

## **KETTERING WEETABIX YOUTH LEAGUE**

### **LEAGUE RULES 2021/22**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

1. (A) In these Rules:

- “Affiliated Association” means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of The FA.
- “AGM” shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.
- “Club” means a club for the time being in membership of the Competition.
- “Competition” means the **Kettering Weetabix Youth Football League**.
- “Competition Match” means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.
- “Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.
- “Deposit” means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.
- “Fees Tariff” means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.
- “Fines Tariff” means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.
- “Ground” means the ground on which the Club’s Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.
- “Management Committee” means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.
- “Match Officials” means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.
- “Mini Soccer” means those participating at ages under 7s to under 10s.
- “Non Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.
- “Officer” means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.
- “Participant” shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time.
- “Player” means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.
- “Player Registration System” means the FA system to register players as determined by the FA from time to time.
- “Playing Season” means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.
- “Rules” means these rules under which the Competition is administered.
- “Sanctioning Authority” means the **Northamptonshire County Football Association Limited**.
- “Scholarship” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the rules of The FA.
- “Season” means the period of time between an AGM and the subsequent AGM.
- “Secretary” means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.
- “SGM” means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.
- “Team” means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.
- “The FA” means The Football Association Limited.
- “written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.
- “Youth Football” means those participating at ages under 11s to under 18s.

(B) Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

## **GOVERNANCE RULES**

### **COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION**

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- (A) The Competition will be known as “Kettering Weetabix Youth Football League” (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.
- (B) This Competition shall consist of not more than 100 Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be as decided by the Management Committee.
- (D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.
- (E) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.
- (F) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions (the “Standard Code”) determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.
- (G) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 14 in number.

- (H) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination
  - (i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).
  - (ii) This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise.
  - (iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
- (I) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (J) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.
- (K) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing at a particular age group in the Competition in any other competition (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (L) At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.

### **CLUB NAME**

- 3. Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

### **ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT**

- 4. (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an entry fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election. Closing date for applications is May 31<sup>st</sup>.  
At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a SGM or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.
- (B) The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Team and shall be payable on or before the first Tuesday in July in each year.
- (C) A Deposit of £0 shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Team (where a Club provides more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable on or before the first Tuesday in July in each year.. Failure to comply

with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. NOTE – this rule is optional and not currently enforced by the League.

- (D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid.
- (E) If requested by the Competition, Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by July 31st of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (F) An all female team can apply to the Competition to play down an age group in a mixed gender competition, subject to rule 8A(iii) & (iv) and provided the team has obtained approval from its Sanctioning Authority.

## **MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION**

- 5. (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition (Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Registration Secretary, Assistant Registrations Secretary, Referees Secretary, Fixtures Secretary, Assistant Fixtures Secretaries, Publicity Officer, Child Welfare Officer, Minute Secretaries, Charter Standard Officer, Development Officers(s), Website Administrator, Mini Soccer Venue Managers) and 3 members who shall all be elected at the AGM. The President and Vice President(s) shall be appointed by the Management Committee and will act as figureheads for the League, but will not have any voting powers. They will remain in office until he or she retires.
- (B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than May 31st in each year.  
All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than May 31st in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.
- (C) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required, save that no more than three calendar months shall pass between each meeting. The General Secretary will deal with the day-to-day business of the League.  
On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.
- (D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.
- (E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary. A Club Secretary can nominate another Club Official to deputise in time of absence. All correspondence entered into by an Officer of the League requiring a reply must be replied to within 14 days. All correspondence entered into by Clubs to the League, requiring a reply, must be responded to within 14 days. If the response is purely an acknowledgement, it should include the date of the anticipated full response.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Although any Management Committee Member will help any Club or Team Official, please remember that they do have families and/or are in full time employment and it is unreasonable to telephone any League Official after 8:00pm.

## **POWERS OF MANAGEMENT**

- 6. (A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.
- (B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any club which may have withdrawn during the Season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.
- (C) Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

If an agenda or meeting item relates to a Management Committee member, or a Club that the Management Committee member is part of or associated with, the Management member will be asked to leave the room whilst the item is discussed and any action or actions are decided upon. Fellow Management members are strictly forbidden from discussing the ensuing proceedings with the Management Committee member in question, the General Secretary will inform the Management Committee member of any decision(s) and/or further action(s) to be taken, in writing at a later date.

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.

The content, discussions and actions decided at Management Committee meetings are STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and

must not, under any circumstances, be relayed, in part or whole, to any person or persons, other than fellow Management Committee members who are entitled to participate in the business of the Management Committee.

Any Management Committee member found to be in breach of the League rules and regulations will either be asked to resign immediately from the Management Committee or suffer the consequences of a no confidence vote, which could lead to dismissal from the Management Committee.

- (D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H) and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:-

- (i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
- (ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or
- (iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
- (iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case at a hearing before the Management Committee.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.

Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Management Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £100 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.

- (E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.
- (F) 5 of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or 3 for any sub-committee thereof.
- (G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill, in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.
- (H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision.  
Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.
- (J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or Competition Match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.
- (K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season.
- (L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.
- (N) All Clubs must be represented at the relevant Club League Meetings. If a Club is not represented, a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) will be imposed and the Club concerned may incur an administration charge of £5, unless the club send in a formal apology in writing/e-mail to the League 72 hours in advance of the meeting date with a genuine reason for non attendance.

A copy of the Club League Meeting Minutes will be sent to each Club Secretary after each meeting.

## **PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS**

7. (A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.
- (ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be

entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.

- (B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within 3 days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
- (C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.
- (D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.
  - (i) All parties must have received 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
  - (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should forward a deposit in accordance with the Fees Tariff and indicate such when forwarding the written response.
- (E) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.
- (F) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):
  - (i) invite submissions by the parties involved; or
  - (ii) convene a hearing to hear the appeal; or
  - (iii) permit new evidence; or
  - (iv) impose deadlines as are appropriate.Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.
- (G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

8. (A) The AGM shall be held not later than the first Tuesday in July in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least two thirds of members are present and entitled to vote:-
- (i) To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM.
  - (ii) To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts.
  - (iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
  - (iv) Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.
  - (v) Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.
  - (vi) Appointment of auditors.
  - (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14).
  - (viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
  - (ix) Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season.
  - (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.
- (B) A copy of the duly audited balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting together with any proposed Rule changes.
  - (C) A signed copy of the duly audited balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.
  - (D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.
  - (E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing Season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the Season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.
  - (F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.
  - (G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.

- (H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.
- (J) Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.

### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

9. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.

The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.

At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff, unless the club send in a formal apology in writing/e-mail to the League 72 hours in advance of the meeting date with a genuine reason for non attendance.

Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.

### **AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED**

10. Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

“We, (A), (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Chairman)/Director and (B) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Secretary/Director) of [ ] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [ ] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.”

The agreement shall be signed by:

- (i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club chairman and secretary; or
- (ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two directors of the Club.

Any alteration of the chairman and /or secretary of the Club on the above agreement must be notified to the County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

### **CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB**

11. (A) Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition must do so at least 35 days before the AGM. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (B) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (C) Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

### **EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAM. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

12. (A) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (i) remove a member of the Management Committee from office, (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (B) At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club or Team whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (C) Any Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with

the provisions of clauses (A) and/or (B) of this Rule.

- (D) The Management Committee shall have the power to decide on any application to the League, whether as a new Club/Officer or an existing member Club or Team.
- (E) If the Secretary or Chairman or Senior Official of a Club has been asked to attend a meeting before the Management Committee, this will constitute a verbal warning and, at the discretion of the Management Committee, the Club/Team will be deducted 1 point. If the Club insists on infringing the League Rules, the said Club will be issued a written warning. If, after these warnings, the Club still infringes the League Rules, then the Management Committee will have the power to take steps to exclude the said Club or Team from membership of the League.

## TROPHY

13. (A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the cup or trophy:-

“We A [name] and B [name], the Chairman and Secretary of [ ] FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of [ ] cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before March 1st. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Failure to return a trophy to the General Secretary on or before 1<sup>st</sup> March will result in the Club being fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

- (B) At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit. The number of trophies provided will be up to the maximum number of players permitted to be registered for the competition at any one time, dependent on squad size.

## ALTERATION TO RULES

14. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by March 30th in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by May 30th and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by June 6th. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

## FINANCE

- 15. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
- (B) All expenditure in excess of £500 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.
- (C) The financial year of the Competition will end on May 31st.
- (D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

## INSURANCE

- 16. (A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.
  - (B) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.
- Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## DISSOLUTION

- 17. (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.
- (B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.
- (C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:

- (i) Any surplus assets, save for a trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide.

**MATCH RELATED RULES**

**QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

18. (A) (i) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-
1. Registered through the FA Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition.
  2. Optional rule re matchday registration, not enforced by the Competition.

Any registration that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the club unprocessed and the player classed as unregistered. If a club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via the Player Registration System, the registration will not be processed.

For Clubs registering Players under Rule 18 (A) 2, registration forms will be provided in a format determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players via the Player Registration System, Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process. The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player’s proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate.

If a player’s age is required for registration purposes a Competition must accept an original birth certificate or a copy. In cases where the birth certificate is not available a Competition is required to accept a photocopy of the player’s passport or other official document issued by a Government Agency attesting the player’s date of birth. Failure to provide requested documentation within 7 days will result in the Club’s suspension from all League business, including the playing of matches.

(Acceptable photographs are required for all new players and then replaced at the following age groups: Under 7, Under 9, Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15).

An alternative procedure of registration may, from time to time, be utilised as agreed in conjunction with FA authorities.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (B) (i) Contract Players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

- (ii) A Player registered with a Premier League or English Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with a FA Girls’ Regional Talent Club may play in this Competition subject to the FA Programme for Excellence (Female) Regulations.
- (iii) Each Team must have the following number of Players registered 40 days before the start of each Playing Season:

FORMAT	MINIMUM
5v5	5
7v7	7
9v9	9
11v11	11

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

If the minimum number of players are not registered prior to the agreed date for the commencement of the season the team will not be able to take part in the business of the League, until such time as at least the minimum number of players are registered.

Mini Soccer teams (ie 5x5 and 7x7) must registered no more than twice the minimum number of players per team, 9x9 teams must register no more than 16 players per team, 11x11 teams up to and including Under 16 age group must register no more than 18 players per team. Under 18 age group teams must register no more than 22 players per team.

- (C) A child who has not attained the age of 6 shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match of any kind.

The relevant age for each Player is determined by his or her age as at midnight on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season



i.e. children who are aged 6 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season (together with those who attain the age of 6 during the Playing Season) will be classed as Under 7 Players for that Playing Season. Children who are aged 7 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season will be classed as Under 8 Players for that Playing Season, and so on.

Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above his or her chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under 7 age group, and may not play in the Under 8 age group, for that Playing Season. Girls in all female teams may also be permitted to play in an age group down in accordance with rule 4(F).

The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, subject to rule 4 (F), along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
6	Under 7	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 8		30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
7	Under 8	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 9	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
8	Under 9	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 10		50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
9	Under 10	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 11	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
10	Under 11	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 12		70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
11	Under 12	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
12	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 14		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
13	Under 14	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 15		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
14	Under 15	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 16		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
15	Under 16	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 17		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
16	Under 17	11v11	100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	Open Age		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5

- (D) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered, if applicable. This will include personal accident cover. Clubs will be invoiced for the cost of registration.
- (E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes taking into account the following.
- (i) A Player shall not be permitted to register for more than one Club subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below.
  - (ii) In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18

(E)(iii) below.

- (iii) A Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club provided that:
- a. The Team(s) in which the Player plays in are not in the same age group; or
  - b. Except for the purpose of a transfer.
- And the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C).

(F) It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Player to:-

- (i) Play for more than one Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.
- (ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except if the provisions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) apply.
- (iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through the Player Registration System for registration that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (G) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rule 18(G)(ii) and (iii) below.
- (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player, the exercise of such power being without prejudice to the Management Committee's ability to fine a Club at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).
- (iii) The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. Where the Management Committee does not have enough information to enable it to make a decision pursuant to the above power, it may apply, in its absolute discretion, to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA for further information.
- Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.
- (iv) For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G)(iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Rule 18(G)(iii) shall only be taken against a Player in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

- (H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form through WGS (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff, the fee being invoiced for each completed transfer. Clubs must e-mail the Club Secretary of the intention to transfer a player, whether to waiver or not. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 5 days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

- (I) A Player may not be registered for a Club to an Under 12 to Under 18 team nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after February 28th except by special permission of the Management Committee. A Mini Soccer player may be registered to a Club or transferred to another Club until May 31<sup>st</sup> without special permission of the Management Committee. An Under 11 player may be registered for a Club or transferred to another Club until May 31<sup>st</sup> without special permission of the Management Committee, a player can only play in League Cup or Plate games if registered before February 28<sup>th</sup> and meets Cup and Plate qualification criteria.
- (J) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of all matches in which those Players have played for the Club, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.
- In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C).
- (K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registrations Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of an Officer of the Club at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only. League ID sheets, which can be created, signed and laminated by Club Secretary, must be taken and produced, and the player identified, prior to the start of

the game by the opposing manager(s). The ID sheets should be made available to Match and League Officials on request. The name of the Official who has checked the cards on match day must be recorded on the Internal Club Team Result Sheet. Failure to comply will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) and any other action as decided by the Management Committee.

Any ID sheet damaged or illegible in any way shall be replaced immediately. Failure to maintain ID sheet in a good condition may result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

In the event of a Non Contract Player changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a club in another competition his registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18(B)(i).

- (L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played 1 Competition Match for that Team in the current Playing Season.
- (M) A Team shall not include more than 11 Players who have taken part in 30 or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition is not applicable.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (N) (i) Subject to Rule 18(N)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (ii) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N)(i) only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.
- (iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:
  - (a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; or
  - (b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
  - (c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

(The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education):-

- (O) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with their head teacher (except for Sunday league competitions).
- (iii) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in the relevant Playing Season, shall not be permitted to play in a Competition Match during that Playing Season where any other Player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.
- (P) No restriction is placed on a player playing in any Division within the Competition, subject to registration/transfer procedure being completed correctly.
- (Q) Clubs can de-register a player at any time by notifying the Registration Secretary in writing, using the appropriate form, signed by the Club Secretary. Clubs should de-register a player or players who have left the team, otherwise they will be classified as valid player/s for that team. A de-registered player can play for another team without the need for a transfer. Clubs must advise League General Secretary and Registration Secretary of any de-registered player not clear on their books.
- (R) Where a Club withdraws a team during the season any player registrations for that team become null and void and players may register for another team following the receipt by the Registration Secretary of a completed registration via WGS, subject to Rule 18 (E). All clubs must de-register players via WGS on withdrawal of team from the League.

## CLUB COLOURS

- 19. Every team must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by the League Annual General Meeting who shall decide as to their suitability.

Any team wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.

No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least 5 days before the Competition Match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick-off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Shirts must all be numbered differently, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.  
Names of Youth Players shall not appear on the shirts, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

NB Footwear shall be in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Shin Pads must be worn at all times.

### **PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES**

20. (A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, and 9v9 football, the Rules as set down by The FA.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a Competition Match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Matches on another ground.

NB Clubs are expected to provide adequate, separate changing facilities for both sexes, both teams and the Referee and toilet facilities, accessible for the general public.

Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20(C).

All Competition Matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the Competition Match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

Competition Matches should be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, as detailed below.

Age Group	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events/festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 7 and Under 8	10	20	40	60	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
Under 9 and Under 10	20	25	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	20	30	80	120	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)
Under 12	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table

Under 13 and Under 14	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 15 and Under 16	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 and Under 18	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table

Competition Matches for age groups U7 to U10 can be played in either quarters or halves. This Competition uses halves. For round robin/trophy events, the maximum duration of play per half cannot be exceeded, but the minimum duration of play per half may be adjusted.

For trophy events, the Competition may award mementos.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM (Sundays – Under 11 to Under 13 at 10:30am, Under 14 to Under 18 at 2:00pm) and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the Competition Match with written notification given to the Competition at least 5 days prior, in the event of pitch congestion only, if a kick off time cannot be mutually agreed at least 14 days prior to the date of the fixture, the home club will not incur punishment from the League. Times may be altered – for Mini Soccer matches, if the match is a Ken Burton League Cup or John Sellers League Plate game or by order of the Management Committee.

Referees must order Competition Matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), the above fine to be levied should a satisfactory explanation not be received by the General Secretary, in writing, within 7 days or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags plus RESPECT barriers, or acceptable alternative, ready for the kick off time, NO GAME SHALL COMMENCE until the above are in place and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. The home team shall also provide 2 Assistant Referees flags. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

NB All teams must provide first aid equipment at each match, to be pitch side with manager/coach, as per Health and Safety Regulations.

NB Each team must have one Team Official with a minimum of FA Level 1 Coaching qualification (or FA Playmaker as a minimum where FA Level 1 courses are not available), DBS clearance and current Safeguarding and FA Emergency Aid certification.

NB Playing season will commence on agreed start date and will run through to agreed finish date, all teams must be available to play each week. If the manager/coach is not available on match day the club must provide cover with a minimum of DBS clearance and current Safeguarding and FA Emergency Aid certification. (This can be more than 1 person).

NB A second person is required in the technical area due to Safeguarding protection and this person must have a minimum of DBS check.

- (B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition Match with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the Competition Match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of all match details, including the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

NB Mini Soccer match officials will be given full particulars by the relevant Venue Manager/Mini Soccer Referees Secretary.

- (D) The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:

FORMAT	MINIMUM
5v5	4
7v7	5
9v9	6
11v11	7

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (E) (i) In competitions where points are awarded, home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have the power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Clubs may give at least 30 days advance notice before February 28<sup>th</sup> of failure to fulfil an engagement without penalty. This will be restricted to a maximum of 3 postponed days per team within a season. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances. Where a game cannot be played due to pitch condition, unavailability, etc, and should the home team be unable to source an alternative pitch the fixture should be reversed to the away team's pitch should the away team's pitch be available and playable.
- (ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Competition General Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.
- (iii) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be fixed by the Fixtures Secretary, mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Fixtures Secretary within 14 days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (iv) The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the Competition Match to the opponent and/or take what other action they may deem necessary. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Competition Match.
- (v) The Management Committee shall review any Competition Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the Competition Match must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.
- (F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match.  
Where a Competition does not allow return substitutes:  
For Under 17s and Under 18s – a Club may name up to 5 substitute Players of whom not more than 5 may be used.  
Where a Competition does allow return substitutes:  
For Under 11s - Under 18s – a Club may use up to 7 from 7 substitute Players. A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace any Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.  
For Mini-Soccer – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to play as a substitute for another Player. A Team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its team in an age group.  
In Youth Football only, the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than 10 minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.  
A Player who has named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition. Only a maximum of 16 players at Under 11 and Under 12 and 18 players at Under 13 to Under 18 are allowed to turn up at a match kitted out in football strip.
- (G) The half time interval shall be of 5 minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.
- (H) The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who may wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) No more than 3 team officials are allowed within the designated technical area during all matches under Weetabix Youth League jurisdiction. Failure to comply may result in the Club being fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).  
NB Except where players are warming up or team officials are treating an injured player, all team officials must stay in the technical area.

Should the Management Committee decide to add additional "extra" games to extend the season of a division that would otherwise complete standard league fixtures very early, as these games are one-off fixtures with no reciprocal home/away tie, costs should be shared equally by both teams.

## REPORTING RESULTS

21. (A) The relevant Management Committee member(s) and Fixtures Secretary must receive within 3 days of the date played (prior to 8:00pm on day 3), the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players including substitutes who have played in the game, (in block letters) and also the referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition. All match data must be recorded on League Full Time website within 3 days of the date played. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Both Clubs shall use telephone/SMS/email/FA Full Time/FA Matchday as directed by the Competition to notify the result of each Competition Match (including County Cup matches) to the relevant Management Committee member(s) and Fixture Secretary by 8:00pm on the day of the match or, on evening matches, immediately following the match. All clubs must respond to the Full Time SMS message within 2 hours of the game finishing.

NB Should game be postponed DO NOT send SMS message, this must be reported via email to relevant fixture secretary and general secretary.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. All cautions and dismissals must be recorded. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Clubs found to have falsified result sheets will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff and/or dealt with as the Management Committee deem fit.

(C) The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under 11s. Any Competition failing to abide by this Rule will be dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and any Club failing to abide by this Rule will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff). The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect and publish results for trophy events.

## DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

22. (A) In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings may be determined by a deciding match or matches played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, or the position shared.

NB In the event of two or more teams being equal on points as runners-up, no deciding match(es) would be played and the teams would be declared joint runners-up and the relevant trophies provided for each team. Where potential promotion to a higher division is involved, the teams involved would be treated in the same manner.

(B) Automatic promotion and relegation criteria - optional, not utilised by Weetabix Youth League

(C) Promotion play off criteria - optional, not utilised by Weetabix Youth League

(D) In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing all of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table and the team concerned will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. For the purposes of this Rule 22 (D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

## MATCH OFFICIALS

23 (A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.

(B) In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match. Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the Players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the referee, for example a 15 year old referee may only officiate in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.

(C) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) being imposed on the defaulting Club.

(D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.

(E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff and travel expenses of 0p per mile / or inclusive of travel expenses. Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance

with the Fines Tariff.

(F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus expenses. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(G) A referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Should the mark awarded be below the level notified from time to time, an accompanying report must be attached. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.

(J) Referee match data report - optional, not utilized by Weetabix Youth League.

(K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

(L) Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.

## **KEN BURTON KNOCK OUT CUP AND JOHN SELLERS PLATE COMPETITIONS**

Any reference to Competition in this rule relates to Cup and Plate Competitions.

26. (a) All eleven (11) and nine (9) a side teams must enter the Cup and/or Plate Competition. Eligibility to enter the Cup or Plate Competition will be decided by League Management Committee. There is no entry fee and the Management Committee will fix details.

(b) Qualifications of players as in the League. Any Team found to have played while under suspension by their County Association or found to have played an ineligible player shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) and struck from the Competition. No player registered or transferred to the League after 28<sup>th</sup> February will be allowed to play in the Competition. No player may play for more than one Team in the same season. This rule acts as if the Cup and Plate were one competition. Any Team eliminated from the Competition as a result of playing against a Team who have played an ineligible player, will be reinstated to the Competition, subject to the next round of the Competition has not taken place.

(c) All Cup and Plate matches shall kick off at 2-00 p.m. with the exception of U 11's, U12's or U13's (which shall kick off at 10:30 a.m.), Semi-Finals and Finals where the kick off times will be decided by the Management Committee.

(d) Substitutes as per League and match duration as per League, for the purpose of the Competition the first named Team shall be deemed the home team. If the score is level at the end of a knockout game, extra time will be played. If the scores are still level, penalties will be taken; Five per Team taken alternately followed by sudden death, as per FIFA Rule.

Extra Time:

U11's = 5 minutes each way will be played.

U12's = 6 minutes each way will be played.

U13's = 7 minutes each way will be played.

U14's = 8 minutes each way will be played.

U15's = 9 minutes each way will be played.

U16's = 10 minutes each way will be played.

U17's = 10 minutes each way will be played.

U18's = 10 minutes each way will be played

Postponed matches to be re-arranged by the Fixtures Secretary.

For Final tie only, no extra time will be played, if scores level at the end of normal time, penalties will be taken.

(e) All protests must be accompanied by a deposit as set out in the Fees Tariff and must be lodged with the General Secretary within three days of the match being played.

(f) All Teams must fulfil their obligations; failure to do so will mean expulsion from the Competition, plus a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), unless special permission is gained from the Management Committee.

(g) Referees fees will be the same as the League. All match expenses incurred in knock out matches up to but excluding Semi Finals will be shared between the competing teams. Semi-Finals where possible will be played on neutral grounds. The League will endeavour to provide neutral Assistant Referees to all Semi- Finals. The Competing Teams arrange to supply match balls, goal nets, corner post and assistant Referees Flags.

(h) All other Rules of this Competition-League Rules apply.

(i) No Player will be allowed to play in the final or semi final unless they have played in at least one other round or group game in either Competition plus at least completed four league games for the team being represented in the League Cup competition unless special permission is given by the League Management Committee due to shortage of qualifying matches.

(j) Mementoes will be presented to teams competing in the finals. The number of trophies provided will be up to the maximum number of players permitted to be registered for the competition at any one time, dependent on team squad size and player eligibility.

(k) In relation to Rules (b) and (i), a game played against a team that subsequently withdraws from the League shall count for qualification purposes.

(i) If a group format is used, goal difference would be used to decide qualification for the knock out stages if teams should finish level on points.



## **MINI SOCCER FOOTBALL LAWS**

**27. The Laws of the Football Association and the Weetabix Youth Football League apply with the following exceptions:**

### **1. PLAYING AREA**

- (a) The pitch will be 30 x 40 yards for Under 7 and Under 8 and 40 x 60 yards for Under 9 and Under 10.
- (b) The penalty area is 16 yards by 9 yards for Under 7 and Under 8 and 18 yards by 10 yards for Under 9 and Under 10.
- (c) The penalty mark is 7 yards for Under 7 and Under 8 and 8 yards for Under 9 and Under 10 from the Goal Line opposite the centre of the goal.
- (d) The distance between the posts is 12 feet and the distance between the lower edge of the cross bar and the ground is 6 feet.
- (e) kick offs – these are taken from the centre mark on the half way line (replacing the first part of existing rule 8(a)).
- (f) retreat line – the team without the ball moves back to the halfway line when goal kicks are taken.

### **2. THE BALL**

The ball used will be size 3 for Under 7 and Under 8 and Under 9 and size 4 Under 10.  
It should be safe and made of leather or another suitable material.

### **3. NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

- (a) Under 7 – 5 players per team. Maximum to be Registered 10.
  - (b) Under 8 – 5 players per team. Maximum to be Registered 10.
  - (c) Under 9 – 7 players per team. Maximum to be registered 14
  - (d) Under 10 – 7 players per team. Maximum to be registered 14.
- Clubs must register at least five players at Under 7 and Under 8 and seven players at Under 9 and Under 10 by 1st August or be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff as shown for Rule 18(B)(iii)).  
Any applications for additional teams during the season will only be accepted up to 1<sup>st</sup> January and fixtures for these teams will be scheduled at League Fixture Secretary's discretion.  
A match may not start if either team consists of fewer than four players at Under 7 and Under 8 and five players at Under 9 and Under 10. The minimum number of players in a team required for a match to continue is also four at Under 7 and Under 8 and five at Under 9 and Under 10.
- (e) Players must play with and against players only from their own age range as per Football Association and Competition rules, in line with the table in League Rule 18(C).
  - (f) Roll off, roll on substitutes, without being named, may be used at any time with the permission of the referee or game leader. Entry into the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A player who has been replaced may return to the playing area as a substitute for another player.
  - (g) Development football can also be played using smaller numbers such as 4v4 or 3v3 when squad sizes and facilities on the day are suitable and both coaches agree.

### **4. PLAYERS EQUIPMENT**

Players must wear shinguards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing strip. Shinguards must be covered entirely by the stockings.  
Players must wear the appropriate clothing dependant on the weather, but hoodies are not allowed.  
Correct footwear must be worn for the surface of the pitch e.g no metal studs on artificial grass pitches.

### **5. MATCH OFFICIALS**

- (a) Any person who referees a game of Development Football has the authority to apply the Laws of Mini- Soccer even if they are not a fully qualified referee.  
The referee should always help the players to learn the game by explaining their decisions.  
Assistant referees are not required for Development Football.
- (b) The Referee must be paid prior to start of the game, with the payment being shared equally between the two teams.  
Referees match fees – Under 7 and 8 - £10, Under 9 and 10 - £15.

### **6. DURATION OF THE GAME**

The playing time for

- (a) Under 7's, Under 8's is 30 minutes split into two halves.
- (b) Under 9's and Under 10's is 40 minutes split into two halves.
- (c) In any one day, no player shall play more than 40 minutes for Under 7 and Under 8 and 60 minutes for Under 9 and Under 10.
- (d) The half time interval shall not exceed 5 minutes.
- (e) It is permitted during development matches that the periods of play can be split into equal quarters.

### **7. START AND RESTART OF PLAY**

- (a) A kick off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored, it can be taken in any direction. Opponents must be 4.5m (5 yards) away from the ball, and in their own half of the field. In Mini Soccer a goal cannot be scored directly from a start or restart of play.
- (b) SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES:  
A dropped ball to restart the match after play has been temporarily stopped inside the penalty area takes place on the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the ball was located when the play stopped. No goal can be scored direct from a dropped ball.

## **8. BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY**

Normal rules apply, as per Football Association Laws of the game.

## **9. METHOD OF SCORING**

Normal rules apply, as per Football Association Laws of the game.

## **10. OFFSIDE**

There is no offside, the children can be in any area of the pitch at any time, apart from when the Retreat Line is played.

## **11. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT**

Normal rules apply, as per Football Association Laws of the game.

However in Mini Soccer all free kicks are direct.

A goalkeeper is not allowed to pick the ball up from a back pass or a throw in. If that happens a free kick should be given on the penalty area line closest to where the incident occurs.

## **12. FREE KICKS**

For all free kicks opponents must be 5 yards from the ball.

## **13. PENALTY KICKS**

Normal rules apply, as per Football Association Laws of the game.

Position of the ball and players

All players except the goalkeeper and kicker must be outside the penalty area and at least 5 yards from the penalty mark.

The ball must be kicked forward.

## **14. THROW IN**

As laid down by Football Association Laws of the game. Throw ins are a difficult technique to learn for younger players so retakes are allowed.

In addition, U7 and U8 children are permitted to roll the ball underarm with one or both hands into the field of play and it is the player's choice whether to do this. Opposing players must remain at least 5 yards from the ball until it is in play.

## **15. GOAL KICK**

If an attacking player kicks the ball over the goal line a goal kick is awarded to the defending team.

A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area.

The team without the ball must retreat to their own half until the ball is in play. This is known as the Retreat Line

Once the ball is in play, the team without the ball can try and win it back. The defending team does not have to wait for the opposition to retreat and has the option to restart the game before should they choose to.

## **16. CORNER KICKS**

If a defending player kicks the ball over the goal line a corner is awarded to the attacking team.

The defending players must remain at least 5 yards from the ball until it is play.

The kicker may not touch the ball again until it is touched by another player. If he/she does, a free kick is awarded against them.

The ball is in play immediately when it enters the field of play.

## **17. POWER PLAY**

Optional, not used in Weetabix League.

## **18. PLAYERS**

Teams may include male and female players.

Players registered for small side football teams cannot register for any other teams.

ID sheet must be carried as per League Rules and shown to the designated opposition official prior to the commencement of the game.

## **19. TEAMS PLAYING AT CENTRAL VENUE**

When teams play at a central venue the team named first on the fixture list will be deemed the home team.

Teams with the first kick off time must each put up a set of goals and RESPECT barriers.

Teams failing to do so may be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff)

Teams with the last kick off time must each take down a set of goals and RESPECT barriers and return them to the pavilion.

Teams failing to do so may be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff)

Teams kicking off late may be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

**All teams will be invoiced for £6 per game.**

## **20. KNOCK OUT CUP**

There will be no knock out Cup Competition.

## **21. OTHER MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES**

The League organizing the competition may decide any matters not covered by these rules, other than the provisions stipulate in the Laws of the Game.

## **22. AUXILIARY COMPETITIONS**

As a Charter Standard League, auxiliary events will be incorporated into the Mini Soccer programme as deemed suitable and practicable.

Teams can play in a maximum of three trophy events during the season, lasting a maximum of two weeks each for Under 7 and Under 8 and four weeks each for Under 9 and Under 10. These are short term experiences helping children learn about winning and losing in an appropriate environment. The winners of these events can be published and trophies presented.

## SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF		
RULE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£0.00
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£25.00 Mini. £30.00 Youth
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	N/A
7 (C), 7(D), 7(F)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	Protest - £20.00, Appeal – as levied by Sanctioning Authority
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£5.00 (per player)
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£6.00
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	Under 7- 8 - £10.00 Under 9-10 - £15.00 Under 11-12 - £22.00 Under 13-14 - £25.00 Under 15-16 - £30.00 Under 17 -18 - £35.00
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES 4 <sup>TH</sup> OFFICIAL	£15.00 £10.00

FINES TARIFF		
RULE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£0.00
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£20.00
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£20.00
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£20.00
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	N/A
4(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	£20.00
5 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£20.00
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£20.00
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£50.00
6 (N)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT LEAGUE MEETING	£20.00
6 (O)	BRINGING LEAGUE INTO DISREPUTE	£100.00
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£20.00
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£20.00
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£0.00
11 (A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£0.00
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£0.00
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY/RETURN TROPHY BY DUE DATE	£10.00
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE (PUBLIC LIABILITY)	£0.00
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE (PERSONAL ACCIDENT)	£0.00

18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£0.00
18 (B)(iii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS BY THE STIPULATED DATE	£20.00
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£20.00
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£50.00
18(K)	ID SHEET NOT AVAILABLE AT MATCH/NOT IN GOOD CONDITION	£50.00
18(M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	N/A
18 (N)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£25.00
18 (O)(i)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£20.00
19	SHIRT NUMBER IRREGULARITIES NAME ON SHIRTS	£20.00 £0.00
19	DELAYING KICK OFF TO DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£10.00
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	First Aid Equipment - £20 Other - £5.00 per offence
20(A)/27(19)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE MATCH AT APPOINTED TIME	£2.00 AT 10 MINUTES + 50P EACH SUBSEQUENT MINUTE
20(A)	LACK OF ADEQUATE CHANGING FACILITIES AND TOILET	N/A
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£50.00
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£20.00
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£0.00
20 (E) (i) & (iii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£50.00
20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£10.00
20(H)	TOO MANY OFFICIALS IN TECHNICAL AREA	£10.00
21 (A) & 21 (C)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£10.00
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£10.00
21(D)	PUBLISHING RESULTS/GRADING TABLES FOR FIXTURES INVOLVING U7S, U8S, U9S, U10S OR U11S	£5.00
22(D)	FAILURE TO COMPLETE FIXTURES	£50.00
23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£10.00
23 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£5.00
23 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£5.00
23 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£0.00

26(b)	SUSPENDED TEAM OR INELIGIBLE PLAYER IN LEAGUE CUP	£25.00
26(f)	FAILURE TO FULFIL LEAGUE CUP FIXTURE	£50.00
27(19)	FAILURE TO SET UP/TAKE DOWN GOALS/BARRIERS	£10.00

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## CHILD PROTECTION

1. Any act, statement, conduct or other matter which harms a child or children, or poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children, shall constitute behaviour which is improper and brings the game into disrepute.

2. In these Regulations the expression "Offence" shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.

3. Upon receipt by The Association of:

3.1 notification that an individual has been charged with an Offence; or

3.2 notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police, Social Services or any other authority relating to an Offence; or

3.3 any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children then The Association shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

4. In reaching its determination as to whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made The Association shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:

4.1 whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm;

4.2 whether the matters are of a serious nature;

4.3 whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded.

5. The period of an order referred to in 3 above shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge under the Rules of The Association or any Offence is decided or brought to an end.

6. Where an order is imposed on an individual under regulation 3 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.

7. Where a person is convicted, or is made the subject of a caution in respect of an Offence, that shall constitute a breach of the Rules of The Association and The Association shall have the power to order the suspension of the person from all or any specific football activity for such a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

8. For the purposes of these Regulations, The Association shall act through its Council or any committee or sub-committee thereof, including the Board.

9. Notification in writing of an order referred to above shall be given to the person concerned and/or any club with which he is associated as soon as reasonably practicable.

### **CODES OF BEHAVIOUR FOR PARENTS AND FOLLOWERS OF YOUTH FOOTBALL**

The League fully supports the NFA Code of Conduct and RESPECT Campaign. All Club Secretaries must ensure that each person signing the registration forms is informed of the Code and Campaign or a copy of the Code and Campaign made available.

These rules must be strictly adhered to. The League will take action against any Club that contravene any part or parts of the Code or Campaign.