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 **COUNTY FA**
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RESPECT & REWARD 2023/24

2024/25 Season

In partnership with Collingwood: Learner Driver Insurance

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Background

Northumberland FA's Respect & Reward scheme has returned for 2023/24 season. The scheme allows referees to give Respect Marks to the players, coaches, and spectators, of the teams they officiate. These marks allow Northumberland FA to monitor behaviour across grassroots football and, give reward and recognition to the teams that make grassroots football a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

Our platinum partnership with [Collingwood Insurance](#) has allowed us to continue this scheme into the 23/24 season, the aim of this partnership is to get individuals into refereeing and increase retention across the pathway. This will be done by focusing on promoting positive behaviours on and off the pitch at grassroots game and rewarding those who show high levels of respect towards match officials.

How does Respect & Reward work?

All Referees registered to Northumberland FA can complete an online scoring form after a game they have officiated in. They will separately score both the home and away team's players, coaches, and spectators out of 10, based on the respect shown towards opponents and officials, against a scoring matrix (see below). Scores are collated by Northumberland FA. Teams who have scored top marks every month will be included in Social Media posts & NFA Newsletters giving recognition. In 23/24 the teams with the highest average Respect Mark scores after November and May will receive Rewards from a £2,000 prize pot.

Rewards for Referees

Every time a match official completes the online form for a game they have officiated in, they will receive an entry into a prize draw for new kit and equipment. In addition, the officials who complete the most matches, where they provide Respect Marks, will also receive rewards. There is £1,000 of prizes to be won!

Headlines

- 1,424 Teams scored in 2023/24 season.
- Average Respect Marks remain high, have increased slightly since the end of March, and remain consistent with 2022/23 season. This shows the vast majority involved in grassroots football continue play, coach, and spectate positively.
- 89.4% of matches have an average Respect Mark of between 8-10 out of 10 across both home and away teams (Players, Coaches, & Spectators). This is compared to 1.2% of matches that are scored 5 or lower out of 10.
- The higher the Coach and Spectator Respect Mark, the higher the Player's average Respect Mark is. Vice-versa, the worse the Coach and Spectator behaviour, the lower the Player's average Respect Mark is.
- Behaviour within Youth Football is scoring higher than behaviour within adult football. The biggest difference is with player behaviour. A higher percentage of Youth Team Players (89.0%) are scored 8-10/10 than Adult Team Players (85.1%), and a lower percentage of Youth Team Players (2.2) are scored 1-4/10 than Adult Team Players (4.9%). Over the season, the scores in Adult Football have marginally improved.
- By a significant margin, the most common Respect Mark for Players, Coaches, and Spectators, is **10 out of 10**.
- **Thank you to all the referees who have submitted scores for Respect and Reward in 2023/24!**

Average Scores

Category	2023/24 Average Respect Score	2022/23 Season
Home Players	8.9	8.9
Away Players	8.7	8.6
Home Coaches	9.3	9.4
Away Coaches	9.1	9.0
Home Spectators	9.4	9.4
Away Spectators	9.2	9.2
Overall Home Team Average	9.2	9.2
Overall Away Team Average	9.0	8.9
Overall Match Average	9.1	9.1

Match Day Scoring Frequency

Category	% of Games (All)	% of Youth Games (U7-U18)	% of Adult Games
Match Average Respect Score is 8-10/10	89.4	91.4	87.3
Match Average Respect Score is 5 or less/10	1.2	0.9	1.7

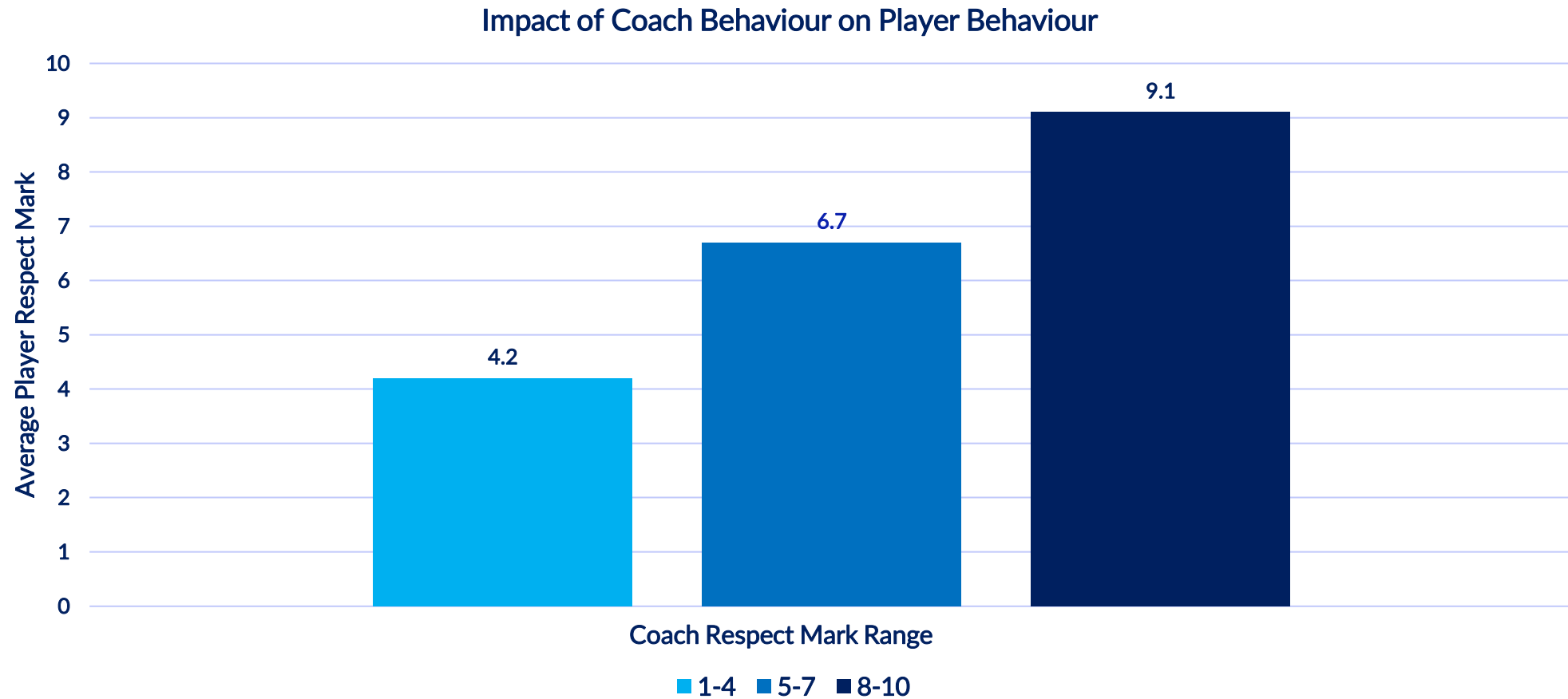
Score Frequency – All Football

RESPECT MARK	% PLAYERS RECEIVING MARK	% COACHES RECEIVING MARK	% SPECATORS RECEIVING MARK
10	47.2	59.3	65.5
9	24.8	26.5	22.9
8	14.8	6.1	5.4
7	5.5	2.7	1.6
6	2.3	1.6	1.1
5	1.5	0.8	0.7
4	1.3	0.9	1.1
3	0.9	0.5	0.3
2	0.2	0.3	0.2
1	1.3	1.3	1.2

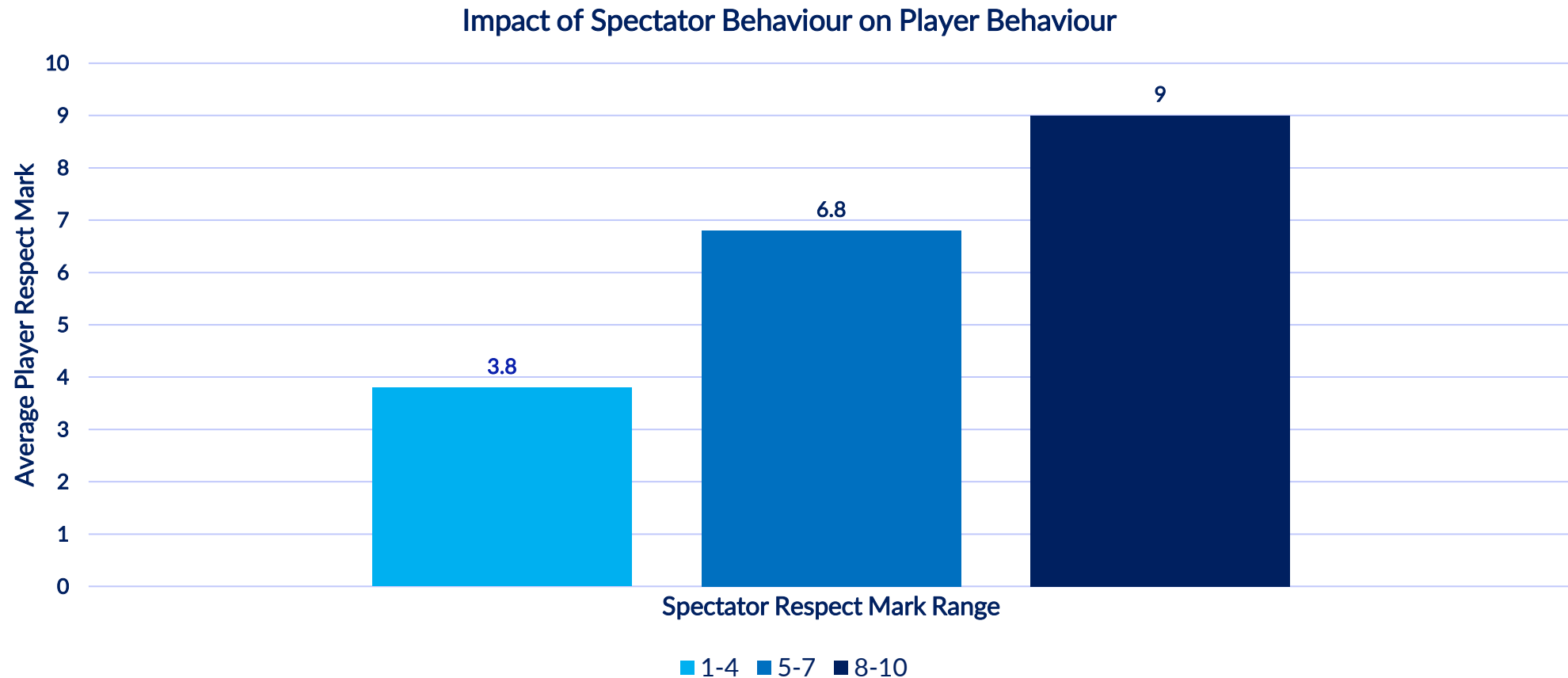
Score Frequency – Youth (U7 - U18) & Adult (Open-age & U19/21/23)

RESPECT MARK	% PLAYERS RECEIVING MARK		% COACHES RECEIVING MARK		% SPECTATORS RECEIVING MARK	
	YOUTH	ADULT	YOUTH	ADULT	YOUTH	ADULT
10-8	89.0	85.1	93.3	91.0	93.7	92.2
7-5	8.8	10	4.4	5.6	3.8	4.7
4-1	2.2	4.9	2.3	3.4	2.5	3.1

Impact of Coaches



Impact of Spectators



100% Teams: April & May

Congratulations and thank you to the listed teams whose players, coaches, and spectators all scored 100% Respect Marks by a referee from a game played in April & May. All these teams will be entered into a prize draw later in the season. Referees also gain an entry into a Prize Draws for every Respect & Reward scoring form submitted. Teams who appear more than once have been scored 100% in multiple games.

AFC Newbiggin	Reserves	Open-Age	Cramlington Town Juniors	Ladies	Open-Age
AFC Newbiggin	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Cramlington Town Juniors	Ladies	Open-Age
Alnwick Town	First	Open-Age	Cramlington United Juniors	Lions	U13
Ashington Buffs FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Cramlington United Juniors	Pumas	U13
Bay Horse		Open-Age	Cramlington United Juniors	Girls	U15
Bedlington Seniors FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Cramlington United Juniors	Girls	U15
Bedlington Social FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Cramlington United Juniors	Panthers	U13
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Blacklaw United	Inter	U13	Cresswell Arms FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age
Blyth Rangers	U18s	U18	Dinnington Village FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age
Blyth Spartans	Stripes	U13	Dudley	Firsts	Open-Age
Blyth Town	Reserves	Open-Age	Fawdon United		Open-Age
Burradon & New Fordley FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Gosforth Bohemians		Open-Age
Burradon & New Fordley FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Gosforth Bohemians	Women	Open-Age
Burradon Juniors	Blues	U11	Grand Street Ashington FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age
Cramlington Blue Star FC	Inter	U14	Haltwhistle	First	Open-Age
Cramlington Juniors	Whites	U14	Han Dynasty	Han Dynasty	Open-Age
Cramlington Juniors	Reds	U14	Haydon bridge	Blacks	U11
Cramlington Juniors	Red Saturday	U15	Haydon bridge u9		U9
Cramlington Juniors	Whites	U14	Haydon Bridge under 11 reds	Reds	U11

100% Teams: April & May

Heaton Hawkes Ladies	First	Open-Age	North Shields CC		Open-Age
Heaton Hawks Ladies	Reserves	Open-Age	North Shields Juniors		U18
Heaton Hawks Ladies	Reserves	Open-Age	North Sunderland	First	Open-Age
Heaton Meadowfield FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Old Novos		Open-Age
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Heddon United		Open-Age	Ponteland United	FIRSTS	Open-Age
Heddon United		U18	Ponteland United Juniors	Pride	U15
High Street Blyth FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Ponteland United Juniors	Pride	U15
Horton Three Horse Shoes FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Prudhoe	Milan	U9
Jesmond Armada		Open-Age	Prudhoe Town Sunday	First	Open-Age
Jesmond Parish Church		Open-Age	Railway Tavern Blyth FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age
Killingworth	Orange	U14	Red House Farm		U13
Morpeth Town Juniors	Bengals	U17	Riding Mill	First	Open-Age
New Fordley Juniors		U13	Rothbury FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age
New Fordley Ladies	First	Open-Age	Ryton and crawcrook Albion	Blues	U11
Newcastle East End		U13	Seghill Village FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age
Newcastle Blue Star		U13	St Charles		Open-Age
Newcastle West End FC	All Stars	U15	Stockton Churches		Open-Age
Newcastle Westgate	Wolves	U13	Swarland FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age
North Shields Juniors		U18	Team Gosforth Juniors	Ajax	U13

100% Teams: April & May

Tynemouth united		U13	Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	Yellows	U16
Walbottle	Juniors	U15	Whitley Bay SC	Seniors	Open-Age
Walker central	U15whites	U15	Whitley Bay SC	Lionesses Women	Open-Age
Wallsend B.C	Yellows	U14	Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	U17 Whites	U17
Wallsend B.C	Yellows	U14	Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	Tigers	U15
Wallsend Rising Sun FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Willington Quay Saints Juniors	Tiempo	U10
Washington Athletic Youth	Dortmund	U16	Willington Quay Saints Juniors	Tiempo	U13
West Atlottment FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age	Willington Quay Saints Juniors	U14	U14
Westerhope	Firsts	Open-Age	Willington Quay Saints Juniors	U15	U15
Whickham FC		U23	Willington Quay Saints Juniors	Tiempo	U13
Whickham FC		U23	Wooler FC	FIRSTS	Open-Age
Whitley Bay Juniors		U10			
Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	Tigers Girls	U15			
Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	Yellows	U11			
Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	Lionesses Girls (U13)	U13			
Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	Whites	U15			
Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	Tigers Girls	U15			
Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	Yellows	U14			
Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	Whites	U15			
Whitley Bay S.C. Juniors	Yellows	U16			

Respect & Reward 2023/24 – Best Clubs

The below clubs have all had their teams scored by a Referee as part of Respect & Reward more than 5 times and average Respect Score over 9.5/10 or 95% + across all those matches.

ALNWICK TOWN (JUNIORS & SENIORS)
ASHINGTON BUFFS FC
BEDLINGTON UNITED
CRAMLINGTON JUNIORS
CRAMLINGTON UNITED JUNIORS
MORPETH TOWN (JUNIORS & SENIORS)
NEW FORDELY JUNIORS
NORTH SHIELDS COMMUNITY CHRISTIANS
TEAM GOSFORTH JUNIORS
WHITLEY BAY SC JUNIORS
WILLINGTON QUAY SAINTS JUNIORS

Referees: Most Games Scored



Christopher Gribbon – 95 Games Scored for Respect & Reward

Michael Gray – 58 Games Scored

Christopher Seach – 52 Games Scored

Referees: Reward Winners 2024/25

Bryan Johnson
Christopher Gribbon
Christopher Seach
Colin Smith
Emmanuel Arakpogun
Fareed Acqua
Graham Laskey
Joe Ingram

Mark Wilkinson
Matthew Walsh
Michael Floyd
Michael Gray
Sean McGregor
Steve Leggett
Steven Leggett
Tarokh Tourani

