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THIS season's Fantasy Non-League will again only cost you £5 to enter. The FNL 2021/22 entry deadline will be midnight on Tuesday August 31, 2021. It is very important that you read the rules very closely as I am making one change and introducing a new feature to the competition this season.

Coming back this season is the EARLY ENTRY BONUS which is worth 750pts. So, what does this mean? Well, if you enter the competition before NOON on Saturday, August 14 you will receive those EARLY ENTRY BONUS points. (Please note these points do not count in the first Manager of the Month).

There will again be Manager of the Month awards, three in total – the winner, the runner-up and the bottom team. (Please note that the first Manager of the Month will be a joint one taking in the months of August/September. In total, there will be eight Manager of the Month awards with the last one being another joint one for April/May.

At the end of the season there will be cash prizes for the top four 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!

Every season I like to make a few changes to the competition and this year is no different. This season there will be only one change and a new feature. (So please make sure to take note of the changes).

1. First, the change. This season there are no sections in the leagues. So that means this season you can pick any three teams you like from each league.

2. Now the new feature. Each season I ask you, the players, for any ideas to add to the game and this



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season I have decided to use one. This idea has come from AFC Ilson Magic. It is simple and if you choose correctly you could earn yourself 500 extra points at the end of the season. All you need to do is pick which two teams you think will be relegated from the EFL. Each one you get right will earn you 250pts. (There is a section on the entry form to enter your choices and these choices must be selected in August 2021 and can't be changed).

### THE RULES FOR FNL 2021/22: (Please read these very carefully)

1. You will need to choose 3 teams from each of the eight leagues. (Which will give you a total of 24 teams). Then you will need to nominate 3 BONUS TEAMS and they can come from any of the 8 leagues. (Please note the bonus teams are no different to the first 24 you have picked). Finally, you must pick your 3 FNL JOKER TEAMS from the 27 teams you have already picked. Those three teams 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 5 substitute teams, but these 5 teams must be on your FNL 2021/22 Entry Form. (More on the substitutes later in this season's rules).

2. Points allocation, in all eight leagues. (Same as last season).

### LEAGUE & CUP GAMES:

Home win = 10pts + goals  
Away win = 20pts + goals  
Home Draw = 2pt + goals  
Away Draw = 4pts + goals

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

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

Every goal conceded (defeat only) -1pt

Goal Bonus Points = 5pts (This is awarded if your teams score 4 or more goals, but only if they win or draw)

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 May, the team leading each of the eight leagues will be awarded 25pts. The team at the bottom of each of the eight leagues will be awarded -25pts. The Mixture bonus points will be allocated based on the best and worst team over the eight leagues that are included in The Mixture. (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).

### MANAGER OF THE MONTH BONUS POINTS:

Each month the best and worst team in each of the eight leagues will be awarded 25pts & -25pts 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 50pts 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 June 2022)

All League Champions will receive 250pts for winning their respective leagues

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

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

Play-Off Winners will receive 50pts.

New this season – pick the two teams you think will fall out of the EFL at the end of the season. Each correct team will win you 250pts.

Remember if your FNL Joker team get these bonuses they will be doubled. For example, a league winner picked in August 2021 at the start of the FNL Season will win you 500pts.

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

3. 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 - FA Cup, FA Trophy, League Cups

### 4. USE OF SUBSTITUTIONS:

As stated previously, you can select five substitutes on your FNL 2021/22 Entry Forms and out of those five substitutes you can use up to three.

Again, this season there will be only one substitution window and that will be during the month of December 2021 with your selected changes taking effect from January 1, 2022.

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, 2022 if you wish, but this will count as one of your Substitutions.

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National League			National League North			National League South			Northern Premier			Isthmian Premier			South Premier Central			South Premier South			The Mixture		
Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick	Pick Three	Code	Tick
Aldershot Tn	1		AFC Fylde	24		Bath City	46		Ashton Utd	67		Bishop's Stortford	89		AFC Rush & Dia	111		Beaconsfield Tn	132		Brighouse Tn	154	
Altrincham	2		AFC Telford Utd	25		Billericay Tn	47		Atherton Collieries	68		Bognor Regis Tn	90		Alvechurch	112		Chesham Utd	133		Lincoln Utd	155	
Barnet FC	3		Alfreton Tn	26		Braintree Tn	48		Bamber Bridge	69		Bower & Pitsea	91		Banbury Utd	113		Dorchester Tn	134		Yorkshire Amateur	156	
Boreham Wood	4		Blyth Spartans	27		Chelmsford City	49		Basford Utd	70		Brightlingsea R	92		Barwell	114		Farnborough	135		1874 Northwich	157	
Bromley	5		Boston Utd	28		Chippenham Tn	50		Buxton	71		Carshalton Athletic	93		Biggleswade Tn	115		Gosport Borough	136		Ramsbottom Utd	158	
Chesterfield	6		Brackley Tn	29		Concord Rangers	51		FC United	72		Cheshunt	94		Bromsgrove Sp	116		Harrow Borough	137		Cambridge City	159	
Dag & Red	7		Bradford Park Ave	30		Dartford	52		Gainsborough T	73		Corinthian Casuals	95		Coalville Tn	117		Hartley Wintney	138		Shephed Dynamo	160	
Dover Athletic	8		Chester FC	31		Dorking Wanderers	53		Grantham Tn	74		Cray Wanderers	96		Hednesford Tn	118		Hayes & Yeading U	139		Sporting Khalsa	161	
Eastleigh	9		Chorley	32		Dulwich Hamlet	54		Hyde Utd	75		East Thurrock Utd	97		Hitchin Tn	119		Hendon	140		Basingstoke Tn	162	
FC Halifax Tn	10		Curzon Ashton	33		Eastbourne Bor	55		Lancaster City	76		Enfield Tn	98		Leiston	120		Kings Langley	141		Binfield	163	
Grimsby Tn	11		Darlington FC 1883	34		Ebbw Vale Utd	56		Matlock Tn	77		Folkstone Invicta	99		Lowestoft Tn	121		Merthyr Tn	142		Thatcham Tn	164	
King's Lynn Tn	12		Farsley Celtic	35		Hampton & Rich	57		Mickleover FC	78		Haringey Borough	100		Needham Market	122		Met Police	143		Brentwood Tn	165	
Maidenhead Utd	13		Gateshead	36		Havant & W'ville	58		Morpeth Tn	79		Hornchurch	101		Nuneaton Borough	123		Poole Tn	144		Hashtag Utd	166	
Notts County	14		Gloucester City	37		Hemel Hempstead	59		Nantwich Tn	80		Horsham	102		Peterborough Sp	124		Salisbury FC	145		Chichester City	167	
Solihull Moors	15		Guiselley	38		Hungerford Tn	60		Radcliffe FC	81		Kingstonian	103		Redditch Utd	125		Swindon S'marine	146		Lancing	168	
Southeast Utd	16		Hereford FC	39		Maidstone Utd	61		Scarborough Ath	82		Leatherhead	104		Royston Tn	126		Taunton Tn	147		Three Bridges	169	
Stockport County	17		Kettering Tn	40		Oxford City	62		South Shields	83		Lewes	105		Rushall Olympic	127		Tiverton Tn	148		Didcot Tn	170	
Torquay Utd	18		Kidderminster H	41		Slough Tn	63		Stafford Rangers	84		Margate	106		St. Ives Tn	128		Truro City	149		Harlow Tn	171	
Wealdstone	19		Leamington	42		St Albans City	64		Stalybridge Celtic	85		Mertsham	107		Stourbridge	129		Walton Casuals	150		St. Neots Tn	172	
Weymouth	20		Southport	43		Tonbridge Angels	65		Warrington Tn	86		Potters Bar Tn	108		Stratford Tn	130		Weston-s-Mare	151		Ware	173	
Woking	21		Spennymoor Tn	44		Welling Utd	66		Whitby Tn	87		Wingate & Finchley	109		Tamworth	131		Wimborne Tn	152		Bideford AFC	174	
Wrexham	22		York City	45					Witton Albion	88		Worthing	110					Yate Tn	153		Bristol Manor Farm	175	
Yeovil Tn	23																			Mangotsfield Utd	176		
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THE TWO TEAMS I THINK WILL BE RELEGATED FROM LEAGUE TWO ARE:

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My five substitute clubs are:

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YOU SHOULD HAVE 27 TEAMS IN TOTAL (THREE FROM EACH OF THE 8 LEAGUES AND 3 BONUS TEAMS). THE 3 JOKERS MUST BE TEAMS YOU HAVE ALREADY PICKED

Deadline for entry is midnight, Tuesday 31st August, 2021. The game starts on Saturday 14th August, 2021. Entries before the season starts get 750 bonus points.

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