

# Football (11-a-side) League



## Season Handbook

2019 - 2020



Cardiff University Students' Union  
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## IMG Football (11-a-side) General Information

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### Registration

Returning teams have priority entry into the Football (11-a-side) league up until 16<sup>th</sup> September. After this date entry into the league will then be offered to teams who have registered an interest in joining the league, on a first come first served basis. Once league capacity is reached, we will not be able to accept any further entries, regardless of previous entry into the league.

To enter a team, please complete the following:

- 1) Contact [IMG@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:IMG@cardiff.ac.uk) to enter your team.
- 2) Once IMG has responded to confirm your entry, please visit the finance desk on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Cardiff University Students' Union by 7<sup>th</sup> October to make Phase 1 entry fee payment by card or cash. Teams can also pay by internal transfer from associated Society accounts but will need authorisation from the specific Society President and/or Treasurer.
- 3) Complete the 'IMG Football (11-a-side) Team Registration Form' and return to [IMG@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:IMG@cardiff.ac.uk) by 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

### Competition Format

Fixtures will be separated into two phases:

- Phase 1 – Autumn Semester (x6 fixtures)
- Phase 2 – Spring Semester (x6 fixtures)

Teams must be registered and have paid Phase 1 fees by 7<sup>th</sup> October or entry into the league will not be permitted.

Teams are randomly drawn into four Phase 1 leagues at the Captains Welcome Evening; La Liga, Bundesliga, Seria A and Ligue 1.

Phase 1 fixtures are scheduled to be played between 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019 and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Following the completion of Phase 1, teams will be seeded and placed into Phase 2 leagues; Premier League, Championship, League 1 and League 2.

Phase 2 fixtures are scheduled to be played between 29<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

Teams must have paid Phase 2 fees by 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 or entry into Phase 2 of the league will not be permitted.

Please note that Phase 1 & 2 dates are a guideline and may be subject to change. Phase 2 will start after the completion of Phase 1, if availability permits this may be during Semester 1.

Please note following the Easter recess, fixtures may be played on contingency dates 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2020, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

## **League Table**

Fixtures, results and league tables will be updated via the following League Republic website:

<http://cardiffimg11as.leaguerepublic.com>

At the end of Phase 1 fixtures, teams will be placed into new leagues seeded on their Phase 1 performance. Team captains will be notified of their Phase 2 league and fixture list.

## **Important Dates (Checklist)**

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| • Priority Team Entry Opens (returning teams): | 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019  |
| • Team Entry Opens (new teams):                | 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 |
| • Team Entry Closes:                           | 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 |
| • Pre-season:                                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2019    |
| • Captains Welcome Evening:                    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2019    |
| • Phase 1 Entry Fee Payment Deadline (£175):   | 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2019    |
| • Phase 1 Fixtures Commence:                   | 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2019    |
| • Team Registration Form Submission Deadline:  | 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2019   |
| • Phase 2 Entry Fee Payment Deadline (£175):   | 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2020   |
| • Phase 2 Fixtures Commence:                   | 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2020   |

## **IMG Captains Welcome Evening**

At the IMG Captains Welcome Evening, teams will be drawn into their leagues for Phase 1 and information regarding the season will be shared. The IMG Football (7-a-side) Captains Welcome Evening will take place at:

Location: Small Chemistry Lecture Theatre, Main Building, Cardiff University.

Date: Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019.

Time: 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm

## **Results Procedure**

Points are awarded as follows:

Win	3 points
Draw	1 point
Loss	0 points

Following each match, Football (11-a-side) team captains must submit their results via the IMG Football (11-a-side) Captains 2019-2020 Facebook page.

## **League Standings**

In the event teams are tied on points the following criteria will be applied to decide final league position:

1. Goal difference
2. Most goals scored
3. Head-to-head result
4. \*In the event teams are still tied at top of the table in Phase 2 after the above criteria has been applied, a playoff fixture shall be played to determine league winners should the schedule allow. Should the schedule not allow for a playoff fixture, the tied teams will share the IMG league title.

The above criteria will also be used when placing teams into Phase 2 leagues following the completion of Phase 1. In the event goal difference, number of goals scored and head-to-head results being tied, teams will be placed into Phase 2 leagues at the discretion of IMG.

## **Fixture Times**

Matches must start on time as pitches/courts are booked to strict time slots, failure to do so will result in shorter matches.

## **Equipment & Kit**

Team members must all wear tops/bibs of the same colour. In the event of a colour clash the second named team will be required to change/wear bibs.

Each Football (11-a-side) team requires one full-size goal net, which is the responsibility of each team to provide. This needs to be taken to all fixtures, where the other net will be supplied by the opposing team. Both teams are required to take a match ball.

## **First Aid Provision**

First aid assistance is available from the designated first aiders based at Pontcanna and Blackweir Fields. Accidents/incidents will be recorded by the first aider and reported to sport centre staff at Cardiff University Sports Training Village following the incident.

## **Referees**

Please ensure that the officials are respected at all times, teams failing to do so face sanctions.

Teams are required to provide three referees during their 'refereeing week', who are allocated to fixtures by IMG. Teams failing to provide a referee for fixtures face point deductions and/or dismissal from the league without refund. If your referee does not turn up, please notify [IMG@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:IMG@cardiff.ac.uk).

## **Cancellation of Fixtures**

Teams are not permitted to cancel or postpone fixtures, unless with prior agreement from IMG and only in extreme circumstances. Sufficient notice, of at least two weeks should be provided. Where a sufficient reason and notice (as stated above) are provided, IMG will attempt to re-schedule the fixture. IMG reserve the right to cancel, postpone and re-arrange fixtures with less than two weeks' notice.

Teams cancelling scheduled fixtures with less than two weeks' notice, entitle their opponent with the right to a walkover (3 points/5-0 walkover). IMG would prefer that games do go ahead where possible and hope that captains are co-operative in finding a mutually convenient time to play the fixture. Please note that pitch charges are not covered by IMG and referees are not provided by IMG for games re-scheduled with less than two weeks' notice and are not in extreme circumstances. Team captains should inform IMG ([IMG@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:IMG@cardiff.ac.uk)) of the re-arranged date/time as soon as this is known, as well as the score following the fixture.

Fixtures may be cancelled due to adverse weather. Teams will be notified of any cancellations via email and/or the IMG Football (11-a-side) Captains 2019-2020 Facebook page. In this instance, fixtures will be re-scheduled and affected teams notified.

IMG Football (11-a-side) teams must be fully aware that the marked pitches at Pontcanna and Blackweir Fields must not be used when IMG fixtures have been called off. Any teams found doing so will be removed from the league without refund.

## **Non-Attendance**

In the event that a team doesn't turn up for a fixture, 3 points/5-0 walkover will be awarded to the team in attendance.

Continued non-attendance to IMG league fixtures will incur the following penalties:

- 1 match              Warning
- 2 matches          3 point deduction
- 3 matches          Dismissal from the league with no refund

## **Pre-Season**

The council pitches are available to use Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October (2:00 pm – 4:00 pm) for IMG pre-season i.e. training session or friendly match. Teams must organise this themselves. Pitches are not allocated for pre-season and are first come first served – we ask teams not playing a friendly to only use half a pitch.

## **Competition Disputes**

In the event of a dispute, a report must be submitted by the captains of both teams involved and from the referee where applicable. Reports must be sent to [IMG@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:IMG@cardiff.ac.uk).

## **Respect**

IMG provides recreational, fun and competitive sports leagues. Teams participating in IMG should demonstrate good sporting behaviour and show respect to the opposition/fellow students/officials/staff and the facilities.

All IMG members must adhere to the IMG Social & Behaviour Policy 2019-2020.

## **Captains Facebook Page**

Teams are only permitted to have 2 members on the IMG Football (11-a-side) Captains 2019-2020 Facebook page. This page is used to support the administration and management of the IMG Football (11-a-side) leagues. Teams must nominate members by emailing [IMG@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:IMG@cardiff.ac.uk) and/or via submitting the relevant IMG Registration Form. IMG will only accept member requests by individuals who have completed the above nomination instructions.

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/506760766002332/>

## **Photography**

By taking part in IMG all players consent to the use of photography/filming which may be used by Cardiff University Sport and/or Cardiff University Students' Union for marketing purposes. If any team member does not wish to be included in any photography/filming, please give prior notice by notifying IMG ([IMG@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:IMG@cardiff.ac.uk)).

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## IMG Football (11-a-side) League Rules & Regulations

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### League Information (2019-2020)

<b>Team Entry Fee</b>	<b>£350 per team</b> *£175 Phase 1 fee due by Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 **£175 Phase 2 fee due by Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January 2020
<b>Location</b>	Pontcanna and Blackweir Fields (Cardiff Council owned) *Please refer to IMG pitch maps*
<b>Dates/Times</b>	Wednesday Afternoon (2:00 pm kick off)
<b>Fixture Length</b>	x2 45 minute halves*
<b>League Capacity</b>	28 Teams

### Player Eligibility

All players must be registered via the IMG Team Registration Form. All participants must be male Cardiff University students or staff. Players must be able to produce Cardiff University student/staff ID card to IMG staff on request.

### Terms & Conditions

Teams must only contain eligible and registered players registered.

Teams and players must practice good sporting behaviour and values, respecting the officials/fellow students/the opponents/staff and the facilities.

All participants and spectators must ensure that no litter is left on or around the pitches.

Alcohol must not be consumed during IMG sessions or fixtures under any circumstances.

IMG participation data will be shared and used by both Cardiff University Sport and Cardiff University Students' Union.

### Adverse Weather

If adverse weather causes a significant delay in completing Phase 1 fixtures, then the Phase 2 scheduled start date and payment deadline may be subject to change. Back-to-back fixtures of 2x60 minute games will be played if the league schedule has been significantly disrupted by adverse weather and pitch cancellations.



## **Competition Rules**

Games are to be played in accordance with FIFA laws of football, with the following exceptions:

- Games are officiated by a volunteer referee from a team in a different league, allocated by IMG. Each team will have 1 'refereeing week' in each phase, where teams must provide 3 volunteer referees to officiate 3 fixtures allocated by IMG.
- Matches will be 45 minutes each way\* with a 10 minute half time interval. It is the responsibility of both teams to be ready to start matches on time. \*Games will be 45 minutes each way unless stipulated by IMG that back-to-back fixtures are to be played, as explained above.
- Should unsporting behaviour and/or values be observed by the referees, or red card(s) be issued, the officials will inform [IMG@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:IMG@cardiff.ac.uk) and IMG will act accordingly should any disciplinary sanction be required.
- IMG Football (11-a-side) teams must be fully aware that the marked pitches at Pontcanna and Blackweir Fields must not be used when IMG fixtures have been called off. Any teams found doing so will be removed from the league without refund.



## IMG FOOTBALL (11-A-SIDE) PITCH MAP

(UPDATED AUGUST 2019)

