

**Sligo Leitrim Youth Schoolboys and Girls League  
Rules**

1. In future the name of the League shall be the Sligo-Leitrim Youth, Schoolboy's and Girls League and the committee will be the Sligo-Leitrim Youth, Schoolboy's and Girls League committee and no person nor body can use this name, either directly or indirectly for any purpose unless authorised by the prior written consent of the committee.
2. Membership shall be confined to clubs in the Sligo - Leitrim area and district competing in:-
  - (a) F.A.I. Competitions.
  - (b) S.F.A.I. Competitions.
  - (c) Connaught F.A. Competitions.
  - (d) Sligo-Leitrim Youth and Schoolboys and Girls League and Cup Competitions.
3. Each club in membership shall be entitled to two delegates at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.
4. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 15th June, seven (7) days notice to be given to members. The Committee shall decide the exact date for such meeting.
5. A Special General Meeting may be called by a member or members who obtain the signatures of two thirds of the membership of the league, on request for such a meeting. The reason of this request must be given in writing at the same time.
6. The Officers and Committee can only be changed at a Special or General Meeting.
7. If a member of the Committee should cease membership for any reason the Committee may co-opt a member of the league onto the Committee.
8. (a) The composition of the Committee is as follows:-  
Chairman, Hon. Secretary, Joint Treasurers, Assistant

Ordinary Members. The Administrator of the Sligo-Leitrim and District Junior League shall be a Committee Member.

- (b) No Club shall have more than two (2) representatives on the Committee.
- (c) Five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

9. **Eligibility for membership of the Committee:**

- (a) Outgoing officers and Committee.
- (b) Members of the League who have not been proved guilty of bringing the Committee, Clubs or the game into disrepute.
- (c) Members must be present at the A. G. M. to secure election to the Committee.

10. **Functions of the Committee:**

- (a) To carry out the objectives and directives of the Youth, Schoolboys & Girls Association football for the period for which they are elected.
- (b) To hold regular meetings as determined by the Chairman in consultation with the committee to carry out the business of the league as they consider necessary but not at any time for intervals longer than 28 days.
- (c) To organise and conduct all youth and schoolboys competitions which have been organised by the Committee unless otherwise directed by the Special or Annual General Meeting.

- 11. (a) The Committee shall have the power to suspend, fine or otherwise deal with any Club, team, player or club member who is in clear breach of the rules of the league or game, (these rules to include the rules of the F.A.I., S.F.A.I. and Connaught F. A.)
- (b) Charge entry fees and appoint referees for all local competitions, as they consider necessary unless otherwise directed by special or general meeting.
- (c) Obtain professional or legal advice where they consider necessary and pay costs incurred including an administrator.

- (d) Employ a person or persons at reasonable cost to carry out work for the league, as they consider necessary.
- (e) The committee or person(s) authorized by the committee shall make public collections, organise fundraising, source sponsorship and raise funds on behalf of the League and its interests. No other group, body or person(s) shall have permission to carry out any of the above or use the name of the League to raise funds without prior knowledge and written permission of the League Committee.
- (f) Deal with any matter not covered by the rules, which may arise, as they deem necessary.
- (g) Remove from the Committee any member who misses three consecutive meetings and has not forwarded a satisfactory excuse.
- (h) Delegate authority to Sub-Committee to deal with any matter relevant to the Committee.

**12. The Chairman:**

- (a) The Chairman shall conduct General and Committee meetings in accordance with the appropriate standing orders.
- (b) Ensure that such meetings are called according to rules.
- (c) Ensure that the decisions taken are in accordance with the Rules of the League. (These Rules to include the Rules of the F.A.I., C.F.A., Schoolboys F.A.I., and Competition Rules).
- (d) Sign minutes of all meetings of their adoption jointly with the Hon. Secretary.
- (e) Sign any documentation jointly with the Hon. Treasurer in connection with investment, withdrawal or expenditure of monies of the Association as directed by the Committee.
- (f) Submit to the Annual General Meeting a supplementary report to that of the Hon. Secretary.
- (g) Submit a detailed report of the working of the League to the A. G. M.
- (h) Prepare an Agenda for all meetings
- (i) Submit a detailed report of the working of the League to the Connaught A. G. M.

13. **Hon. Secretary:**

- (a) Conduct all correspondence of the League and Committee as directed by them.
- (b) Convey the contents of all correspondence received by him as Secretary to the appropriate meeting.
- (c) Record and sign minutes of all meetings.
- (d) Publicise notice or decision as directed by committee.
- (e) Arrange all fixtures and appoint referees to cover each fixture, the arrangement of which is proper to the league, unless these fixtures are arranged specifically by the Committee or fixtures Secretary.
- (f) Distribute registration forms to affiliated teams and players of such teams.
- (g) Compile a register of affiliated teams and players of such teams.
- (h) Make a register available to members of the Committee or representative of an affiliated team on request having been given at least 24 hours notice.
- (i) Record attendance at all meetings and submit same to A. G. M.

14. **The Hon. Treasurer(s) shall:**

- (a) Sign any documentation jointly with the Chairman in connection with investment, withdrawal or expenditure of monies of the League as directed by the Committee.
- (b) Submit to the Annual General Meeting a detailed financial report on the workings of the League.
- (c) The Treasurer(s) of the League must lodge all monies received within five working days that they are received by the Treasurers
- (d) The Treasurer(s) of the League must lodge all monies received within five working days that they are received by the Treasurer(s).
- (e) The Treasurer(s) must present at each committee meeting a record of all account transactions that have taken place since the previous committee meeting. This is to include all lodgements, cheques issued, cheques drawn down and

cheques that have been issued and not drawn down since the previous account was presented.

- (f) The Treasurers will operate a cash book which is to contain all the details of the Leagues's money transactions to include payments, lodgements, bank fees, standing orders, and any other relevant information.
  - (g) All cheque books and lodgement books will be available at all meetings.
  - (h) A current bank statement will be requested at the end of each month and will be presented to the next committee meeting that is held after that end of month.
  - (i) A record of all money and bank transactions that are undertaken on behalf of the League will also be recorded in the minutes at each regular committee meeting.
  - (j) This League is to introduce a strict policy that it will not accept any form of payment in cash and that all payments by any individual, company, organization or body to the league will only be accepted either by way of cheque, bank draft, postal order or credit transfer.
  - (k) The League committee will examine the necessity of appointing a joint or assistant treasurer in early course.
  - (l) A cheque book will be available in the event of emergencies to the Chairman and he will only issue a cheque from this cheque book in consultation with the Treasurers.
  - (m) Keep detailed records of all monies of the League invested in banks or lands.
15. Additions, deletions and alterations of these rules can only be carried out at Special or Annual General Meetings by a majority vote of members present. Notice to this intent should be forwarded to the Secretary on or before 1st May in any year specifying changes sought.
16. (a) Competitions will take place annually in Sligo-Leitrim Youth, Schoolboys & Girls League and are confined to

youth and schoolboys and girls teams, which are affiliated to the Football Association of Ireland, Schoolboys Football Association of Ireland, W.F.A.I. and Connaught Football Association. Individual trophies will be awarded to the winners and runners-up in all League and Cup Competitions.

- (b) All perpetual trophies to be returned to the League no later than March 1st each year, failure to do so will render Club liable to a fine.
17. Teams entering the Sligo-Leitrim Youth Schoolboys & Girls Leagues must register their players on the League's Official Registration Form. Club Registration Forms must show players full name, address, date of birth and be signed by parent or guardian and show the annual subscription fee covering membership.
  18. No player can be transferred to any other Club later than 15th October of the current session.
  19. To be eligible to play in any under age competition a player must not have reached that age before 1st January in the year of commencement of the season.
  20. Requests for pitch inspections must be requested through the appointed official of the local branch of the Irish Soccer Referees Society before 1pm on the day immediately before a game when inspections may be required. The Secretary of the League must also be informed that a pitch inspection has been requested at the same time as the official of the Referees Society. Where a pitch is deemed unplayable the game must revert to the opponents' pitch immediately if available and the League Secretary must be informed.
  21. Any club failing to comply with the above set procedure for pitch inspections or attempting to call off a game or making any alterations including match time, venue, date set by the League's Administrator without following the correct procedure will be fined €200.

22. All teams must be properly attired i.e. with a complete set of jerseys, shorts and socks, shin guards and regulation footwear. Jerseys must be numbered 1 to 18.
23. (a) Each team must provide a regulation football in good condition and properly inflated for each game.  
 (b) Games Under 8, 9, Size 3 footballs, 10, 11, 12 and 13 Size 4 football to be used.  
 (c) Games Under 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 Size 5 football to be used.
24. (a) All clubs must ensure that two coaches and a separate linesman, over 16 years of age, must accompany each team and if there are girls playing or in the event of a girls team then one coach or assistant must be a female accompanying the team. In the event of a referee deciding that a game will not proceed because the above is not complied with clubs may be fined and forfeit the game.  
 (b) All games must take place at the appointed time, in order to ensure this all teams should be at the ground at least 10 minutes before kick off.
25. Duration of games for all 11-a-side games shall be:-  
 Under 11, 12 and 13. 30 minutes each way.  
 Under 14 35 minutes each way.  
 Under 15 and 16 40 minutes each way.  
 Under 17 and 18 45 minutes each way.  
 Extra time and penalties may be introduced where necessary.
26. In all League Competitions three (3) points are awarded for a win, one (1) point for a draw and zero (0) points for a defeat.
27. (a) Any Manager of Club official who fails to comply with a referee's request or instructions either before or during a game is liable to a fine of €30 and a one match suspension.  
 (b) Clubs are liable to a fine and suspension for any disorderly conduct by a team manager, club official, supporters either before, during or after a game that is brought to the attention of the person in charge of the home team by the

- referee. If the referee requests the person in charge/club official of the home team to get person(s) to desist from what he/she is doing or requests a club representative to take action to cause such other person to desist and that person fails to do so or fails to take reasonable steps to prevent such disorderly conduct by others present at a game then the club is liable to a fine of €50 and any person involved in any disorderly conduct is liable to suspension at the discretion of the League committee. A second or subsequent incident of a similar nature in the same season will result in a fine of €150 and a three match ban.
- (c) The referee's card must be filled in by both teams before kick off time of all games. Both the Christian name and surname of players and substitutes must be entered on the card and handed to the referee before kick off.
28. In the event of a team withdrawing from the League results of matches played will stand and points added to teams who have not played them.
29. Clubs who withdraw teams from the league after having their entry accepted by the League will incur a fine of a minimum of **€100**.
30. (a) Each team shall consist of 11 bona fide players. Once a player is substituted he may not re-enter the field of play.  
 (b) 5 substitutes from 7 named may be used in all Sligo–Leitrim Youth and Schoolboys League matches. Subs need not be numbered until they are used.  
 (c) All 7 substitutes named may be used in Sligo Leitrim U12 Youth and Schoolboys **League matches only**  
 (d) No boy or girl who is under 10 years of age on a date which will come into effect at the start of each season to be determined by the committee will be allowed to play in the under 12 League or the under 12 Development League. Any club who plays a player who falls into the above category will be fined and may have to forfeit a result or points.
31. The Sligo-Leitrim Youth and Schoolboys and Girls League Committee will have the power to deal with any breach of the rules and any matter not covered by the rules, as they consider

necessary for the smooth running of the competitions and to determine whatever sanctions or fines and their amount as the committee see fit are to be imposed.

32. Protests must be forwarded to the Secretary of the League Committee within 2 days (48 hours) and accompanied by a fee of €25, which shall be forfeited if the protest is not up-held.
33. (a) Any Schoolboy Club, Schoolboy Team or Schoolboy Player (i.e. up to and including Under 16) dissatisfied with any decision of the Sligo-Leitrim and District Youth and Schoolboys League Committee shall have the right to appeal this decision to the Schoolboys Football Association of Ireland.  
(b) Any Youth Club, Youth Team or Youth Player (i.e. Under 17 and Under 18) dissatisfied with any decision of the Sligo-Leitrim and District Youth and Schoolboys League Committee shall have the right of appeal this decision to the Connaught Football Association in accordance with the rules of the Connaught Football Association.
34. Where for any reason a particular rule or word is not stated the committee shall at all times refer to rules of the Football Association of Ireland, Schoolboys Football Association of Ireland, Connaught Football Association and Sligo-Leitrim and District Youth and Schoolboys League.
35. No player shall be allowed to play for more than one Club in any one season without being duly transferred. Any application by a player for a transfer must be made on the official transfer form and must be accompanied by the players release from his own Club.
36. No player can be transferred to or from any team after the 15th October in any year and all transfers must have sanction of player's Club Committee. Applications for transfers must be made at least seven days (day of application and day of playing inclusive) before any player is entitled to play for another Club.  
Each player must be registered for the Club for which he proposes to play with the registrar at least three days (day of registration and day of playing inclusive) prior to the day of playing. Where registered post is used to send registration or release forms the date of posting will be taken as day player is registered or released.

37. Players coming from other District League areas must have letter of release from the league, together with letter of transfer from Club in that league.
38. Failure to attend meetings at the request of the League Committee will render clubs liable to a fine of **€50**. Where a Club or individual fails to attend a meeting when requested a fine of **€50** will be imposed.
39. League entry fees, affiliation fees, player registration fees and any other fees due to be paid on registration day each year. The date of registration day to be determined by the Committee and notified to Clubs. No team will be eligible to play in local Youth and Schoolboys Football unless all monies are paid.
40. Where a team is cautioned three times a fine of **€50** will be imposed. Any further cautions will result in an automatic fine of **€50**
41. Teams who wish to have no game on a particular Saturday or any other day during the playing of mid-week games must give 14 days notice in writing to the Fixture Secretary stating the date they wish to have no fixture and for which team. The granting of such requests will be at the discretion of the League. **This rule to apply to all Domestic League and Cup Competitions only.**
42. Each affiliated Club is obliged to have public liability insurance on their grounds and premises, a copy of which must be produced to the League upon request. Entry to the League will not be accepted until such copy of a club's insurance is produced at the beginning of the season and a copy of any renewal when insurance is being renewed where appropriate.
43. Clubs, teams, club officials or players suspended and (or) fined by the Sligo-Leitrim Youth and Schoolboys and Girls League will remain suspended until:-
  - (a) Suspension is served in full
  - (b) Fine is paid in full.

44. (a) The policy of teams giving walkovers will no longer be acceptable and any team giving a walkover without a genuine and bona fida reason that is acceptable to the committee and the opposing team will be subject to a fine and disciplinary sanctions. A club that is unable to field a team at the end of the season by reason of a game being of no significance to that team will be fined **€100**. Walkovers will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances at the determination of the committee.
- (b) Where a team is awarded a walkover for any reason, the team receiving the walkover will be credited with a 3 - 0 win.
45. No Club or team affiliated to the Sligo/Leitrim Youths and Schoolboys and Girls League shall organise or participate in any friendly match against any team from this league, any team from any other League affiliated to the Schoolboys Association of Ireland or any other team from any foreign League either within Ireland or abroad without making an application in writing, other than by email, to the League and shall have received permission in writing from the committee for any such friendly. This rule is also to apply to Sligo/Leitrim Youth and Schoolboys and Girls representative teams. All games that are sanctioned by the committee must be refereed by an officially appointed referee by the referee society.
46. Commencing from the start of the 2007/2008 season and continuing for each new season thereafter each club must nominate an associate referee to act as an associate referee on behalf of that club for the duration of the season. The nomination for each clubs associate referee must be lodged with the League at the same time that each new season's entry forms are returned with no exceptions. Failure to submit such nomination for the associate referee position for each club with entry forms when submitted will result in club entries not being accepted. The nominated associate referee on behalf of each club must then fulfil a minimum number of fixtures throughout the season which will be fixed at the start of each season. All nominated referees will then be utilised to referee only under 12 and under 14 games fixed by the league when they have completed an official refereeing course and are registered with the F.A.L as associate referees.

47. Any person who has been found to have being convicted of any matter before the courts where a custodial sentence were imposed, brought the game into disrepute, been banned from club or league activities for one year or more, or has been asked to step aside or removed from any position within any of the affiliated clubs or from the League committee will not be eligible to manage any Sligo/Leitrim Youth and Schoolboys and Girls League Representative side or serve on the committee of the Sligo/Leitrim Youth and Schoolboys and Girls committee for a minimum period of five years or longer if deemed appropriate by the committee.
48. The League committee shall appoint a solicitor to act for the League and the Committee to advise on Legal matters and act accordingly. The person appointed shall act for the League on a three year contract basis with the position open to applicants at the end of each three year period.
49. Any club or person from within any club whom it is advised by the Leagues solicitor has slandered any other club or any member of any club or the League or its officers or referee, has threatened or makes threats against any official or person working on behalf of or assisting this League or any other League, referee or member of any other club or any person who wilfully disrupts any fixture or fixtures of the League, attempted to disrupt, hinder or prevent the activities of any club, referee or the Officers and committee, or causes damage to the property of any of the clubs, club members or Officers and committee members of the League or referee shall on the decision of the committee from the mandate of a majority of the membership be banned from football for a minimum of one year, or longer at the discretion of the committee and subject to a fine as determined by the committee subject to the legal advice.

### **Rules for Representative Team Managers**

50. Managers must be aware that at all time they are representing the League and accordingly it is expected that they will be professional at all times and have respect for players, parents, referees, opponents, officials and committee members.

51. Managers are appointed by the League Committee and the League Committee is the body that will arbitrate on all matters disputed. The committee will also have responsibility for appointing all assistant/joint managers, Children's Officers for each team, and Liaison persons. Commencing at the start of season 2006/2007 Managers and Joint/ Assistant managers appointed will not be permitted to have any involvement at an age level within two years of the representative teams age level within a club i.e. Sligo/Leitrim Under 12 manager, joint/assistant manager will not be permitted to manager within a club at under 12 or under 14 but can at under 16 or 18. No person will fill any role or position with a Representative team without the prior knowledge and sanction of the League committee.
52. The Committee shall have the power to remove any Manager/ Assistant or joint manager, Children's Officer and any other person involved with any representative team who is deemed to be acting outside their role, failing to comply or implement committee decisions or request's or are bringing the League or it's teams into disrepute.
53. Managers/Assistant managers will be required to sign a manager's contract with the League and to sign up to and abide by the Code of Ethics and Good Practices in Sport.
54. Managers will have ultimate responsibility for all matters on the field of play and on training schedules and routines.
55. At the start of each new season a meeting will be held individually with each squad and their parents (at least one parent of each child must attend) and the squad managers which will be attended by representatives of the League committee, and a representatives of each club of each squad member. The League committee may also invite other interested parties to attend such meetings as they see fit. At these meetings a parents committee will be set up for each team, which will include on each committee a representative from the committee or a person appointed by the committee to represent the committee and it views, and the role of this committee will include fundraising on behalf of that team for any expenses such as buses, new kit, training equipment, etc and to liaise with the League committee on all matters. This committee must have a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and minutes of meetings must be recorded.

56. The committee in consultation with the manager's/assistant managers will decide on what Competitions, Tournaments, Competitive fixtures or Cup's, either domestic or foreign if any are to be entered. The committee may also seek the opinion of other parties in relation to any application to enter any competition. It is proposed that specific events and competitions will be identified as suitable for each individual age group and that those events/competitions will be entered if it is financially appropriate. Any Competitions/Events/Tournaments for which applications to enter are received will have to be judged on certain minimum standards, i.e. location, costs, football benefits, player development, dates and duration of event. Other Criteria may arise and will be taken into consideration as appropriate.
57. Managers and their squads must at all time receive sanction from the committee for all purchases, bus hire, friendly fixtures, expressions of interest to enquire about entry of tournament's both domestic and foreign, prior written approval to subsequent entry, financing, fundraising and all functions organized on behalf of there respective squads. Accounts and receipts will have to be produced at the end of each season for expenses and fundraising events.
58. Kit purchases must be sanctioned by the committee and suppliers will require an official Sligo/Leitrim Schoolboys and Girls order form signed by the Chairman and two other committee members'. Any supplier who supplies a kit or equipment without a properly completed order form will not receive payment and any invoices received from a supplier without a copy of the order form will be returned to the person who obtained such items invoiced for payment. Likewise any transport used will have to be booked through the committee liaison person and with the knowledge of either the Treasurer or Chairman.
59. All kit will remain the property of the Sligo/Leitrim Youth Schoolboys and Girls League and must be returned to the League committee's liaison person when not in use. No kit will be purchased or used that includes the individual names of players printed on the back of such kit without the approval of the committee.

60. Teams will only be sponsored with the authorization and knowledge of the committee.
61. All matters of indiscipline by players involved with Sligo/Leitrim Youth squads are to be immediately brought to the attention of the Committee (within 24 hours) and it is the sole responsibility of the Committee's disciplinary board to deal with matters of indiscipline. Failure to report breaches of discipline may result in disciplinary proceedings against the manager/joint manager.
62. All Teams and Squads will be named Sligo/Leitrim Youth/Schoolboys and Girls League Squad and all players on any such squads must be fully registered players with a fully affiliated Youth Team in the Sligo/Leitrim Youth league.
63. All Sligo/Leitrim Representative Teams/Squads and players while they are members of any such Teams or Squads will remain Sligo/Leitrim Representative Players for the duration of the season which is defined as from the 1<sup>st</sup> August until the 30<sup>th</sup> June of the following year in the relevant season as defined by the S.F.A.I. rule book. Such Players shall not become members of, nor play for, any other Team or Squad that purports, advertises, presents or portrays itself to be any form of a Representative Squad or any Team or Squad using any variation or combination of the name or names Sligo/Leitrim or Sligo and Leitrim.
64. No Sligo/Leitrim Representative Team or Squad, or combination of players that have been members of a Sligo/Leitrim Representative Team or Squad, or persons acting on their behalf shall be permitted to enter any competition, either domestic or foreign, without the prior written approval of the Committee of the Sligo/Leitrim Youth committee. Any applications to enter any such tournaments or competitions must be made in good time, in writing and not by email, and the minimum notification required is one calendar month before any closing entry date. Any attempt to enter in or play in any such competition without the knowledge and prior written approval of the committee will be the subject of disciplinary proceedings by the committee as the committee sees fit.
65. Any registered Sligo/Leitrim Youth player, either Boy or Girl, who

plays in any such Tournament or Competition that has been entered without the prior sanction and approval of the committee will be the subject of disciplinary proceedings by the committee as the committee sees fit. Sanctions may include fines and/or suspensions or both at the discretion of the committee.

66. As and from the start of the 2006/2007 season Managers/Joint Managers will agree to fully implement and support on behalf of the Sligo/Leitrim League Committee all aspects of the F.A.I. Emerging Talent program and to comply with all the program requirements on behalf of the League.

### **Kit managers**

67. A kit person will be appointed for each Representative team and the committee foresees that this person would ideally come from among the parents of the players on each representative team and that this kit person would be responsible with the management of the team to account for all kit before and after each game and to wash the kit after each game and have it ready for the managers by arrangement before each game.

### **Committee Liaison**

68. A Committee Liaison will be appointed for each Representative Team and all matters for the attention of the committee must be conducted with the knowledge of and through the Liaison person and committee decisions will be forwarded through the liaison person or a committee member.

### **Children's Officer/Child Protection Officer**

69. It is now a requirement that each Representative Team has its own Children's Officer/Child Protection Officer and it is proposed that from Season 2006/2007 a parent of a player involved with each squad will fill the role of Children's Officer/Child Protection Officer for that Team and shall be appointed by the committee.

### **Managers Workshop**

70. A workshop for all Representative Team managers will be conducted by the F.A.I. Regional Development Officer or his appointed representative and members of the committee over 2 hours at the beginning of each season at a time to be determined and all managers must attend this workshop. At the start of each new season a similar workshop will be conducted and it will be compulsory for all persons involved with Representative teams to attend.

*N.B. All of the above are subject to change and alteration on the recommendation of the committee. Various amendments and additions may be made to the above as the committee see fit.*