

EBFA Rule Changes for 2020/21

Rule Change 7.1

Rules 4(A), 18(D) and 18(H) - Fees Tariff for 2020/21

2019/20 season team where discounted by 50%.

However, COVID-19 resulted in less than expected expenditure.

Therefore, EBFA proposes the following reductions for 2020/21 in Team fees, Late Player registration Fees and Player transfer fees.

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4(A) Team Fees for 2020/21

2020/21 ONLY - 75% discount on 2020/2021 Team Fees for teams that played in 2019/20 and their Clubs having no outstanding invoice balances with EBFA at 31-May-20.

2020/21 ONLY - In order to assist with Clubs with initial cash flow at the beginning of the 2020/21 season, Clubs will be invoiced for their 2020/2021 team fees, 1 week after the 2020/21 season starts (Currently 19-Sep-20 would be the invoice date) with a payment due date of 6 weeks later (Currently the payment due date would be 31-Oct-20). Please ensure that you ensure your Club and Team affiliation fees are arranged with your County FA.

18(D) Late Player Registration Fees for 2020/21

2020/21 ONLY - the Late Player Registrations fees from 01-Aug-20 to 04-Sep-20 will be discounted by 50% from £6 to £3, for Clubs having no outstanding invoice balances with EBFA at 31-May-20.

From 05-Sep-20 to 31-Mar-21 the Late Player Registrations fees will be £6.

18(H) Player Transfer Fees for 2020/21

2020/21 ONLY - Transfers U9 to U21 internal club transfers will be 50% discount £6 to £3 for Clubs having no outstanding invoice balances with EBFA at 31-May-20.

Rule Change 7.2

Rule 18 (A) - Player Registration System

Confirmation player ineligibility

Player's Name on GF/WGS to match Birth Certificate/Passport -

if Benjamin then Ben not allowed

if Charles then Charlie not allowed

if Joseph then Josh not allowed

if Elizabeth then Liz not allowed

Added an Appendix of Player Reg ID Card Photo Specification

Added requirement to collect the Player Reg ID Cards at Meeting

Note on WGS upload in Jan-21.

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[18-A] Player Registration System

A Player remains ineligible to play in the Competition until the EBFA GotFootball registration process above has been complied with and the Player appears on the EBFA GotFootball Team Sheet and the Manager has a physical EBFA Player ID Card or an eCard copy of the Player IS sent by email from the payer registration secretary. A player registration will not be classed as complete until it has been approved by the player registration secretary and the player added to the EBFA GotFootball Registration Team sheet. For the avoidance of doubt merely submitting the player's registration details onto the system and the parent / guardian completing the Parent Guardian Agreement Form is not deemed as completing the process. Any player who plays in any match in this competition in such circumstances will be deemed as "unregistered or ineligible"

The Player's name on the EBFA GotFootball system must be exactly as it appears on the Player's Birth Certificate or Passport.

The Player's Photo must compile to Appendix P – Player ID Registration Photo Specification

Player registration cards, for players registered by 31-Jul, shall be collected by the Clubs at the Pre-season General Meeting. After the Pre-season General Meeting player registration cards are issued as eCards (Valid for 10 days) while the physical player registration card is posted to the Manager's Address, as provided on the GotFootball system.

NOTE FOR 2021/22

From 2021/22 Clubs need to Register Players on the Whole Game System and GotFootball System, THE League will only require Player photos on the GotFootball system.

2020/21 ONLY -The League has been in communication with the English Football Association and Berks and Bucks County FA on the Clubs having to register players on the Whole Game Systems for the 2021/2022 season. EBFA will assist with this transition by in Jan-21, providing an upload to theFA WGS support team for import into the WGS Player Reg System (Players registered from until 20-Dec-20). Then on 01-Apr-21 the league will update theFA WGS support team with an upload of the players registered, transferred, or deregistered from 21-Dec-20 to 31-Mar-21). TheFA will confirm players have been entered into WGS by returning the player's FAN back to the League for integration into the GotFootball Players Record.

Note on 2019/20 Change

Rule 18 (C) - Player Age Groups, Age Bands, Maximum Squad Sizes

No Change – As Agreed at 2019/20 AGM

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[18-C] Player Age Groups, Age Bands, Maximum Squad Sizes

Note :- As agreed by Club Membership at 2019/20 AGM

For Under 7 Teams, they may comprise of both boys and girls and the maximum number of players to be registered per Team is eight (8).

Under 8 Teams they may comprise of both boys and girls and the maximum number of players to be registered per Team is nine (9).

2021/22 Under 8 Teams, may comprise of both boys and girls and the maximum number of players to be registered per Team is eight (8).

Rule Change 7.3

Rule 18 (E) (iii) - Player Registration Disputes (U7 to U18s Players Play for one Saturday Team only)
SCOYR changed this rule in 2019/20 – This update to E (iii) is to ensure that player in EBFA can only register to one Team unless they play Saturday U7-U18 and on Sunday at U21.
Brings Rule E (iii) into line with EBFA Rule 18-F (i) and 18-J.

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[18-E (iii)] Player Registration Disputes

- iii. A Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club/Team within a Club provided that:
- "Not Adopted"; ~~The Team(s) in which the Player plays in are not in the same age groups; or~~
 - "Not Adopted"; or ~~Except for the purpose of a transfer~~
 - The male player of such an age that they can register for an U17 or U18 team on a Saturday and an U21 team on a Sunday in a different Club team or different team in the same Club which play on Sunday.

And the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C).

Rule Change 7.4

Rule 18 (P) - Team/Game Sheets & Player ID Card Verification & 18 (R) - Team Sheet and/or Player Reg ID Cards
"Not Available" Procedure

Due to complaint direct to County FA from Shinfield Rangers FC over photos on the team sheets – team sheet procedure for 2020/21 has been updated.

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[18-P] Team/Game Sheets & Player ID Card Verification

- (i) The Team sheet is part of the player identification and is used to make sure a team is not fielding ineligible players. This is especially important in all age groups Section and Divisions and Trophy Event competitions. The team manager will download at least 1 copy of their EBFA Team Sheet (Game Sheet in GotFootball) for the match, which digitally list the players in the team squad authorised to be selected for the specific fixture.

The production, security, and accuracy of the EBFA GotFootball Team sheet is the responsibility of the club/team to which the player is registered. They should be kept in a condition suitable for their purpose and at every match accurately reflect the particular playing squad of that team on that day. The Team Sheet should be reproduced to reflect a new player registration, a player transferred in or out or the de-registration of a player.

- (ii) The team manager must ensure that the Team Sheet is complete and includes any late player registrations, transfers or de-registrations and has not been digitally altered. The team sheet will include photos of the players.

Players starting the fixture should be marked with a tick in the correct column, and S for Substitute and any players on the team sheet that are not participating in this fixture should be crossed through completely.

Only players named on the team sheet shall be allowed to play in that match. The Referee and opposition manager must be informed of any player or players that may be arriving late. However, any player arriving more than 15 minutes after the commencement of the game shall not be eligible to take part in that match in any capacity i.e. as a player or substitute. And, no game shall be held up for the arrival of a late player or players.

Before the late player enters the field of play, the player should present his player registration card to the opposition manager, failure to do so will make the player ineligible to play in the match. Before the player is substituted onto the field of play, the referee must be reminded of the late arrival, so the referee can check the player equipment before they participate in the match.

- (iii) Prior to the commencement of the match the Team's EBFA Team Sheet must be presented to the Referee Match Official so they can extract the team's player names and shirt numbers for his officiating duties and return the team sheet to the team manager . (Alternatively, the Team can present the match official with copy of the EBFA Team Sheet)
- (iv) After the Referee has returned the team sheets and prior to the kick-off of a fixture, the Teams must exchange Team Sheets and must perform the Player Registration Cards verification procedure (Appendix C - Procedure for Verification of Player Registration Identity Cards) in order that the EBFA Player ID Cards must be inspected by the Team Manager from the opposing Team against the team sheet .

The only handwritten entries on the team sheets are for Scores, Signatures, tick or S for players participating in the fixture, players crossed out as they are not participating in the fixture and number of goals scored by a player.

At the end of the Procedure for Verification of Player Registration Identity Cards, both team manager should sign the team sheet and return the Team sheet to the other team's manager.

- (v) At the end of the fixture both managers shall complete their Teams sheets by adding scores, goals, sin bins, yellow and red cards and getting the Referee to sign the team sheet and then signing the team sheet themselves.

Team sheet are submitted to the competition as an upload as part of the Google Forms Team Match/Respect Report procedure in reporting results Rule 21 (B).

Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

[18-R] Team Sheet and/or Player Reg ID Cards "Not Available" Procedure

In the event that the EBFA Team Sheet (Game Sheet in GotFootball) and/or the Player Reg ID Cards for the match are not available

The following process must be strictly followed:

- (i) Using the EBFA Missing Player Reg ID Card form or a piece of A4 paper, in the presence of the opposing team Manager.
- (ii) Each player, including all substitutes, MUST print their shirt number, own name, fill in their date of birth and sign the form.
- (iii) No player information can be completed before or during the witnessing of this by anyone other than the player(s).
- (iv) The Form MUST then be fully completed by both Team's Manager.
- (v) The Manger who has forgotten their Team Sheet and/or Player Reg ID Cards, must then take a team photo and send a copy of the team photo to their EBFA Div Secretary and the EBAF Player Registration Secretary.
- (vi) The OPPOSING Team's Manager will then receive the form and show the form, prior to the match kick off, to the Referee Match Official, who can extract the team's player names and shirt numbers for his officiating duties.

(vii) After the match, an image of the Form or the Form MUST be sent by the OPPOSING team to their Divisional Secretary within THREE (3) days of the date of the match, excluding Sunday.

(viii) The Manager who forgot their Team Sheet must complete one when they return home and upload to the Team sheet are submitted to the competition as an upload as part of the Google Forms Team Match/Respect Report procedure in reporting results Rule 21 (B). The

A team that has failed to produce the EBFA Team Sheet and fails or refuses to complete the EBFA Missing Player Reg ID Card Form, shall be treated as serious misconduct and liable to fine in accordance with the fines tariff and otherwise dealt with as the management committee may decide, which shall include forfeiting the match.

Rule Change 7.5

Rule 20 (A) (iv) - Conditions of Play – Pitches (3G FA SCOYR Alignment)

3G pitch requirements brought into line with the FA SCOYR

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[20-A-(i)] Pitches

Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches (<http://3g.thefa.me.uk>). All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

~~Teams considering the use of an artificial pitch for their Home matches are advised to ensure that there is no restriction on certain types of footwear such as metal studs or metal blades.~~

Rule Change 7.6

Rule 20 (A)-(vii) - Size of Footballs – (FA SCOYR Change U10 Ball to Size 3)

The FA SCOYR change – U10 ball size reduced from size 4 to size 3

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[20-A-(vii)] Size of Footballs

Under 10

Size 3 ball ~~Size 4 ball~~

Rule Change 7.7

Rule 20 (C) Match Confirmation – (Provide Match Official contact details and Match Official credentials)

When confirming match details, the home manager must confirm Match Official contact details and Match Official credentials these are required by Managers to complete their EBFA Team Match/Respect Report after the match

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[20-C] Match Confirmation

For Saturday Mini-Soccer Football and Saturday Youth Football the Home Team shall confirm full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the Match Official, [Match Official contact details and Match Official credentials](#) to the opposing Team by 9.00pm on the Sunday prior to the playing of the match.

For Open Age U21 Football, the Home Team shall confirm full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the match Officials, [Match Official contact details and Match Official credentials](#) to opposing Team by 9.00pm on the Tuesday prior to the playing of the match.

Rule Change 7.8

Rule 20 (C) Match Confirmation - (Provide Match Official with EBFA Age Group Format Document)

EBFA has created a number of EBFA Age Group Format documents

ebfa_age_group_format_5v5_U7andU8_2020_21 V1.00.pdf
ebfa_age_group_format_7v7_U9andU10_2020_21 V1.00.pdf
ebfa_age_group_format_9v9_U11andU12_2020_21 V1.00.pdf
ebfa_age_group_format_11v11_U13_to_U18_2020_21 V1.00.pdf
ebfa_age_group_format_11v11_U21_2020_21 V1.00.pdf

The Home team shall issue the referee with the relevant age group document before the match to ensure the referee has a copy of the competition rules before the match commences.

The home team shall confirm to the away team that the referee has been issued with a EBFA Age Group Format documents.

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[20-C] Match Confirmation

The Home Club/Team will confirm to the Away Club/Team that they have ensured that the referee has be issued (by email or in person) an EBFA Age Group Referee Format document to ensure the referee is aware of the EBFA competition rules relating to the age group that the referee will officiating.

Rule Change 7.9

Rules 20 (E) (i) - Postponements - Criteria & 20 (E) (iii) Postponements – Abandoned Matches and Club Suspensions – (Report via EBFA Google Forms why fixture Not Played or Abandoned)

Team must submit details on Google Forms of why a fixture was Not Played or Abandoned.

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[20-E (i)] Postponements - Criteria

Teams must submit details of the match that was Not Played via the EBFA Team Match/Respect Report, on the EBFA website interface within three (3) days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which they refer. There is no cost for the submission of this report which shall be submitted by the Team's Manager.

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

[20-E (iii)] Postponements – Abandoned Matches and Club Suspensions

Teams must submit details of the abandoned match via the EBFA Team Match/Respect Report, on the EBFA website interface within three (3) days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which they refer. There is no cost for the submission of this report which shall be submitted by the Team's Manager.

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Rule Change 7.10

Rule 20 (J) - Qualified First Aider & First Aid Kit - (Register via EBFA Google Forms & Report QFA via Google Forms Team Report)

Team must submit details on Google Forms EBFA Team Match/Respect Report of the registration number of the Qualified First Aider.

Qualified First Aider can register via a Google Forms and will be issued with a QFA registration number.

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[20-J] Qualified First Aider & First Aid Kit

It is the responsibility of both Teams to enter the name and/or the EBFA registration number of the nominated QFA on the [via the EBFA Team Match/Respect Report Google Form](#).

Rule Change 7.11

Rules 21 (A) - Result Systems & [21-B] Additional Match Result Details- (Google Forms EBFA Team Match/Respect Report to be used by both managers)

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[21-A] Result Systems

The GotFootball system and [EastBerksFA.com Google Forms](#) shall be used as the Competition result systems.

[21-B] Additional Match Result Details

Additional match result details are entered by both Team's Manager or Team Administrator onto the Competition's Google Forms and shall be completed by Monday by 22:00 hours for Saturday matches and Tuesday by 22:00 Hours for Sunday matches.

Google Forms - Team Match/Respect Report including:

- Report if Match Played to Result, Match Not Played or Match Abandoned
- Match details and score,
- Referee's name, contact details and credential - Referee marks
- Respect Marks for Opposition
- Details of (QFA) Qualified First Aider on duty
- Match Procedures
- Team sheet upload as PDF scan of JPG photo of the registered players who started or appeared as substitutes
- goal scores any Sin Bins, Cautions or Dismissals, duly signed by Manager, opposition Manager and Referee
- and or any other information required by the Competition

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) and/or Team being dealt with as the Management Committee decides.

(NB. A match is defined Match Played to Result, Match Not Played or Match Abandoned. Postponed or unfulfilled matches are defined as Match Not Played to Result and requires a Team Match/Respect Report).

If a Club's Team(s) persistently fail to complete the additional match result details the Club shall be suspended by the Management Committee from the Competition until all outstanding match result details have been updated on the GotFootball system. All matches under this suspension shall be dealt with under Rule 20(E).

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Rule Change 7.12

Rule 23 - MATCH OFFICIALS – (Match Officials Register with EBFA and Reporting – Via Google Forms)

Match Officials to Register with EBFA via Google Forms

Match Officials to complete Google Forms EBFA Team Match/Respect Report to be used by both managers

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23 MATCH OFFICIALS

[23-H] Referee Performance Marking

Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided.

Both Managers shall complete the Referee Performance marks as part of their EBFA Google Forms EBFA Team Match/Respect Report.

Any Club/Team marking a Referee fifty (50) or less shall submit details in EBFA Google Forms EBFA Team Match/Respect Report in the "Comments on Why Referee Marks Below 50".

Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

[23-I] Competition Reporting Referee Performance Marks

The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.

~~Any Club/Team marking a Referee fifty (50) or less shall submit a written report giving the reasons for low marking to the Referee Secretary within seven (7) days after the match. Failure to do so shall result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) and/or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.~~

[23-J] Referee Report Form

The referee shall submit a referee report form, [on the Competition EBFA Match Official \(Referee\) Report - Google Forms](#). within two (2) days of the Competition Match.

[23-M] Referee Registration with Competition

All persons nominated to Referee an East Berks Football Alliance match, shall be registered with the League before Refereeing matches in the League. Referees may be registered at any time prior to a match, [using the EBFA Match Officials Registration Google Form](#).

[23-O] Club/Team Register of Referees Appointed by Club.

Each club SHALL keep a register of referees or assistant referees that they use to appoint as a club. The onus will be on the club to have checked that the person is both registered and qualified as a referee with the Football Association and has the necessary Safeguarding and DBS qualifications in place. Any complaints regarding a referee should be referred to County Football Association and EBFA management committee who may order that the person is no longer permitted to take charge of matches in this competition.

[23-P] Team Sheets

Prior to the commencement of the match the both teams will Team's present their EBFA Team Sheet to the Referee Match Official so they can extract the team's player names and shirt numbers for his officiating duties and then return the team sheet to the team manager.

Rule Change 7.13

Rule Appendix P – Player ID Registration Photo Specification – (Added Appendix P Specification for Player Registration ID Card Photos)

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Appendix P – Player ID Registration Photo Specification

The Player's Photo uploaded to the EBFA GotFootball system must be a digital Player Passport Style ID Photo taken in the last 3 months:

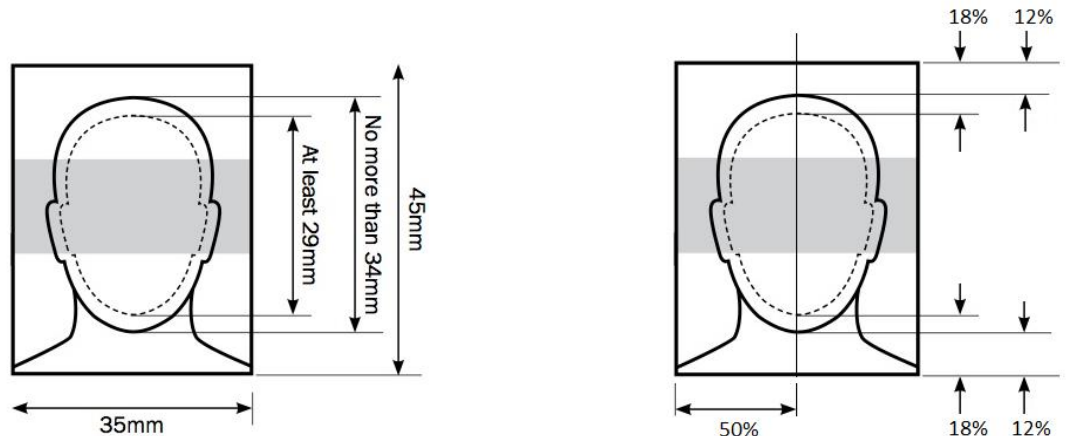
The main rules for good preparation of the player passport style ID photo is to:

- Look straight into the camera
- Have a neutral facial expression and be sure your mouth is closed
- Do not cover your face.
- Have a contrast background on the photo (plain cream or light grey).
- Your eyes have to be open.
- Face has to be visible and not covered by trophies, sunglasses, glasses frames, tinted glasses, face paint, or hair.
- The covering of the head and face has to be reduced. It is not allowed to cover your head (except for medical or religious reasons).
- If you wear normal glasses or football glasses, make sure that you do not have reflection or glare on them.
- Photo cannot have the 'red eye' effect.

Photo cannot have shadows on the picture.
 Photo cannot have watermarks on the picture.
 Your passport photo should be in colour, printed, clear, sharp and in focus.
 It is also important to have a recent photo (taken within the last 3 months) that is not digitally changed.
 In the photo you cannot be in the company of other people or objects.
 The photo must include your full head and shoulders only.

Tech Spec:

Minimum size of the digital photo is width = 414 pixels (px), and height 571 pixel @ 300 dpi resolution.
 (if digital photo is larger, please preserve aspect ratio).
 The image of your face should be visible from the top of your head to your chin - it must be between 345 pixels and 430 pixels high, based on the above minimum size



Note: Does the Player ID photo look like the photo in a You're or the Player's Passport (without the water marks)?

Also –

- Do not cut Photos from Photo of the Team – image resolution quality very poor and photo size will be too small**
- No photo of player on other side of field**
- No photo of player with trophies or medals**
- No photo of player with siblings**
- No photo of player with face paint**
- No photo of player eating a meal**
- No photo of player showing their favourite football shirt**
- No photo of player standing in their favourite football stadium**
- Etc. etc. etc**

Note on 2020/21 Change

Google Forms for 2020/21 - Rule Change Note –

A number of registration and reporting function will be transferred to EBFA Google Forms
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Google Forms for 2020/21

- EBFA Registration Match Official (Referee) - Google Forms
- EBFA Registration Qualified First Aider - Google Forms
- EBFA Team Match/Respect Report - Google Forms

EBFA Match Official (Referee) Report - Google Forms
