

**W**ELL, here we go again. It only feels like yesterday that we were finishing last season's competition.

This season's Fantasy Non-League will again only cost you £5 to enter. The FNL 2024/25 entry deadline will be midnight on Saturday, August 31, 2024. It is very important that you read the rules very closely as I am making some changes to the competition this season.

Again, this season the EARLY ENTRY BONUS is in play, which is being increased to 1,000pts. This is always a difficult subject and gauging what this should be is not easy.

Last season, the highest position at the end of the season of a team that entered before the season started was 52nd. They finished the season 2,469pts behind the FNL 2023/24 winner.

I had thought about dropping the Early Entry Bonus and starting the competition from Saturday, August 31, but it was pointed out to me that this course of action would hinder The Mixtures leagues as those three weeks of August feature at least two rounds of the FA Cup.

Therefore, I have decided to stick with the Early Entry Bonus and everyone will start scoring points from the start of the season on Saturday, August 10.

So, how does the Early Entry Bonus work? Well, if you enter the competition before 12pm noon on Saturday August 10 you will receive those EARLY ENTRY BONUS points.

I still get emails and calls commenting on the fact that we allow people to enter the competition nearly four weeks into the season.

Ideally, I would love to start the competition before the season starts but if we did, we would only have around half the players we normally get. My normal answer to everyone that asks this question is everyone can start either before the season starts or before the deadline at the end of August. In fact, I know that many players enter at least two teams – one before the season starts and one before the deadline at 3pm on Saturday, August 31.

There will again be Manager of the Month awards. In total, there will be eight of these with the last one being April 2025.

# FANTASY NON-LEAGUE 2024-25

## PRIZE MONEY 2024-25

**OVERALL WINNER**  
**£1,000!**  
**2ND £500, 3RD £250,**  
**BOTTOM £500**

**MANAGER OF THE MONTH**  
**1ST £25, 2ND £10,**  
**3RD £5, BOTTOM £10**

However, again this season the first Manager of the Month will be for the month of September.

At the end of the season, there will be cash prizes for the top three places and once again we will have my personal favourite, a prize for finishing bottom, so why not enter two teams, one to win it and one to lose it? If you have never tried to finish bottom then give it a go, it is not easy.

Again, this season you will be competing for the Barrie New Bottom Spot! (If you are planning to try and finish bottom can I suggest that you enter after the season starts so there is no chance of me accidentally giving you the Early Entry Bonus).

Every season I like to make a few changes to the competition and this season is no different. This season there will be five changes, so please make sure to take note of these.

● The biggest change this season is the introduction of two more leagues. I have decided to revamp The Mixture part of the competition. The reason for this is that it has become more difficult to choose just 24 teams.

The Mixture will become three leagues of 24 teams. The Northern Mixture (eight teams from each of the three Step 4 divisions). The Isthmian Mixture (eight teams from each of the three Step 4 divisions). The Southern Mixture (12 teams from each of the two Step 4 divisions).

● As stated above the Early Entry Bonus is being increased to 1,000pts.

● I am dropping the bonus teams as they have caused some confusion. Therefore, this season you will need to pick three

teams from each of the ten leagues (30 teams) and I will be increasing the jokers from three to five teams.

● In previous seasons I have been awarding 25 and -25pts to the best and worst performing teams in each month. This season this will change to 30, 15 and 7pts for the top best performing teams each month and -30, -15 & -7pts for the bottom three worst performing clubs each month.

● This season I have also decided to alter the End of Season Bonus points. I will be awarding the top three and bottom three in each league the following 250, 125 & 60pts for the top three and -250, -125 & -60pts for the bottom three. The cup competitions and the Play-Offs will remain the same.

### THE RULES FOR FNL 2024/25

(Please read these very carefully).

You will need to choose three teams from each of the ten leagues. (Which will give you a total of 30 teams). Then you will need to nominate your five FNL JOKER TEAMS from the 30 teams you have already picked.

Those five teams will mean that you will receive double points throughout the season. That will include all bonuses awarded during the season, it will also include the End of Season bonuses.

Also, if you wish you can pick five substitute teams, but these five teams must be on your FNL 2024/25 Entry Form at the start of the season. (More on the substitutes later in this season's rules).

### POINTS ALLOCATION, IN ALL TEN LEAGUES LEAGUE & CUP GAMES

Home win = 10pts + goals Away win = 20pts + goals

Home Draw = 2pt + goals Away Draw = 4pts + goals

Home Defeat = -10pts Away defeat = -5pts

Every goal scored = 1pt (This counts if your team wins, draws or loses).

Every goal conceded (Win & Defeat only) -1pt. Goal Bonus Points = 5pts (This is awarded if your teams score 4 or more goals).

Clean Sheet Bonus = 5pts (This is awarded for both wins and 0-0 draws).

Concede 4 goals = -5pts (This does not apply to drawn games).

(Two-legged ties count as two separate games. Cup replays that go to penalties. The penalties are only used to decide the winner. No points are awarded for the penalties scored).

### BONUS POINTS FOR REACHING VARIOUS ROUNDS IN EACH CUP COMPETITION

For reaching the FA Cup 1st round proper and each round beyond = 25pts.

For reaching the Quarter-finals and each round beyond in all the other cups that are involved in the competition which are listed below = 25pts.

### LEAGUE LEADERS & BOTTOM CLUB BONUS

At the end of each month up to and including April 2025 the top three teams leading each of the ten leagues will be awarded 30pts, 15pts & 7pts respectively.

The bottom three teams of the ten leagues will be awarded -30pts, -15pts & -7pts

respectively. The Mixture bonus points will be allocated based on the top three and worst three teams over the leagues that are included in The Mixture Leagues. (Please remember and this is important these bonus points will only count towards the main FNL season total and not the Manager of the Month points).

### MANAGER OF THE MONTH BONUS POINTS

Each month the best and worst team in each of the ten leagues will be awarded 30, 15 & 7pts & -30, -15 & -7pts respectively. (These bonus points only count in the Manager of the Month calculations).

### PLAY-OFF GAMES

The actual Play-Off games themselves will be awarded points as if they were league games. The Play-Off Final winners will be awarded 150pts for gaining promotion. (These points will be awarded at the end of the season).

### END OF SEASON BONUS POINTS

(These points will be awarded at the end of the FNL Season in May 2025).

All League Champions will receive 250pts for winning their respective leagues. Second place will get 125pts and third place will receive 60pts.

The bottom team in each league at the end of the season's Fantasy Non-League will be awarded -250pts.

Second from bottom -125pts and third from bottom -60pts.

Cup Winners will receive 250pts for the FA Trophy and 150pts for the other Cups.

Play-Off Winners will receive 50pts.

Remember if your FNL Joker team get these bonuses they will be doubled, for example a league champion picked in July 2024 at the start of the FNL Season will win you 500pts.

The Mixture Leagues will be awarded the End of Season Bonuses based on the FNL Points scored over the season. However, if any of the other clubs in The Mixture wins their respective league or get relegated, they will receive 150pts or -150pts. This will be halved if you sub the respective teams in the transfer window.

Substituted teams will be awarded half the End of Season bonus points & the full Play-Off Winners bonus.

The following Leagues and Cup competitions will be involved in this season's Fantasy Non-League

National League - FA Cup and FA Trophy.

National North - FA Cup and FA Trophy.

National South - FA Cup and FA Trophy.

Northern Premier - FA Cup, FA Trophy and League Cup.

Isthmian Premier - FA Cup, FA Trophy and League Cup.

Southern Premier Central - FA Cup, FA Trophy and League Cup.

Southern Premier South - FA Cup, FA Trophy and League Cup.

The Mixture Leagues - FA Cup, FA Trophy, League Cups.

### USE OF SUBSTITUTIONS.

As stated above, you can select five substitutes on your FNL 2024/25 Entry Forms and out of those five substitutes you can use all five substitutes. Again, this season there will be only one substitution window and that will be during the month of December 2024 with your selected changes taking effect from January 1, 2025.

Details on how to use your substitutions will be released nearer the time during the month of November. Please also note you can change your FNL Joker teams on January 1, 2025 if you wish, but this will count as one of your substitutions.

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Fantasy Non-League*

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## 2024/25 ENTRY FORM

NATIONAL LEAGUE			NATIONAL LEAGUE NORTH			NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH			NORTHERN PREMIER			ISTHMIAN PREMIER		
Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick
AFC Fylde	1		Alfreton Tn	25		Aveley	49		Ashton Utd	73		Billericay Tn	95	
Aldershot Tn	2		Brackley Tn	26		Bath City	50		Bamber Bridge	74		Bognor Regis Tn	96	
Altrincham	3		Buxton FC	27		Boreham Wood	51		Basford United	75		Bowers & Pitsea	97	
Barnet FC	4		Chester FC	28		Chelmsford City	52		Blyth Spartans	76		Canvey Island	98	
Boston Utd	5		Chorley	29		Chesham Utd	53		FC United Of Man	77		Carshalton Athletic	99	
Braintree Tn	6		Curzon Ashton	30		Chippenham Tn	54		Gainsborough T	78		Chatham Tn	100	
Dagenham & Red	7		Darlington FC 1883	31		Dorking Wanderers	55		Guiseley	79		Cheshunt FC	101	
Eastleigh	8		Farsley Celtic	32		Eastbourne Bor	56		Hebburn Tn	80		Chichester City	102	
Ebbsfleet Utd	9		Hereford FC	33		Enfield Tn	57		Hyde Utd	81		Cray Valley Pm	103	
FC Halifax Tn	10		Kidderminster H	34		Farnborough	58		Ilkeston Tn	82		Cray Wanderers	104	
Forest Green Rvrs	11		King's Lynn Tn	35		Hampton & Rich	59		Lancaster City	83		Dartford FC	105	
Gateshead FC	12		Leamington	36		Hemel Hempstead	60		Leek Tn	84		Dover Athletic	106	
Hartlepool Utd	13		Marine	37		Hornchurch	61		Macclesfield	85		Dulwich Hamlet	107	
Maidenhead Utd	14		Needham Market	38		Maidstone Utd	62		Matlock Tn	86		Folkstone Invicta	108	
Oldham Athletic	15		Oxford City	39		Salisbury FC	63		Mickleover FC	87		Hashtag Utd	109	
Rochdale	16		Peterborough Sp	40		Slough Tn	64		Morpeth Tn	88		Hastings Utd	110	
Solihull Moors	17		Radcliffe FC	41		St Albans City	65		Prescot Cables	89		Hendon FC	111	
Southend United	18		Rushall Olympic	42		Tonbridge Angels	66		Stockton Tn	90		Horsham FC	112	
Sutton Utd	19		Scarborough Ath	43		Torquay Utd	67		Warrington Rylands	91		Lewes	113	
Tamworth	20		Scunthorpe Utd	44		Truro City	68		Whitby Tn	92		Potters Bar Tn	114	
Wealdstone	21		South Shields	45		Welling Utd	69		Workington AFC	93		Whitehawk	115	
Woking	22		Southport	46		Weston-s-Mare	70		Workshop Tn	94		Wingate & Finchley	116	
Yeovil Tn	23		Spennymoor Tn	47		Weymouth	71							
York City	24		Warrington Tn	48		Worthing	72							

SOUTH PREMIER CENTRAL			SOUTH PREMIER SOUTH			THE NORTHERN MIXTURE			THE ISTHMIAN MIXTURE			THE SOUTHERN MIXTURE		
Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick
AFC Sudbury	117		AFC Totton	139		Belper Tn	161		Ascot Utd	185		AFC Dunstable	209	
AFC Telford Utd	118		Basingstoke Tn	140		Bishop Auckland	162		Farnham Tn	186		Barton Rovers	210	
Alvechurch	119		Bracknell Tn	141		Bradford (PA)	163		Guernsey FC	187		Beaconsfield Tn	211	
Banbury Utd	120		Chertsey Tn	142		Consett FC	164		Hartley Wintney	188		Flackwell Heath	212	
Barwell	121		Dorchester Tn	143		Emley FC	165		Hayes & Yeading	189		Hadley FC	213	
Bedford Tn	122		Frome Tn	144		Grimsby Borough	166		Moneyfields FC	190		Kings Langley	214	
Biggleswade Tn	123		Gloucester City	145		Newton Aycliffe	167		Uxbridge FC	191		Leverstock Green	215	
Bishop's Stortford	124		Gosport Borough	146		Sheffield FC	168		Westfield FC	192		North Leigh FC	216	
Bromsgrove Sp	125		Hanwell Tn	147		Chasetown FC	169		Basildon Utd	193		Northwood FC	217	
Halesowen Tn	126		Havant & Water'ville	148		City Of Liverpool	170		Cambridge City	194		Real Bedford	218	
Harborough Tn	127		Hungerford Tn	149		Hednesford Tn	171		Gorleston FC	195		Thame Utd	219	
Hitchin Tn	128		Marlow FC	150		Mossley FC	172		Grays Athletic	196		Ware FC	220	
Kettering Tn	129		Merthyr Tn	151		Nantwich Tn	173		Maldon & Tiptree	197		Bashley FC	221	
Leiston FC	130		Plymouth Parkway	152		Newcastle Tn	174		Sporting Bengal U	198		Bideford FC	222	
Lowestoft Tn	131		Poole Tn	153		Stafford Rangers	175		Tilbury FC	199		Cinderford Tn	223	
Redditch Utd	132		Sholing FC	154		Widnes FC	176		Wroxham FC	200		Cribbs FC	224	
Royston Tn	133		Swindon S	155		AFC Rushden & D	177		AFC Croydon	201		Falmouth Tn	225	
Spalding Utd	134		Taunton Tn	156		Boldmere St Mi's	178		Burgess Hill Tn	202		Helston Athletic	226	
St. Ives Tn	135		Tiverton Tn	157		Grantham Tn	179		Deal Tn	203		Larkhall Athletic	227	
Stamford AFC	136		Walton & Hersham	158		Lye Tn	180		Eastbourne Tn	204		Mousehole FC	228	
Stourbridge	137		Wimborne Tn	159		RC Warwick	181		Herne Bay	205		Shaftesbury FC	229	
Stratford Tn	138		Winchester City	160		Walsall Wood	182		Margate FC	206		Tavistock FC	230	
						Wellingborough T	183		Steyning Tn Com	207		Thatcham Tn	231	
						Worcester City	184		Three Bridges FC	208		Westbury Utd	232	

**PICK THREE TEAMS FROM EACH LEAGUE (30 TEAMS) AND FIVE JOKERS. THE JOKERS MUST BE FIVE TEAMS YOU HAVE ALREADY PICKED.**

### MY FIVE SUBSTITUTE CLUBS ARE:

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### WHICH TEAM DO YOU SUPPORT IN THE REAL WORLD?

**YOU SHOULD HAVE 30 TEAMS IN TOTAL  
(THREE FROM EACH OF THE 10 LEAGUES AND 5 JOKER TEAMS).  
THE 5 JOKERS MUST BE TEAMS YOU HAVE ALREADY PICKED**

**Deadline for entry is 3pm Saturday, August 31 2024.**

**The game starts on Saturday, July 27 2024.**

**Entries before the season starts on Saturday, 27th July 2024 get 1,000 bonus points.**

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**Address:** .....

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