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Welcome to the Ellevate Junior Premier League

Thank you for choosing the Junior Premier League for your Club.

To be the best, you must play with the best – and that is what the JPL is all about. With over 25,000 young footballers signed up for the **2024/25** season, now is the time to be a part of an ever-growing League at the forefront of youth football provision.

The following document will outline the various opportunities we have available for your Club. This ranges from boys and girls football between the ages of U7-U18.

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About the Ellevate JPL



The Junior Premier League (JPL) launched for the 2011/12 season. The original membership of the JPL consisted of a group of large clubs from the Midlands & Southern England who wanted to develop young footballers by employing high standards of coaching and better-quality matches.

The JPL is aimed at clubs who want to develop their players through a 'best with best' ethos.

The JPL's primary objective is to provide a season of quality and competitive football matches to every team & player within the league.

All JPL coaches must be accredited with up-to-date qualifications and CPD. The JPL is committed to continuous development of our coaches, with some more exciting coach development opportunities coming in the new season.

The JPL:

- Provides a comprehensive football pathway for clubs with teams from u7 to u16.(U18s football also available depending on region.)
- Proud to partner with Ellevate Football, STATSports, Veo, Soccer Assist and NSX Group.
- Supported by the Football Association.
- Grown from 12 to 400+ clubs (over 25,000 players).
- Tough club entry criteria, focusing on player development, ethos and quality.
- Promoting a safe, friendly environment in which every player can enjoy their football

JPL Warriors

The JPL Warriors is our highest standard girls league aimed at the very best teams in England that currently sit outside of the girls RTC programme.

The league includes clubs such as Tottenham Hotspur, Nottingham Forest, Crystal Palace, Leicester City, Watford, West Ham United, AFC Bournemouth, Millwall and Huddersfield Town along with a vast array of other girls teams that hit the standards expected to be in this amazing league.

Games are played on a Saturday, and all matches are played over 4 periods to allow for coaching input in-line with the professional academy game.

All JPL Warriors coaches must be accredited with up-to-date qualifications and CPD. The JPL is committed to continuous development of our coaches and is bringing some more exciting coach development opportunities in the new season.

The entry criteria for JPL Warriors can be found on pages 12-14.

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JPL Warriors



In the summer of 2019, after 8 years of unparalleled success with JPL boys, the FA embraced our vision of starting our first dedicated girls league. From a small beginning of only 7 teams in the Under 16s age group, the 2023/24 season saw us have over 140 teams from regions across the South, Midlands and North of England.

The ethos of the league is development before results, with the primary objective to provide a season of quality, competitive football matches to every team and player within the league.

OUR VISION

Raising Standards.
Creating Opportunities.
Inspiring Change.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To create a player-focused journey with outstanding opportunities. The JPL allows players to develop to be the best they can be, while playing with a smile and always having fun.

- Age appropriate match duration split over 4 periods
- 50% playing time for all players
- Minimum FA Level 2 lead coaches
- Upload Match Data – via the JPL’s website and secure logins
- Age appropriate size pitches and goals
- Ensuring its ‘best against the best’ focusing on development and challenge for players

In the **2024/2025** season the JPL Warriors will have leagues for all age groups from U12-U18. Make sure your club is part of the fastest growing league in England!

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Central Venue



The Central Venue Fixtures (CVF) concept was developed to create an environment where all coaches, players, and parents from Under 7 to Under 10 can come together to learn in a safe environment in one central location.

The Junior Premier League offers quality facilities throughout its CVF network, providing a demonstrable football pathway for clubs with teams with age groups from Under 7 to Under 10 within the league demographics. All venues are checked and monitored by the Junior Premier League to ensure that each meets the exceptional standards the league demands. Central Venue games are played on Saturdays throughout the country. Match days are different to traditional leagues, with all games being played over 3 periods (U11s and above games are played over 4 periods). This format allows more coaching points during breaks and reduces the need for coaching from the sideline during play.

This season, Central Venue Fixtures will operate with referees supplied by the Junior Premier League for all games at Under 7 to Under 10. As a league focused on development of young players, we demand the best and safest environment. In line with FA RESPECT guidance, players are encouraged to play within the laws and spirit of the game, duly supported by coaches of all teams.

Key CVF details:

- One hour match time – 3 x 17 minutes with 3 minutes break between periods
- Referees included where possible
- 66% playing time for all players
- Minimum FA Level 2 lead coaches
- Upload Match Data – via our website secure logins
- Age appropriate size pitches and goals
- ‘Best against the best’ focusing on development
- Match fees (£25 - £40)

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JPL U11s



Our U11s offering is the next step in the JPL journey, as players will be graduating from the Central Venue environment and getting their first taste of home & away football.

Games are played on Saturdays throughout the country. Match days are different to traditional leagues, with all games being played over 4 periods. This allows more coaching during the breaks as opposed to coaching from the side-line during play.

The only exception to the league's 4-quarter game structure is the cup competitions, where games are played over two halves to provide a different challenge for the players (as they are in professional academy matches).

The format of the season will be in four blocks, with a Cup/Trophy competition followed by competitive fixtures in a Premier/Championship division.

Clubs appoint their own referees (Home team) with the help of their local Referee Appointments Officer or CFA referee development Officer. As a league focused on development of young players, The Junior Premier League demands the best and safest environment. In line with FA RESPECT guidance, players are encouraged to play within the laws and spirit of the game, duly supported by coaches of all teams.

Key U11 details:

- 80 minute match time. 4 x 20 minute periods.
- Home clubs allocate referees
- 50% playing time for all players
- Minimum FA Level 2 lead coaches
- Upload Match Data – via our website secure logins
- Age appropriate size pitches and goals
- 'Best against the best' focusing on development
- Home team responsible to provide and pay referees for fixtures
- Home team needs to provide "changing rooms and toilets"

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'National Premier Conference' Leagues



This season our most 'premier' divisions transitioned into our National Premier Conferences which is a format that was designed to match best v best.

Our clubs have told us that they want leagues to be even more competitive. This applies to the weakest team at the club as much as the strongest.

So we introduced the National Premier Conference...

For season 2023-24, in 8 regions of England from U12 - U16 we have had a National Premier Conference. Simply, the best 8 teams on and off the pitch at each group after factoring league and cup performance in 22/23, discipline & compliance records, facilities and coaching within the team, the JPL selected the most suitable 8 teams in each region to play in the National Premier Conference.

Supported in region by multiple 'Regional Championship' leagues at U12 - U16, the introduction of promotion and relegation will ensure that only the very best will compete in the National Premier Conferences.

To conclude the season all National Conference winners will automatically qualify for the 2nd annual 'JPL Champions Weekend' in May 2024, the winner of which to be crowned the JPL National Champion!!

The National Premier Conference is where the very best teams play.

With an entry criteria more difficult to pass than our other leagues, the NPC's will create the highest of standards both on and off the pitch for JPL member teams. For example:

- Enhanced facility inspection
- League standard match ball
- On-pitch success determining league placement

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'National Premier Conference' Leagues



JPL National Premier Conference is the pinnacle of the Junior Premier League. The full JPL National Premier Conference entry criteria is available from pages 12-14.

'National Premier Conferences' are expected to be larger geographically due to selecting the most high performing teams over a large region, therefore have slightly more travel than the 'Regional Championship' divisions.

- 80 minutes match time – 4 x 20 minutes
- 50% playing time for all players
- Minimum FA Level 2 lead coaches
- Upload Match Data – via the JPL's website and secure logins
- Age appropriate size pitches and goals
- Official licensed referee
- Ensuring its 'best against the best' focusing on development and challenge for players



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Regional Championship Leagues (U12-U18)

The JPL's regional Championship leagues bring together the best players and teams from across a wider region than traditional grassroots leagues. This means that teams are guaranteed a more competitive game, more often. They also offer a greater variety of experiences, bigger tests and challenges, and teams can also progress through cup competitions to determine national winners. Enabling young players to test themselves on a regular basis against better players and teams is a reality in the Junior Premier League.

The JPL asks clubs to provide facilities of the highest standard, providing the appropriate football pathway for clubs with teams with age groups from Under 12 to Under 18. Games are played on Saturdays throughout the country. Match days are different to traditional leagues, with all games being played over 4 periods. This allows more coaching during the breaks as opposed to coaching from the side-line during play.

- Home team responsible to provide and pay referees for fixtures
- Home team needs to provide "changing rooms and toilets"

Supporting the National Premier Conference in region, the introduction of promotion and relegation will ensure that the best are promoted to compete in the National Premier Conference.

More importantly for club leads, the introduction of these Championship divisions means that those age groups that are under development and not yet reaching their peak, can play in a competitively appropriate division.



Regional Championship Leagues (U12-U18)

To conclude the season all Regional Championship winners will have an opportunity to qualify as the wildcard entry for the 2nd annual 'JPL Champions Weekend' in May 2024, the winner of which to be crowned the JPL National Champion!

'Regional Championship' divisions are expected to be smaller geographically therefore have slightly less travel than the 'National Premier Conferences'.

- 80 minutes match time – 4 x 20 minutes
- 50% playing time for all players
- Minimum FA Level 2 lead Coaches
- Upload Match Data – via the JPL website and secure logins
- Age appropriate size pitches and goals
- Ensuring it's 'best against the best' focusing on development and challenge for players.
- Home team responsible to provide and pay referees for fixtures
- Home team needs to provide "changing rooms and toilets"
- Official referees
- Player Pass / ID required to play and must be shown prior to kick off

For JPL Regional Championship entry criteria please visit the next page.



Junior Premier League

Entry Criteria

CVF, U11, Regional Championship & JPL Warriors

- All clubs applications and entry fees must be in/paid on time in accordance to the application process.
- All clubs must be affiliated by their County FA to be placed in fixtures.
- All JPL clubs must be 'England Accredited'.
- All clubs must have and supply when requested, a club development plan.
- All facilities must be approved by JPL staff to ensure they meet expectations. Individual changing rooms, male & female toilets, on-site parking and a decent playing surface are the minimum requirements..
- All teams **MUST** have 2 coaches per team with necessary safeguarding, emergency aid and DBS documents in date. The lead coach must be at Least an FA level 2 coach.
- All clubs must provide at least a head coach contact number and email for each team.
- All games should be arranged and confirmed by the deadline each week.
- All games must have a neutral official referee supplied by the home team.
- Player Pass / ID required to play and must be shown prior to kick off
- All coaches must produce Team Sheet Player Passes/IDs prior to kick off
- All teams must have a home and away kit with distinguishably different colours.
- Each playing kit must be individually numbered with no names on the shirt
- £300 or £350 per age group team.
- Application fees are NON REFUNDABLE
- Application fee includes processing of application cup and league entry in addition to this there will be a £5 registration fee per player payable by parent or club by voucher"



Junior Premier League Entry Criteria

CVF, U11, Regional Championship & JPL Warriors

- All JPL teams must have a fully stocked medical kit pitch side for every game.
- All 4G home pitches must have an in-date FA Bounce tests safety certificate.
- All match data including scores, scorers and reports must be complete by Sunday after the matchday, 8pm.
- All clubs must sign an agreement prior to the season start, agreeing to the criteria for their divisions.

Where possible:

- All facilities have the ability for visitors to purchase refreshments e.g. tea, coffee, water. We appreciate some venues won't and this is out of your control. You may consider sending away teams a welcome email in the pre-match confirmations with directions to the nearest shop or supermarket to your venue if there are no on-site options. Some of our clubs even send a full welcome PDF to each opponent with directions, postcodes, spectator details etc and these look very professional.



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NPC Entry Criteria

National Premier Conference (Additional Criteria)

- To be considered for National Premier Conference clubs and teams must have a positive discipline and compliance history with the JPL or their current league.
- Player Pass / ID required to play and must be shown prior to kick off
- All National Premier Conference games must have a 45 minute pre-game meet & Greet from the home team, and at least 30 mins available for warm-up for both teams (in a suitable area).
- All National Premier Conference games must be played with the approved JPL match ball. All games should have a minimum of 3 of these available.
- All National Premier Conference games must have the NPC pop-up banner on display between technical areas, supplied by the home team.
- All playing shirts must display the NPC iron-on badge on the chest or sleeve.
- All National Premier Conference coaching teams must be in matching club kit.
- All pitches must have corner flags, including 4G venues.
- All National Premier Conference away teams must complete the post-match feedback form by Sunday at 5pm.
- All National Premier Conference teams must engage with the JPL Representative team programme, signposting suitable players towards trials and supporting players' involvement if selected.
- All National Premier Conference clubs / teams must engage with JPL social media for the promotion of the club and the league.
- No 2 teams from the same club can enter a JPL National Premier Conference.

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Application Process

1. Application window opens 5pm, Friday 3rd February to all. Clubs can request a link or apply via the JPL Website.
2. Initial outline application submitted and received by the league.
3. Application acknowledged by the league:
 - a. Application provisionally successful accompanied by invoice of £100 **non-refundable deposit** per team (to be paid within 14 days).
 - b. Application unsuccessful.
4. Applications close 5pm on Friday 31st May
5. The invoice for the remainder of fees per team will be issued from the 1st June (to be paid within 14 days).
6. More Detailed information submitted and received by the league (team names, key club contacts etc. - we will prompt and support clubs through this).
7. Team provisionally placed in a division.
8. Removal of teams not 'fit to play'.
9. League and Cup Group formation.
10. Cup Groups released - Friday 18th August (Games played September - October).
11. League divisions released - Friday 7th October (Games played October onwards)
12. Any applications received after June 1st 2024 will be subject to a single invoice for the full team entry fee.

Please note that all invoices are required to be settled within 14 days of receipt.

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