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Dear all,

We are planning the return of Sheffield Christian Youth League on Friday 3rd October 2025.

Here is some information about the season ahead.

Fixtues and Information:

- You will find fixtures, league tables, information and forms at www.forgeyouth.com/scyl
- Fixtures usually go up weekly on a Monday before Fridays game. Games are 20 minutes per half.
- Games KO at 5pm, 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm. If you have a fixture time preference please tell us. We will try to help but can't guarantee the time you want.

Season Structure

- The season will run term time only from October through until around June 2026. This will consist of mainly league games but will also include 2 mini tournaments of which there will be a charge. Either towards charity or going back into running the league.
- The season will end with an awards evening with individual and team awards, food, video footage, games and prizes. It is expected that you make every effort to attend as a lot of hard work goes into organising the evening and the season.

Attitude and Behaviour

- We want SCYL to be a welcoming place to play for all young people to come and play football, whatever their background or ability. We want to take each young person on a journey to help them see how much better football is when playing with respect for each other.
- We value your player attitude and behaviour very highly. We try to encourage this by having a fair play point available every week for teams that conduct themselves in the right attitude towards, their teams, opposition and referees. This adds onto the league points total.

Cost:

- We don't want money to be barrier to young people enjoying football and that remains to be the case.
- However in recent years costs have skyrocketed. In the last 2 years alone our pitch hire costs have incrased by over 60%. We are asking if parents would consider a regular voluntary donation of £10 per month to helo SCYL continue.
- You can do this through filling out a form on www.forgeyouth.com/give and then setting it up on your internet banking.
- A separate letter will go out about this.

Consent Forms:

- Every player must have a consent form to play in the league. No form means no game. The forms need to be filled out online by parents. If you head to www.forgeyouth.com/scyl you will find a link to consent forms.

Our equipment:

- Bibs and balls are provided at the sessions. Teams can wear kits if they want to.
- Shinpads must be worn at the sessions. We will have some spares if anyone forgets.
- For those helping with refereeing, whistles and cards are available.

Volunteers:

- Our sessions cannot run without volunteers, and we really need help, particularly with refereeing games.
- We want to ask all our young people and parents to consider volunteering. This could be refereeing games, helping with teams or helping with administration on the night or during the week.
- Young people would only help with games in a younger age group.
- We are happy to provide references where people have volunteered and be part of peoples Duke Of Edinburgh volunteering.
- Anyone who wants to volunteer with us please get in touch!

Our Venue - Goodwin Sports Centre:

- We are on the 5-a-side pitches at Goodwin Sports Centre, Northumberland Road, S10 2TY. You can get to the pitches by walking down the drive. You can either go straight to the bottom and turn right to go around the building to the pitches on the other side. Or you can go through the building entrance on the bottom right hand side, walking straight through the building to the other side.
- Changing facilities are available but we encourage you to arrive ready. Toilets and a water bottle filler are available at the centre.
- Your attitude around the centre is as important as on the pitch. Please think about other users of the centre and respect the facilities and staff. We will have to consider peoples attendance if they cannot manage to do so.

Arrival On The Day:

- Ensure you have checked your fixture time on www.forgeyouth.com/scyl
- Please arrive on time and ready to play at the main gate for the pitches and wait outside the pitches until the time of your kick off unless there is an empty pitch available.
- You concede 1 goal fore very 5 minutes you are not ready for the kick off time. There is no room for extending the game time. If you are late, the time you have to play reduces.

After The Game:

- At the end of your game leave the pitches to allow other teams on the pitch. You are welcome to stick around if there is a spare 5 a side pitch available during our booking time (5-8). Just ask one of the team members if one is free. Everyone must leave by 8pm.
- Please ensure you leave respectfully, not walking across other pitch bookings.
- Ensure that someone on your team (which may be your team leader) has texted the following to 07432139664:
    - Team name
    - All players that attended (first and last name)

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    - The goal scorers.
- Do this on the same evening. This is important information we need. If this is not received by Monday 9am, your team will lose a point.

Spectators:

- Family and friends are allowed to watch but they are there to watch and encourage their team. They are regarded as part of your team and so how they conduct themselves will impact any fairplay point you might receive and may be asked to leave if behaviour is not appropriate.
- All spectators will also need to sign in on arrival.

Attendance:

- We understand that sometimes teams cannot fulfil their fixture, but we cannot usually find time to reschedule so it will go down as a loss to your team.
- Please do your upmost to attend your fixtures. When teams do not turn up it is disrespectful and annoying for the opposition who have turned up.
- You need to let us know by 12pm on the Friday of the game. Before this time will go down as a 3-0 loss, after this time or no communication will go down as a 10-0 loss. Consistent non-attendance may mean removal from the league.

What do I do if I am short of players?

Throughout the season we want teams to have the same group of players playing together each week. This helps build team identity and makes the league fair.

However, we recognise that sometimes teams can be short of players. Where possible, we want to make sure that the games can still be played in this situation. In helping fulfil fixtures we ask teams to uphold some kindness and fair play as part of the league's ethos. Below are some options, guidelines and rules in this situation that need to be followed:

- Bring in new players. These are new players that are not usually part of your team and who are not already part of SCYL. You only need to make sure you include their full name when you message in the register and that they have filled out a consent form.
- Borrow players from another SCYL team but only within the below rules:
    - You need to seek permission from the opposition before kick off to borrow a player from another SCYL team. Without permission, they cannot play. Please do not start the game until this is confirmed with the opposition AND the referee.
    - You cannot borrow more than 2 players from another SCYL team. If your team turns up with less than 3 players, any game played will be a friendly, with points going to the opposition.
    - You cannot borrow more players than you need to make a team (5 players). For example, if you have 4 players, you may only borrow 1 player.
    - **Any points gained by a team from not complying to these rules will result in these points being reversed and given to the other team.**
- Borrow a player from the opposition. The opposition might be willing to lend a player in some situations to ensure a even game.

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- The opposition drops a team member. For example, if a team has 4 players, the opposition might be willing to drop down to 4 to make it an even game.
- Play the game with less players. For example, if you only have 4 players, you play 5v4.

If you have any questions, please use the contact details at the top of the page.

Many thanks,
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