

**Midland Football**

**League**

**Guide to Finance**

**Season 2023/2024**

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**Subscriptions, League Entry & Bonds**

1. Invoices for Subscriptions, League Entry and Bonds will be issued shortly after the League AGM when the Clubs are confirmed in membership.
2. Clubs will pay an Annual Subscription each Season. The value will be set by the Board together with any changes to the normal 28 days in which to pay these. These now include the Cup Entry Fee of £40.

Premier Division £330

Division One £255

Other Divisions £225

1. New Clubs to the League will pay a one-off League Entry fee unless the Club has been laterally transferred to this League.

The value for Season 2023/2024 is **£135** per Team.

1. All new Clubs entering the Midland Football League will pay a Good Conduct Bond of **£300**.

Clubs leaving the League in future Seasons will be refunded their Bond less any outstanding commitments such as fines or equalisation.

1. **DEADLINES**

All invoices issued must be paid within 28 days.

The Board of Directors may at their discretion vary the time allowed to pay invoices subject to adverse conditions such as Season curtailment or Government restrictions.

Any Club which has trouble in making payment should contact the Treasurer at their earliest convenience.

**ANY QUERIES** please contact the Treasurer, treasurer@midlandfootballleague.co.uk

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**Registrations & Transfers**

* All registrations and transfers will be made through the Whole Game System.
* Clubs in Premier and Division are required to complete and retain Registration forms for all players
* Each registration will cost **£2**.
* Each transfer will cost **£6**.
* Where a Club cancels the registration of a Non-Contract Player for any reason whatsoever, the Club must enter the cancellation on the WGS. The fee for cancelling a registration will cost **£4**.
* Invoices for registrations and transfers will be sent periodically through the Season.
* Other Fees are: -

Sporting Sanctions appeal £50

Appeal to MFL Board £50

Appeal to the FA £50

Appeal by player £40

Appeal by Club £50

Arbitration £50

**Fines**

1. There are many reasons for Fines to be raised. The tariff links below show the fines applicable and their range of severity.

Steps 5 & 6 – Premier and Division One [Fines Tariff Step 5&6.docx](../../Season%202023-2024/Fines%20Tariff%20Step%205&6.docx)

Step 7 & below – Division’s Two, Three, Reserves and Under 21 [Fines Tariff Step 7+.docx](../../Season%202023-2024/Fines%20Tariff%20Step%207+.docx)

1. The most common fines have been incomplete match reports, ineligible players. late payment of invoices and failing to notify the result and/or postponements of County Cup or outside Cup Fixtures which is your responsibility even where you are the away team.
2. Discipline notices will be issued by the Discipline Secretary with 7 days to reply. If no reply is made, disciplines will automatically be proven. Where a reply is made, the discipline will go before a disciplinary committee made up of Division Club reps and League Officers. Clubs will be notified of the outcome in due course and fines will be invoiced periodically through the season.
3. Discipline is taken very seriously and Club Reps will be happy to assist Clubs in trying to minimise the number of fines that are issued.

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**Match Officials Expenses & Equalisation**

1. The fees for Season 2023/2024 are as follows:-

Premier Division and Division One – Referee **£60.00**; Assistant Referees **£40.00** each

Match officials appointed shall be entitled to charge standard class public transport expenses or private car expenses of **30p per mile** for single travel up to a maximum of **£25**, **35p per mile** for dual travel to a maximum of **£35** or **45p per mile** for treble travel up to a maximum of **£60**.

**No club to pay more than a grand total of £60.00 travel expenses for any match.**

Match Officials must endeavour, where possible, to travel together to their appointments. Any official who fails to comply with this instruction must give their reasons, when asked, to the Match Officials Secretary.

All Other Divisions – Referee **£65.00**; Assistant Referees **£32.50** each, **inclusive of travel**.

1. The fees and expenses for the MFL League Cup shall be the same as the Premier Division.

All other Cups fees and expenses shall be the same as All Other Divisions

1. Match Officials will be encouraged to travel together whenever possible.
2. It is very important to enter the expenses paid onto the Full-Time system.
3. After the end of the season, the expenses for Premier and Division One will be equalised to ensure these Clubs pay only the same amounts as others in their Division.
4. An average for each Division will be calculated and then each Club’s expenses are compared against the average which means some Clubs will need to pay more up to the average and others may receive a refund.

**Annual Dinner**

1. The League holds an Annual Dinner event on 1st June 2024 to recognise and reward Clubs that have been successful in that Season.
2. Clubs are encouraged to bring their Trophies and Cups to form the centre piece of the event.
3. Annual awards are made for Manager of the Year, Leading goal scorers, Player of the Year, Programme of the Year, Hospitality awards and Fair Play awards. The awards are compiled from information entered on the Full-Time system so it is important to make sure this completed fully after every match. It is important that notified winners attend the Dinner to collect their awards and receive recognition of their achievements.
4. Premier Division Clubs shall take, and pay for, a minimum of **4** tickets for the Annual Dinner at the price stated by the Board. All Other Division shall take, and pay for a minimum of **2** tickets. If a Club is unable to attend there will be no refund or credit. Invoices for the minimum number of tickets will be issued in the spring in advance of the dinner. Extra tickets can always be ordered up to a week prior to the event. The Board may alter the quantity and price of tickets at their discretion.

1. Due to the increasing number of wasted Dinners through Clubs not notifying the organiser in advance of non-attendance, Clubs may be subject to a fine or other sanction to be decided by the Board.

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