**Newport Junior**

**Football League**

**NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER2023**

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**CONDUCT & BEHAVIOUR**

It is very sad that I must start this Newsletter to talk about the disgraceful conduct & behaviour that is happening week in week out at our football matches.

The disrespect shown to referees and club referees is an utter disgrace. These people are doing this job so the children of Newport can play football. A lot of this disrespect is from coaches and parents on the side line.

League officers have been out to many games since the start of the season including Monmouthshire League games and have had to witness this terrible behaviour.

I can only say that this must stop **NOW**. We as a league are going to take a hard stance with offenders. As League Officers we have had to attend many meetings regarding this issue and have made the following decisions with the approval of the Gwent County FA.

Mini teams and players may face suspensions from all football activities if found guilty of any offences. Parents and spectators may also face the same suspension. You might say we cannot stop people from entering a public park. Quite right, but they will have to stay well away from the football game. If caught it is the club that may face financial penalties.

Competitive teams may face a deduction in points and heavy fines if they are found guilty of any misconduct at games.

**BEHIND THE LINE**

Behind the line is a rule. After going to many games already this season it seems most clubs are not adhering to this rule. This is the final warning from now on fines will be sent to all clubs not adhering to this rule.

When playing at the 3G players and coaches only are allowed in the playing area. All spectators’ parents must stay behind the barrier. At Cefn Wood 3G however no spectators are allowed inside of the cage. The same applies to the Welsh School 3G pitch.

Also, a message to coaches when at games. You must stay behind the side line. So many times, at matches coaches are halfway across the pitch. You must not enter the field of play. The referee has the right to send you off. Something that stops now.

**ID CARDS**

You might remember a few years ago the FAW run this system. Talks are in place at present to look at getting this reintroduced. By using the ID badges, it would make managers/coaches more recognisable to all at games.

**MINI TEAMS**

The cut off date to enter or take out mini teams from January to April 2024 is the **4th December** 2023. Please send these requests to Dave Bird. After the cut off date you will not be able to enter anymore teams unless there is a spare in that age group.

**SLIDING TACKLES**

Sliding tackles is something that we do not want to see in football. But recently whilst out watching the mini teams it seems to be the norm. Coaches, please instruct your players accordingly, this is very dangerous if players studs catch a players legs and could cause untold harm to players.

**CONFIRMING TEAM ON COMET**

You would have all received this information from Dave a few days ago. Anyone did not receive this information please contact me.

**CHANGE OF EMAIL ADDRESS**

I have changed my email address. So, from June 2023 I shall be using the following email address for all football related issues. My new email address will be [NJFLSec@gmail.com](mailto:NJFLSec@gmail.com)

**FAW WEB SITE**

Please check out the[FAW – Clwb Cymru](https://www.clwb.cymru/) website. An excellent site for all football clubs.

**WEB SITE**

Our new website is under construction we hope to have this up and running come the new year.

**Secretaries, please ensure that this Newsletter is distributed to all at your club including committee members**

**Managers – please show these Newsletters to your parents or direct them to our website**

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