**KETTERING WEETABIX YOUTH LEAGUE**

**LEAGUE RULES 2016/17**

**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.

**“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.

**“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.

**“Participants”** means an Affiliated Association, Competition, Club, Club Official, Intermediary, Player, Official, Match Official, Management Committee member, member or employee of an Affiliated Club and all such persons who are from time to time participating in any activity sanctioned either directly or indirectly by the Association.

**“Player”** means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

**“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.

**“Secretary”** means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition**.**

**“Team”** means a team affiliated to a Club.

**“Team Sheet”** means a form provided by the Competition on which the names of the Players taking part in a Competition Match are listed.

**“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) 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 16.

(C) 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.

(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) 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.

**NAME AND CONSTITUTION**

2.(A) This Competition shall consist of not more than 100 Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority*.*

(B) 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). The area covered by the Competition membership shall be as decided by the Management Committee.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Northamptonshire County Football Association and the constituent Teams of member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 14 in number.

(C) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) The Competition and each member 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 member 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.

(D) 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).

(E) 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).

(F) At the AGM or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

**ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT**

3.(A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this 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 set out in the Fees Tariff per Team which shall be returned in the event of non-election. Closing date for applications is May 31st.

At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a Special General Meeting or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.

(B) An 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.

(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, failing which they shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

**MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION**

4.(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. All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.

The President and Vice President(s) shall be appointed by the Executive 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 or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two member 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 any 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 this response is purely and acknowledgement, it should include a date for 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**

5.(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 be 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 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 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 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 the Rules of the Competition 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(H) and 19, and subject to Rule 5(I), in relation to any alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged is required to respond to the charge within 7 days from the date of notification of the charge. 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 of mitigation 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, 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 16.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 10 days.

(F) 5 of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of 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 its right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16 below, all fines and charges (ie invoices) shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting 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 sum 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 match may have any 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 Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition Playing Season.

(L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

(M) The Emergency Committee shall consist of the Officers of the League.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

6.(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 ensuing Playing Season.

(v) Election of Officers and Management Committee.

(vi) Appointment of Auditors.

(vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (See Rule 20).

(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 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 Meeting.

(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 Playing Season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 17.

(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 member 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 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.

**AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED**

7. 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 Playing 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 16.”

The agreement shall be signed by:

* Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club Chairman and secretary; or
* 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).

**QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

8.(A) (i) A registered youth playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in block capitals in ink, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the (Registrations) Secretary 5 days prior to playing, plus 2 current passport-size photographs of the player seeking registration. On the reverse of the photographs the players name and date of birth must be written in block capitals. For all new players, not previously registered with the club, a copy of the players’ Birth Certificate/Passport must be included with the registration form – this will be returned to the club secretary with the registration card and receipt. 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 within7 days will result in the Club’s suspension from all League business, including the playing of matches.

(The League Identity Passport is issued to all new players and then replaced at the following age groups: Under 7, Under 10 and Under 14).

and whose completed registration counterfoil (League Identity Card) has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate emergency contact details of the Player’s parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the Player attends within the management of the Club or Competition.

Registration forms may also be submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary by electronic mail or facsimile machine prior to the Player playing. The original document must be forwarded by post within three days of the match to the appropriate Officer.

The League Identity Passport for all players who do not re-sign for the same club at the start of the next season must be returned to the League Registration Secretary.

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 signing a registration form for that 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 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) If any Player is serving in any branch of Her Majesty’s Regular Forces, the Player must first obtain the consent of his Association Secretary before signing a registration form to play for a Club.

(iv) Each Team must have the following number of Players registered 40 days before the start of each Playing Season:

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| **FORMAT** | **MINIMUM NUMBER** |
| 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 must register no more than 18 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.

The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, 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:

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| **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 | 30x20 | 27.45 x 18.3 | 40x30 | 36.3 x 27.45 | 12x6 | 3 |
| Under 8 | 30x20 | 27.45 x 18.3 | 40x30 | 36.3 x 27.45 | 12x6 | 3 |
| 7 | Under 8 | 5v5 | 30x20 | 27.45 x 18.3 | 40x30 | 36.3 x 27.45 | 12x6 | 3 |
| Under 9 | 7v7 | 50x30 | 45.75 x 27.45 | 60x40 | 54.9 x 36.6 | 12x6 | 3 |
| 8 | Under 9 | 7v7 | 50x30 | 45.75 x 27.45 | 60x40 | 54.9 x 36.6 | 12x6 | 3 |
| Under 10 | 50x30 | 45.75 x 27.45 | 60x40 | 54.9 x 36.6 | 12x6 | 4 |
| 9 | Under 10 | 7v7 | 50x30 | 45.75 x 27.45 | 60x40 | 54.9 x 36.6 | 12x6 | 4 |
| Under 11 | 9v9 | 70x40 | 64 x 36.6 | 80x50 | 73.15 x 45.75 | 16x7 | 4 |
| 10 | Under 11 | 9v9 | 70x40 | 64 x 36.6 | 80x50 | 73.15 x 45.75 | 16x7 | 4 |
| Under 12 | 70x40 | 64 x 36.6 | 80x50 | 73.15 x 45.75 | 16x7 | 4 |
| 11 | Under 12 | 9v9 | 70x40 | 64 x 36.6 | 80x50 | 73.15 x 45.75 | 16x7 | 4 |
| Under 13 | 11v11 | 90x50 | 82.3x45.75 | 100x60 | 91.44 x 54.9 | 21x7 | 4 |
| 12 | Under 13 | 11v11 | 90x50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 100x60 | 91.44 x 54.9 | 21x7 | 4 |
| Under 14 | 90x50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 100x60 | 91.44 x 54.9 | 21x7 | 4 |
| 13 | Under 14 | 11v11 | 90x50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 100x60 | 91.44 x 54.9 | 21x7 | 4 |
| Under 15 | 90x50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 110x70 | 100.58 x 64 | 24x8 | 5 |
| 14 | Under 15 | 11v11 | 90x50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 110x70 | 100.58 x 64 | 24x8 | 5 |
| Under 16 | 90x50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 110x70 | 100.58 x 64 | 24x8 | 5 |
| 15 | Under 16 | 11v11 | 90x50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 110x70 | 100.58 x 64 | 24x8 | 5 |
| Under 17 | 100x50 | 91.44 x 45.75 | 130x100 | 118.87 x 91.44 | 24x8 | 5 |
| Under 18 | 100x50 | 91.44 x 45.75 | 130x100 | 118.87 x 91.44 | 24x8 | 5 |
| 16 | Under 17 | 11v11 | 100x50 | 91.44 x 45.75 | 130x100 | 118.87 x 91.44 | 24x8 | 5 |
| Under 18 | 100x50 | 91.44 x 45.75 | 130x100 | 118.87 x 91.44 | 24x8 | 5 |
| Open Age | 100x50 | 91.44 x 45.75 | 130x100 | 118.87 x 91.44 | 24x8 | 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 registrations.

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

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.

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

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except for the purpose of a transfer.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the Player had wilfully 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 clauses (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 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall also have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct, such refusal or cancellation being subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority. 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 clause (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 Clause (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 C 2(a) when a Club wishes to register a Player who is already registered with another Club it shall submit a transfer form to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff, the fee being invoiced for each completed transfer. Clubs must provide a stamped addressed envelope with the transfer form. Transfer forms are available on the League website, and all transfer forms must be accompanied by a copy of the relevant 7 day notice or a written agreement to waiver. 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 7 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club’s consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 7 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.

Registration passports must be passed to the club to whom the player is being transferred at the end of the seven day transfer request or waiver period. Failure to do so will result in a £10 administration charge being levied by the League to cover the processing of a new card.

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 11 to Under 17 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 for a Club or transferred to another Club until May 31st without special permission of the Management Committee.

(J) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, 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 8(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 any duly appointed member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only. League Registration Cards must be taken and produced, and the players identified, prior to the start of the game, by the opposing manager(s). The Registration Cards should be made available to Match and League Officials on request. The name of the Club Official who has checked the cards on match day must be recorded on the Team Result Sheet. Failure to comply will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) and any other actions as decided by the Management Committee.

Any Registration Card damaged or illegible in any way shall be replaced immediately. Failure to maintain cards 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 8(B)(i).

(L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A)) unless the Player has played 1 league games for that Team in this Competition in the current Playing Season.

(M) (i) Subject to Rule 8(M)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a match or matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that 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 8(M)(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 8(M)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:

* Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed;
* Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
* Order that such 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):-

(N)(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 the head teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).

(iii) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in a 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.

(O) No restriction is placed on a player playing in any Division within the Competition, subject to registration/transfer procedure being completed correctly.

(P) 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, and also returning the player’s identity card, which will be retained by the Registration Secretary. Failure to return the identity card may result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). 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 may not play for any other team except by transfer. Clubs must advise League General Secretary and Registration Secretary of any de-registered player not clear on their books.

(Q) 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 transfer form, subject to Rule 8 (E).

**CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME**

9.(A) Every Club 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.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from 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 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 shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Shirts must be numbered. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

Substitutes, with the exception of the substitute goalkeeper, cannot enter the field of play wearing a numbered shirt that has previously been worn by a player in the same match. During a match, players must not wear team shirts displaying the same number, teams failing to comply may be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).. Names on shirts must correspond to the name of the player wearing the shirt, clubs failing to comply may be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).. Footwear shall be in accordance with the Laws of the Game. The wearing of shin guards is compulsory and they must be covered by stockings. The Referee should enforce this Rule and not let any player onto the field of play who is in breach of this Rule. No jewellery or watches should be worn, all rings must be removed or taped, ear-rings or facial piercing must be removed or taped. The Referee should enforce this Rule and not let any player onto the field of play who is in breach of this Rule. Shirts must be worn tucked into shorts at all times.

(B) Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

**PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

**TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES**

10. (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 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 matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground. All teams shall provide adequate, separate changing facilities for both sexes, both teams and the Referee. A toilet must be accessible for the general public. Repeated failure to comply may result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

Football Turf Pitches are allowed in this Competition. All Football Turf Pitches used must be on The FA’s Register of Football Turf Pitches and must be tested (by an accredited test institute) every 3 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 10(C).

All 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 match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

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

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| **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 | 30 | 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 |

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 and Under 12 at 10:30am, Under 13 to Under 16 at 2:00pm) and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the match with written notification given to the Secretary 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 game or by order of the Management Committee.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Secretary. 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 scheduled kick off time. NO GAME SHALL COMMENCE until the above are in place, and at least two footballs (preferably three) fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Secretary 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).

All teams must provide first aid equipment at each match, to be pitch side with manager/coach, as per Health and Safety Regulations, failure to do so may result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). At least one Team Official must have a minimum of FA Level 1 Coaching qualification, DBS clearance and attended Safeguarding and FA Emergency Aid courses.

(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 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 match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(C) For Youth matches, an Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the group and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and the secretary of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the 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).

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:

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| **FORMAT** | **MINIMUM NUMBER** |
| 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 match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any 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 28th of failure to fulfil an engagement without penalty. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a 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, the two teams should endeavour to reverse the fixture to the away team’s pitch.

(ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.

(iii) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be fixed by the Fixtures Secretary, to be 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 match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date.

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

(iv) The Management Committee shall review all 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 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 match to the opponent and/or take what other action they may deem necessary. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

(v) The Management Committee shall review any 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 8(M)(i) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the 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 match in this Competition.

Where a Competition does allow repeat substitutes:

For Under 17s and Under 18s – up to 5 may be selected from 5 substitute Players.

For Under 11s - Under 16s –up to 5 may be selected from 5 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 Match Official. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to the 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 substitutes not later than 10 minutes before the start of the match and a Player not so named may not take part in the match.

A Player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition. Only a maximum of 16 players are allowed to turn up at a match kitted out in a 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 Match Officials.

(H) The Teams taking part in Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who shall 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).

All team officials must be in possession of, and take to all matches under Weetabix Youth League jurisdiction, a duly completed Identity Card. Failure to comply may result in the Club being fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). 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).

**REPORTING RESULTS**

11 (A) The relevant Management Committee member(s) and Fixtures Secretary must receive within 3 days of the date played (prior to 8:00pm on day3), 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), surname first then forename(s) (in block letters) in alphabetical order, all substitutes marked clearly in the relevant boxand also the referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition, including the name of the Club Official who conducted the required League Registration Card check. The result sheet file name must be in the format – Club name, team name (if required), age group, fixture date. All match data must be recorded on League Full Time website within 3 days of the date played.Failure to do so will incur a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Failure to send in a result sheet within 7 days from notification of the first fine may result in the club being suspended and being dealt with as the Management Committee deem necessary.

(B) Both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each 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 two hours of the game finishing. Clubs in default shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

(C) 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 do so will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Clubs proved to have falsified result sheets will be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) and/or dealt with as the Management Committee deem fit.

(D) 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 Under11s. 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.

(E)The Competition may require a Club to confirm, by means of submitting a team sheet, that a set fixture has been played. A fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) may be imposed for a breach of this Rule.

**DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP**

12. (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 match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points for the Championship Team rankings may be determined by deciding match(es) played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, or the position shared.

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.

(C) In the event of a Team not 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).

**REFEREES**

13. (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 Association(s).

(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 game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee.

(C) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to do so 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 matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, the representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted.

(E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Association, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid their fees and expenses in accordance with the Fees Tariff.

Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club 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 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*.* Where a 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 the 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 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 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 as 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 Playing Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.

(K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each Playing 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 League.

(M) The home club must provide the referee with suitable refreshment during the half time interval. Failure to do so will incur a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

**CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB**

14. (A)Any Club wishing to resign from the Competition must do so at least 35 days before the AGM. Failure to do so 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) In addition to the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 5(I), in the event of a member Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee are empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

**PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS**

15. (A)(i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications 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 match.

(B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (as set out more fully at Rule 15(A) above) (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged in duplicate with the Secretary within 3 days (excluding Sundays) of the 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 14 days’ notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then they should forward a deposit in accordance with the Fees Tariff and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

(E) If so requested by all parties concerned, the Management Committee may determine any disputes, protests, appeals, claims or complaints between two Clubs in which event both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such determination shall be final and binding upon the parties concerned. The procedure for such determination shall be determined by the Management Committee.

**APPEALS**

16. 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):

* Invite submissions by the parties involved;
* Convene a hearing to hear the appeal;
* Permit new evidence; or
* Impose deadlines as are appropriate.

Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.

No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

**EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS**

**MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS**

17. (A) At the AGM or Special General Meeting called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further membership 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.

(B) At the AGM, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, 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 expulsion or 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 (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 and 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:- LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED, AWARDS.**

18. (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 1st 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. 16 trophies will be provided for 11 a side Divisions, 14 trophies for 9 a side Divisions and 10 trophies for 7 a side Divisions. Clubs may request additional trophies at their own cost.

**SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

19. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

At least 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 member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

Any continuing member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

**ALTERATION TO RULES**

20. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Association, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to the Rule relating to the qualification of Players 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 Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

**FINANCE**

21. (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 May31st.

(D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

**INSURANCE**

22. All Clubs must have public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

**DISSOLUTION**

23. (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a Special General Meeting by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant Special General Meeting.

(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 Association.

(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 Association may decide.

**LEAGUE MEETINGS**

24. 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.

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

**DISREPUTE**

25. Any Club proven of bringing the League into disrepute shall be dealt with by the Disciplinary Committee. This includes items appearing on Official Club websites. The Disciplinary Committee may impose any combination of a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), Club suspension and points deduction.

**KEN BURTON KNOCK OUT CUP COMPETITION**

26. (a) All eleven (11) and nine (9) a side teams must enter. 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 28th February will be allowed to play in the Competition. No player may play for more than one Team in the same season. 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:

(i) The protest is lodged with the General Secretary of the League within three days of the match-taking place.

(ii) The next round of the Competition has not taken place.

(c) All Cup matches shall kick off at 2-00 p.m. with the exception of U 11’s, U12’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 the game, extra time will be played. If the scores are still level, penalties will be taken; Five per Team taken alternatively 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.

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 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 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. 16 trophies will be provided for 11 a side Competitions and 14 trophies will be provided for 9 a side Competitions. Clubs may request additional trophies at their own cost.

(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.

**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 10yards 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.

**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).

Any applications for additional teams during the season will only be accepted up to 1st 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.

For matches under Weetabix Youth League jurisdiction -

Under 7 – the player must have attained the age of 6 but must be under the age of 7 by midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

A child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play in the Under 7 age group.

Under 8 – the player must have attained the age of 7 but must be under the age of 8 by midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 9 – the player must have attained the age of 8 but must be under the age of 9 by midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 10 – the player must have attained the age of 9 but must be under the age of 10 by midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

(f) Any number of 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.

**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.

Correct footwear must be worn for the surface of the pitch e.g no metal studs on artificial grass pitches.

**5. REFEREES**

(a) Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of Mini Soccer in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.

(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 - £8, Under 9 and 10 - £10.

**6. ASSISTANT REFEREE**

Assistant referees are not required.

**7. 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.

**8. START 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, 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.

**9. BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY**

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

**10. METHOD OF SCORING**

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

**11. OFFSIDE**

There is no offside.

**12. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT**

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

However in Mini Soccer all free kicks are direct.

**13. FREE KICKS**

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

**14. 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.

**15. THROW IN**

As laid down by Football Association Laws of the game.

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.

**16. GOAL KICK**

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

Opponents must retreat into their own half until the ball is in play. 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.

The ball is in play when it is kicked directly out the penalty area.

**17. CORNER KICKS**

The opposing 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.

**18. PLAYERS**

Teams may include male and female players.

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

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

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.

**FEES TARIFF**

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| **RULE NUMBER** | **DESCRIPTION** | **MAXIMUM FEE** |
| **3 (A)** | **ENTRY FEE** | **£0.00** |
| **3 (B)** | **ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION** | **£25.00 – Mini**  **£30.00 – Youth** |
| **3 (C)** | **DEPOSIT** | **N/A** |
| **8 (D)** | **REGISTRATION FORM** | **£5.00(per Player)** |
| **8 (H)** | **TRANSFER FORM** | **£6.00(per player)** |
| **13 (E), 27 5** | **REFEREE FEES** | **Under 7–8 = £8.00**  **Under 9–10 = £10.00**  **Under 11-12 = £20.00**  **Under 13-14 = £22.00**  **Under 15-16 = £25.00** |
| **13 (E)** | **ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES** | **£15.00** |
| **15 (C), (D), 26 (e)** | **PROTEST FEES** | **£20.00** |
| **16** | **APPEAL FEE** | **As levied by Sanctioning Authority** |

**FINES TARIFF**

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| **RULE NUMBER** | **DESCRIPTION** | **MAXIMUM FINE** |
| **2 (B)** | **FAILURE TO AFFILIATE** | **£0.00** |
| **2 (D)** | **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES** | **£20.00** |
| **2 (E)** | **UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS** | **£20.00** |
| **3 (C)** | **FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT** | **N/A** |
| **3 (E)** | **FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM** | **£20.00** |
| **4 (E)** | **COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS OR NOT IN TIME** | **£10.00** |
| **5 (H)** | **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** | **£20.00** |
| **5 (I)** | **FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN 14 DAYS OF NOTICE** | **£50.00** |
| **6 (H)** | **FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM** | **£20.00** |
| **7** | **FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES** | **£0.00** |
| **8 (A)** | **FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER** | **£0.00** |
| **8 (B)(iv)** | **FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING** | **£20.00** |
| **8 (F)** | **SIGNING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM** | **£20.00** |
| **8 (G) (ii)** | **REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES** | **£50.00** |
| **8 (K)** | **REGISTRATION CARDS NOT AVAILABLE AT MATCH** | **£50.00** |
| **8 (K)** | **REGISTRATION CARD NOT IN GOOD CONDITION** | **£50.00** |
| **8(M)(i)** | **PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER** | **£25.00** |
| **8 (N)(i)** | **FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** | **£20.00** |
| **8 (P)** | **FAILURE TO RETURN ID CARD ON DE-REGISTRATION** | **£20.00** |
| **9 (A)** | **DELAYING KICK OFF** | **£10.00** |
| **9(A)** | **SHIRTS NUMBER ETC VIOLATIONS** | **£20.00** |
| **9 (B)** | **FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME** | **£20.00** |
| **10 (A)** | **LACK OF ADEQUATE CHANGING FACILITIES AND TOILET** | **£50.00** |
| **10 (A)** | **FAILURE TO COMMENCE MATCH AT APPOINTED TIME** | **£2.00 AT 10 MINUTES + 50P EACH SUBSEQUENT MINUTE** |
| **10 (A)** | **FAILURE TO PROVIDE GOAL NETS, CORNER FLAGS, ETC** | **£5.00 PER OFFENCE** |
| **10 (A)** | **FAILURE TO PROVIDE FIRST AID EQUIPMENT** | **£20.00** |
| **10 (B)** | **FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED** | **£50.00** |
| **10 (C)** | **FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE** | **£20.00** |
| **10 (D)** | **FAILURE TO HAVE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT WILL CONSTITUTE A TEAM** | **£0.00** |
| **10 (E) (i) & (iii)** | **FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE** | **£50.00** |
| **10 (H)** | **NO CAPTAIN’S ARMBAND** | **£10.00** |
| **10 (H)** | **TEAM OFFICIAL NOT IN POSSESSION OF IDENTITY CARD** | **£10.00** |
| **10 (H)** | **TOO MANY OFFICIALS INTECHNICAL AREA** | **£10.00** |
| **11 (A) & 11 (C)** | **LATE TEAM SHEET** | **£10.00** |
| **11 (B)** | **FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT** | **£10.00** |
| **11(D)** | **PUBLISHING RESULTS FOR UNDER 7 TO UNDER 11** | **£5.00** |
| **11(E)** | **FAILURE TO CONFIRM FIXTURE PLAYED** | **£5.00** |
| **13 (C)** | **FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE** | **£10.00** |
| **13 (E)** | **FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS’ FEES AND EXPENSES** | **£5.00** |
| **13 (F)** | **FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED** | **£5.00** |
| **13 (H)** | **FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE’S MARK** | **£0.00** |
| **13 (M)** | **FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFRESHMENT FOR REFEREE** | **£5.00** |
| **14 (A)** | **FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE** | **£0.00** |
| **14 (B)** | **FAILURE TO COMMENCE OR COMPLETE FIXTURES** | **£0.00** |
| **18 (A)** | **FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY** | **£10.00** |
| **18 (A)** | **FAILURE TO RETURN TROPHY BY DUE DATE** | **£10.00** |
| **19** | **FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING** | **£20.00** |
| **22** | **FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE** | **£0.00** |
| **24** | **FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT LEAGUE MEETING** | **£20.00** |
| **25** | **BRINGING LEAGUE INTO DISREPUTE** | **£100.00** |
| **26 (b)** | **SUSPENDED TEAM OR INELIGIBLE PLAYER IN LEAGUE CUP** | **£25.00** |
| **26 (f)** | **FAILURE TO FULFIL LEAGUE CUP FIXTURE** | **£50.00** |

**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

3.3any 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.