



LONDON & SE DIVISION  
RUGBY FOOTBALL UNION



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**KICK-OFF TIMES AND USE OF FLOODLIGHTS for LEAGUE MATCHES**

**KICK-OFF TIMES**

In accordance with RFU Regulation 13.6.4 a match will start at the home Club's usual kick-off time which shall be between 2.00pm and 3.00pm.

**The London & SE DOC has decreed that clubs without floodlights shall kick-off NO LATER THAN:**

<b>3.00pm</b>	<b>September, October, March, April;</b>
<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>November, February;</b>
<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>December, January</b>

Where the two clubs mutually agree on a kick-off time outside these times, they shall do so in conjunction with the League Secretary – as the representative of the “Committee” and in accordance with RFU Regulation 13.6.4(b)(ii).

Although the London Competitions Committee has always ruled that clubs involved in offshore matches are expected to be sympathetic to the flight requirements of the visitors, that ruling does not alter the status and requirements of RFU Regulation 13.6.4 in any way.

**Regular early kick-offs.**

The home club must make its League Secretary AND all the clubs in that league aware of the requirement at the start of the season.

**FLOODLIGHTS**

In accordance with RFU Regulation 13.7.9 clubs who wish to use floodlights and standardise their kick-offs to 3.00 pm must do three things:

- supply the Divisional Secretary with a valid certification of illumination levels (**‘lux certificate’**) signed by a suitably qualified electrical engineer. Minimum 200 Lux at Level 5, 100 Lux at Level 6 & below;
- make their League Secretary and all the clubs in the league aware, prior to the start of the season, of their intention to kick-off at 3.00 pm and utilise floodlighting. NB: the kick-off cannot be later than 3.00 pm without the agreement of the opposition and the League Secretary.
- have them turned on at the start of the match or later if agreed by the visiting team or at the request of the Match referee.