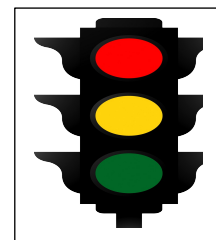
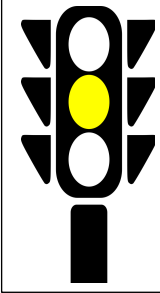
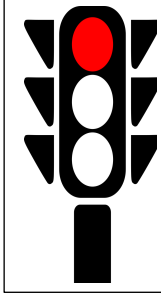




Traffic Light System Guidelines – Season 2026/27



The Traffic Light System (TLS) is an initiative by the SDJSL put in place to improve behaviours. This approach is to empower and assist clubs and to ensure that all involved have the best experience.

	Good respect scores, No reported problems. Good role		Low respect scores. reported incident.		Referee Incident. Serious incident. Escalation from yellow	<u>Black</u> Meeting with SDJSL / CFA with possible removal from the league
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There are three ways to trigger entry/movement in the Traffic Light System

Automatic red triggers

Reports of Referee Abuse Spectators entering field of play. Serious incidents on the pitch

Automatic Yellow Triggers

Reported misconduct Reports from League Welfare officers Low respect scores

Teams stay on coloured status pending Investigation outcome.

The duration spent on stages will vary, one incident will place a team on yellow for a minimum period of three months unless immediately actioned, (example; Manager/player removed from team.)

The red stage will be a period of six months (playing season).

If a second trigger happens whilst a team is on yellow then the status changes to red, two reds then equal black.

The response from clubs has been very encouraging already we see clubs actioning interventions following publication of last season's respect scores, as requested – respect scores will be sent to clubs and reviewed monthly by the TLS team.

Managers will be required to report an incident to their club secretary, CWO or Chair – these are the only people who can escalate incidents via the smart sheet Link.

This will ensure clubs are always in the loop with their teams and could intervene themselves if appropriate.

All incidents of poor behaviour/concerns can be reported on the following form;

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/d484d8b50db14781b45698512c021fce>



TLS Further Guidance

The main message regarding the TLS is to ensure it is utilised for best outcome for all involved.

Step by step guidance

If you experience any concerns during a fixture that you feel the SDJSL need to be made aware about then please ensure you fill in the smart sheet link.

The TLS is in addition to the FA reporting system – please ensure both are used so we see an improvement in standards for the young people involved, (copy and paste on the forms is completely acceptable)

Reporting an Incident or concern.

Report to your club secretary/Club welfare and decide who will complete the smart sheet link.

This will ensure you receive immediate support or advice from your club.

When completing the form ensure you fill in to the best of your ability – it gives you the option to attach witness statements. Use the terminology used during the concern -it will not offend.

Keep details to description of the concerning event not the description of the fixture.

Ensure you record referee details so statements can be verified.

You will receive a notification to say the ticket has been picked up – no further action is required by yourself at this point. If any further information is required, you will be contacted.

You do not receive details of TLS outcome – so please do not request this.

Actions taken by clubs or the league are confidential to ensure GDPR compliance.

Having a report submitted about your team

First of all do not panic, the purpose of the TLS is to educate and ensure no repeat not to sanction unless absolutely necessary.

A report comes in, your club secretary is notified regarding the concern.

They contact you for a response – please ensure your respond in an open and honest fashion.

The league are aware problems arise – it is how these concerns are dealt with which has impact on the TLS outcome.

Interventions

All interventions will be aimed at empowering clubs and can vary according to specific need.

Empowered clubs knowing they have league and CFA support will be better able to manage concerns.

Clubs may need help with conduct forms – which will then help manage player/spectator behaviour.

Support at meetings, parents contacted directly if clubs have concerns or require additional support.

Access to refresher training – compulsory if required.

Safeguard training for spectators / parents to ensure the importance of understanding expectations.

Independent Match Observers (these reports will hold weight within the TLS investigation)

Spot checks by TLS team and/or CFA

Conversation and Education – some teams may not know what or where they are going wrong.

Interventions will be in response to incidents so can vary dramatically – all will be to ensure the best outcome.

Poor response from clubs will result in sanctions placed on teams until the league have reassurance there will be no repeat of undesirable behaviours.

Details of the appeal process can be found on the league website.
Any questions please contact teamstandardsmanager@junleague.com