

RFU Leagues Final Standings 2019 -20

This below information applies to all leagues in the English Clubs Championship (mens levels 3-12) and Womens RFU Leagues (levels 2-5).

How have final league positions been determined?

The final league positions in the 2019-20 season have been determined by awarding league points to a team's outstanding matches based on their home and away playing record in fixtures played up to the cancellation of the 2019-20 season (fixtures up to the 16th March).

What methodology was used?

The methodology uses a team's average points per game total for home and away fixtures completed. This average is then applied to all outstanding fixtures and added to a team's league points total achieved in games up to the 16th March to determine their final league position.

If two or more clubs have the same number of league points, final league positions will be determined firstly by the number of wins achieved, then draws, each as a percentage of the number of games actually played, and then on the basis of league points difference as a percentage of the number of matches played up to the cancellation of the 2019-20 season.

The play-off winner shall be determined by which of the two clubs had the better percentage record in its respective league by taking the number of league points gained as a percentage of the maximum number of league points it was possible to gain in the final table.

Can you provide an example of how the Methodology is applied?

Simple example:

- Team A achieved 40 points in 10 home fixtures – giving them a home average of 4 points (40/10) per game
- They achieved 20 points in 8 away fixtures. This gave them an away average of 2.5 points (20/8) per game
- Team A had 1 home fixture and 2 away fixtures to still be played
- Based on their home and away points per game averages they were awarded an **additional 9 points** to their overall league standing.

Detailed example:

The example below is based on a league season consisting of 24 games:

- All teams have played either 19 or 20 games (columns C + E) up to the point the season was cancelled (16th March) and have a different number of home and away games still to be played
- Average points achieved in home and away fixtures up to the season being cancelled (16th March) is recorded in column D and F
- The respective averages are added to a team's points total (column B) for each outstanding home or away game to determine the final points total (column I) and final league position (column J).

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Team	League Position (as of 16 th March)	Points total	Home games played	Average home pts	Away games played	Average away pts	Home games to play (multiplied by average pts)	Away games to play multiplied by average pts)	New Pts total	Final League Position
Red	1 st	75	11	4.55	9	2.78	1 x 4.55	3 x 2.78	87.89	Red 1 st
Yellow	2 nd	68	10	4.6	10	2.20	2 x 4.6	2 x 2.20	81.60	Blue 3 rd
Blue	3 rd	65	10	4.6	9	2.11	2 x 4.6	3 x 2.11	80.53	Green 4 th
Green	4 th	64	8	4.5	12	2.33	4 x 4.5	0 x 2.33	82	Yellow 2 nd