



RISHTON UNITED F.C.

League Key Reminders — 2026/27 Season (at a glance)

Contacting the Opposition

Home team contacts away team by **Wednesday**. Kit colours confirmed by **Friday** if a clash is possible — the **away team changes kit or wears bibs**.

Player Registration

Deadline: **5:00pm Friday**. Registered later = **not eligible Saturday**.

Fixtures

Issued in **four-week blocks**; larger groups introduced for planning.

- **No half-term breaks**
- Players away on holiday? Submit a **postponement request**

Kick-Off Time Changes

Consult the away team first. The league will normally approve home-team requests where possible.

Postponements

Can be submitted **well in advance** — no need to wait until the week before.

- **U7–U11**: unlimited
- **U12–U18**: max 3

Cup matches cannot be postponed.

Squad & Team Sheets

All teams: squad sheet available for the referee (**printed or on a phone**).

U12–U18: handwritten team sheet with **player name + shirt number** — referees will ask before matches.

Respect Barriers

Must be in place, at least **1.5m from the touchline**.

Referee Fees

Paid **before the match** — **cash only**. Please don't ask referees about bank transfer.

No Referee Appointed?

U7–U11: teams agree between themselves; can be shared.

U12–U18: both teams agree a nominated referee who does **the entire match**.

Technical Areas (U12–U18)

Two clearly marked areas. Managers/coaches stay within them — no running the touchline.

Submitting Results (U12–U18)

Results + match reports by **midnight Saturday**. SMS in correct format (resubmission overrides).

Match Day App: max **9 starters** (9v9) / **11 starters** (11v11); record all subs who played.

League Breaks & Season End

Only breaks: **Easter Saturday + two weeks at Christmas**. Submit holiday postponements early.

- **U7–U11**: season ends **end of April 2027**
- **U12–U18**: season ends **end of May 2027**

Cup final dates not yet confirmed.

Moving Divisions (U7–U11)

No moves until at least **four weeks of fixtures** played. Teams won't be moved just for losing 4-0 or 2-0 each week.