *If a player from a higher team plays down for 50% or more of a game they will be deemed to have played the whole game and count as 1 player playing down. If the player plays less than 50%, they will be deemed to have played half the game and count as 0.5 towards the count of higher players.*

- 6.5 If the winning team is ineligible, promotion will be offered to the next highest eligible team.
- 6.6 The team that finishes last in a division will be relegated to the next lower division.
- 6.7 The winners of a lower division may opt out of automatic promotion – the teams will then remain in their original divisions.
- 6.8 The league has the right to fine, deduct points, and finally eject teams from the league for not fulfilling fixtures.
- 6.9 Appeals regarding the results of any fixtures should be made in writing to the League Administrator within 7 days of that fixture. Valid appeals will be dealt with at the next NKA League Committee meeting.
- 6.10 Should a team break the rules of the league for any fixtures, that team shall forfeit the game. If the game is forfeited, the legal team's score will count and their goal scorers will be recorded. The illegal team's score will be recorded as 0 and hence none of their goal scorers shall be recorded for the game.
- 6.10.1 The legal team may choose before the game to allow the actual result to stand. If the actual result stands, all goal scorers shall be recorded and teams will gain points as normal. The legal team must remain legal throughout the match.
- 6.11 When teams are playing under rule 3.7, none of the Guest Player's goals will be recorded. The total number of goals should be recorded and the Guest Player's goals should not be given to any other player.
- 6.11 All clubs must have paid their insurance premium to the BKA before the start of the league.
- 6.12 Reported contravention of the Code of Conduct will be reviewed by the NKA Executive Committee who will have the authority to fine the individual and/or club and deduct points from the relevant team.

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