

Derbyshire Girls & Ladies League

Season 25-26 information

Overview

This document provides essential information regarding the Derbyshire Girls & Ladies League (DGLL) for the 2025-26 season, including team registration, match schedules, and important changes for future seasons.

- **Season 25-26 Overview:** Teams not resigning by the deadline will be automatically entered, with all teams moving up one age group unless otherwise requested. Division allocations will be based on previous season standings.
- **Website Updates:** Club Admins must update team details and sign declarations before the AGM, with reminders sent if not completed.
- **Club Badges Requirement:** All clubs must submit their club badge before the season starts, as many have failed to do so despite requests.
- **Central Venues and Age Groups:** The DGLL will offer various playing times at designated hubs for different age groups, with specific formats for U7 and U9 competitions.
- **Season Schedule:** The ladies' season starts on September 14, 2025, while the girls' season begins on September 13. The maximum playing dates are from September 13, 2025, to May 31, 2026.
- **Breaks and Fixtures:** The league will take breaks for Christmas and Easter, with specific dates outlined for when games will resume.
- **Fixture Byes and Team Availability:** Teams can request up to three fixture byes, and all youth teams must be available to play every weekend during the season.
- **Player Registration Process:** Players must be registered in the WGS system and approved before participating in games, with new regulations coming into effect for the 2026-27 season regarding dual registration.

The DGLL will provide the following for season 2025-26.

This is for information only, all existing teams that did not resign by the deadline date are automatically entered, and approved under FA Rules, and Clubs will be billed shortly.

All teams will be moved up 1 year group. If you wish, and your players are age eligible, to remain at their current age group, please advise the league ASAP. Where Youth teams are playing competitive football the allocation into divisions will be based on season 24-25 finishing positions, except where FA Rules preclude teams from the same club playing in the same division.

The DGLL website will shortly change, and Club Admins will be required to update team details and sign the declaration prior to the AGM. Be aware Club Admins will receive multiple automated reminders from the website if the declaration is not submitted.

Despite multiple requests many clubs have failed to submit their club badge to james@helpwithit.co.uk so it is now a requirement of Club entry to do this prior to next season start.

U7 will again be offered next season subject to sufficient teams applying, however it may not be offered in season 26-27 due to the logistics of 3v3 at the Hubs.

Our Central Venues will be Derby Racecourse Hub & Leesbrook Academy

Saturday 1115-1400
Mini Soccer 5v5
Leesbrook Academy
u7-u8

Saturday 0845-1400
Mini Soccer 7v7
Derby City Central venues
u9-u11

Youth Football 9v9
Derby City Central venues
u12-u13

Youth Football 9v9
Home & Away u13

Youth Football 11v11
Home & Away u14, u15, u16, u18

Sunday Football Div 1 1330, Div2/3 1030 or 1330
Open Age Ladies 11v11

The DGLL intends to provide Autumn & Winter Seasons for age groups up to and including u15 where numbers allow.

Youth teams at ages u13, u14, u15, u16 & u18 are required to source their own pitches, however, should there be available capacity at the central venues the league will allocate pitches on a first come first served basis.

u13, u14, u15, u16 & u18 teams wishing to play at The Racecourse Hub should register their request to secretarydgl@gmail.com as soon as possible. Due to the increasing numbers of 7v7 teams, 9v9 games at u13 will be on grass and all 11v11 games at the Hub will also be on grass.

Successful entry to the age group(s) applied for is dependent on there being sufficient clubs applying for membership. entry to the competition applied for is conditional on the club's mandatory participation in the league & challenge cup.

Please note that NO youth team travelling over 30 miles will be required to kick off before 1100. Kick off times for late morning games must ensure that the game finishes by 2pm.

Teams should be aware that midweek games may be fixtured by the League in September, March, April & May.

Season 26-27

A reminder for long term planning that age group formats will change for season 26-27, the impact on the DGLL will be that u9 will be 5v5 and u7, should we run, will be 3v3. The FA have indicated that should Clubs try to circumnavigate changes at u7 by entering u7 teams at u8, it is likely that they may alter the age rules so that only 7 year olds will be able to play at u8. So please bear that in mind.

Updated playing dates information for Season 25-26

Ladies Season will start on September 7th; this is a change to previously advertised
Girls Season will start on September 6th; this is a change to previously advertised
The maximum playing dates for Season 25-26 will be September 6th, 2025, to May 31st, 2026

Both Central venues will kick off at 0845.

U7-U8 fixtures will be played at LEESBROOK ACADEMY 3G , kick offs will be 1115, 1220, & 1315.
Please Note that 5v5 fixtures will be scheduled in reverse order i.e. 1315, 1220, 1115. If there are insufficient 5v5 games to fill these slots, then 7v7 fixtures will take precedence at 1115 & 1220.

The DGLL will take a break after the games on 21st December for Christmas and return on January 10th, having had December 27/28th, and January 3/4th off.

U7-u13 will then run until March 28th and then break for Easter and return on 18th April having had April 4th & 11th off.

U14-Ladies will have the weekend of April 4/5th off. Ladies will also have no DGLL fixtures on 15th March (Mother's Day). However, Ladies teams need to be aware that this date is a designated DCFA County Cup date, and they may be required to play.

u7-u11 Mini Soccer will finish for the season on May 2nd, with Cup Finals being the final games provisionally on May 4th Bank Holiday Monday.

All Mini Soccer teams will have the additional option to finish their non-competitive league season on or at any time after the games of March 21st, 2026. (This is the last playing date before the Derbyshire School Holidays for Easter.)

U12-Ladies will continue until all season's fixtures have been played. This may mean midweek fixtures in April & May

All youth teams may currently request a maximum of 3 fixture byes, over the season, giving 28 days' notice to the league. The bye ONLY covers the day of the game; a further bye request would be required for a midweek fixture. PLEASE NOTE the number of byes will be subject to an AGM vote to reduce this to 2 to bring the DGLL in line with other leagues.

Failure to play on a fixture date incurs a Maximum £100 fine & MANDATORY 3-point deduction in addition to the game being rescheduled.

There are NO forfeits of League games by teams. Postponed games are rescheduled.

Teams MUST NOT assume that not having a fixture scheduled (for **any** given date) means that a game will not be scheduled, and are strongly advised to ensure that they check as early as possible as to player availability and submit bye week requests.

The DGLL can add a fixture under FA Rules with a minimum of 5 (FIVE) days' notice.

Clubs may make scheduling requests via our website throughout the season, but Clubs should be aware that whilst every effort will be made to accommodate these requests it may not be possible in all instances.

Youth Teams are advised that a condition of entry is that they are available to play fixtures every weekend during the season between 0845 & 1400.

Open Age Teams have fixed kick off times of 1330 (Div1) and 1030 or 1330 (Div 2/3)

All Open Age Cup ties are 1330 kick offs

The league will provide referees for central venue games and allocate referees for Open Age fixtures.

Teams at u13–u18 playing home and away are required to source their own pitches and registered referees, except where the DGLL has agreed to provide a central venue pitch or league appointed referee.

Player Registrations will be via WGS and teams will be required to use the FA Matchday app (or use a computer) to input their team sheets , goal scorers etc. Help Docs will be available via a link on the Full Time game notifications.

Fixtures will be accessed from FULL TIME.

DGLL Team Registration 2025-26

ALL youth teams that did not resign from the league by the deadline date of 6th March 2025 are automatically re-entered. Any teams that subsequently fail to start next season having not resigned by 6th March are subject to a fine in accordance with the Rules and in accordance with the multiple reminders sent to clubs by the DGLL from last Christmas onwards

The Deadline for Open Age resignations was 31/3/25.

New Club/Team Registrations

All new Clubs should e mail secretarydgll@gmail.com with the following details, Secretary e mail address, Club, Team name & age group they wish to play at and the DGLL will create the club login for the website, and you can then submit the team application.

All existing Clubs can submit an entry for a NEW Team by completing the application directly with your existing login.

Do not send any money with your application. All new teams will be invoiced directly upon submission of an application. Existing Clubs will be invoiced on April 1st. Annual Subscriptions must be paid prior to the AGM

Player Registration Information

Players must be registered and approved in WGS/Club Portal before they can play.

Players remain ineligible UNTIL they have received an e mail from the FA confirming their registration, teams should be aware that additional eligibility is required for players in Cup & Playoff games.

Registration Process

1. Player to be registered in WGS by Club and Submitted to League. Photo's (Headshots only) to be taken after 1/6/23 plus Online Consent
2. Player to be approved by League in WGS

Please Note the DGLL currently permits teams to dual register players at the same club/age group at u7-u11 (there is a loophole in the FA Rules). From Season 26-27 this will no longer be permitted with the changes to Mini Soccer formats and the smaller squad numbers that are coming.

Website

The DGLL website is www.dgll.co.uk

You will be able to access Full Time and the league X (formerly Twitter) and Facebook Feeds directly out of the website.

AGM

The DGLL AGM is Wednesday 4th June 7-30pm and will be via a Zoom online meeting. Clubs will be e mailed directly with the meeting number password and link. As per the FA rule change as of season 22-23 Clubs may only send 2 representatives to any League meetings.