



# GAMEON!

Staffordshire Social Merit League Pilot 2019/2020

## Code of Conduct

### Purpose of the Programme

To offer more opportunities for social teams to play and become sustainable via pre-arranged fixtures to suit the format of the teams visiting and officials.

### When are Fixtures played?

One fixture will be allocated a month.  
A host club will entertain 2 other teams.

### Time/Dates of fixtures

Stated on Fixture List  
Friday Night games are permitted so long as both visiting team contacts agree 4 weeks in advance.

### Formats of the Game on offer:

A flexible approach is needed but favoured options are:

1. XV a Side – three x 40 minute thirds so each team involved plays 80 mins.
2. Reduced Numbers i.e. 13 v 13
3. X Pitch/Smaller Pitch 7s – as required
4. 10 a side with 10 a side rules
5. Option for two clubs to join to facilitate a XV a side fixture.

### Points System:

Away Team Arrived with:  
Min 15 players = 4 points  
Min 7 players = 2 points

Each Day carries a further 6 points dependent on results.

If 3 games played then 2 points for a win per game 1 point for a Draw per game.

If 1 game played then 4 points for the winner and 2 for the loser. 3 points for a draw (any joint team then points awarded accordingly by Merit League organiser)

The **HALF GAME** rule will apply to all games where substitutes are involved.

### **Reporting Results**

Each club will need to enter fixtures via GMS ensuring the staggered KO times are entered.

Via a WhatsApp group the club contact will update with all results from the fixture(s).

Key Information required:

Who won each fixture?

How many total players were on each team?

If teams were mixed how many Players from the participating clubs were involved in each game?

The Pilot Organisers will make sure the table is updated by the following Monday afternoon.

Scores can be recorded but will not be included in the overall league standings.

League standings will be shown on the Staffordshire Rugby Union web site as well as being sent out via WhatsApp.

League Trophy will be presented to the winner at the final fixture if possible or alternative arrangements will be made for presentation at a suitable club/CB event.

### **Referees**

The Home club is responsible for refereeing with the appropriate society.

All fixtures need to be uploaded on to Whose the Ref.

If a full event is run then a Referee will potentially work for 3x40 min games.

If a referee NOT available then HOME side must provide a suitable referee.

If a referee can still not be found then other clubs within the fixture should provide suitable referees (a 2 point bonus will be awarded to the club providing the referee)

### **Weather**

If the host club's pitches are unplayable but any of the other 2 teams are available and playable then the fixture moves to the club with the available pitch.

If both alternate pitches are available then the "second" team will host the fixture.

Should the fixture be postponed by all 3 teams due to weather then every effort should be made to get the fixture on the following week with the priority to the host club then the 1<sup>st</sup> names away team in the fixture.