

SOUTHBUCKS YOUTH LEAGUE
NOMENCLATURE & CONSTITUTION 2017 – 18 SEASON

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 South Bucks Youth 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 Berks & Bucks 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.

“**WGS**” means the Whole Game System and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by The FA from time to time.

“**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) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions (the “Standard Code”) determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirement of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.

- (C) 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.
- (D) The Competition shall be known as South Bucks Youth League. The Clubs participating in the Competition shall 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.
- (E) The administration of the Competition under these Rules shall 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.
- (F) 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 sixty (60) Clubs or one hundred & twenty (120) Teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (B) All Clubs shall 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 shall have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. The area covered by the Competition membership shall be a twenty (20) mile radius of High Wycombe Town Hall. Failure to comply shall result in a fine (£0.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Berks & Bucks County Football Association) and the constituent Teams of member Clubs may be grouped in Divisions, each not exceeding sixteen (16) in number.
 - (i) This Competition shall only permit one (1) Team from a Club to participate in the same Division less there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. This Competition shall obtain the prior approval of the sanctioning Association in the event of a Division comprising of more than one (1) Team from the same Club. This Competition shall ensure that, where permission is given, Teams from a Club operating in the same Division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than via transfers of registration in accordance with Competition Rules.
- (C) Inclusion and Non-discrimination
 - (i) The Competition and each member Club shall be committed to promoting inclusion 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 shall 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 shall be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
- (D) Clubs shall 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 shall result in a fine (£0.00) 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 shall result in a fine (£0.00) 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 shall be made in writing to the Secretary and shall be accompanied by an Entry Fee (£0.00 per Team) as set out in the Fees Tariff which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

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 (£60.00 per Team) shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff and shall be payable on or before 31st May 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) Clubs shall advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 1st July of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season, failing which they shall be fined (£15.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Clubs shall 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 (these being the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration Secretary, Referees Appointment Secretary, Fixture Secretary and Press Secretary (N.B. Verifiers are not Officers). The Executive Officers shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer 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.
- (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 31st March 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 (2) Member Clubs, not later than 30th April 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 (3) calendar months shall pass between each meeting. 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 shall be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£0.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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 (1) 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). In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- (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 shall be taken within twenty-eight (28) days of the Competition being notified. With the exception of Rules 5(I), 6(H) and 19 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 seven (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 seven (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.

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £100 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee shall ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances. No Participant under the age of eighteen (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 shall be notified in writing to those concerned within ten (10) days.
- (F) 50 % of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee or 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 shall comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, and shall attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£15.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Subject to its right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16 below, all fines and charges shall be paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of posting of notification of the decision.
Any Club failing to do so shall incur a fine (not exceeding £50.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within a further fourteen (14) days shall 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 Management Committee may from time to time hold a meeting of Clubs for administrative or information purposes only. Each Club shall be empowered to send one (1) delegate to attend such meetings. Not less than seven (7) days notice of such meetings shall be given. Clubs failing to attend shall be liable to a fine (not exceeding £25.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (N) A Club having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee within fourteen (14) days, shall not be allowed to play or take part in the business of the league until the order/instruction has been complied with.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6. (A) The AGM shall be held not later than 30th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least ten (10) members are present and entitled to vote: -
 - (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
 - (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 Verifier of Accounts.
 - (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (See Rule 20).
 - (viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off time 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 Annual General Meeting.
- (B) A copy of the duly verified 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 verified Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within fourteen (14) days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.
- (D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two (2) delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one (1) vote only. Fourteen (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.
- (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 (1) member Club.
- (H) Any continuing Club shall be represented at the Annual General Meeting. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (not exceeding £25.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.
- (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:

- (i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club Chairman and secretary; or
- (ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two (2) Directors of the Club.

Any alteration of the Chairman and /or Secretary of the Club on the above agreement shall be notified to the County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary.

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£10.00) 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:-
- (a) Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and by an Officer or **Representative** of the Club, and who has been registered with the Registration Secretary fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the season in order to play in his Team's first match of the season and thereafter any subsequent registration one (1) day prior to **the player** playing his first game and whose completed registration card has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document shall incorporate the emergency contact details of the Player's parents or guardians. These details shall be available at matches and training events the Player attends within the management of the Club or Competition

Or

(b) Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on match day prior to playing, which is countersigned by his/her parent or guardian (for those under the age of eighteen (18) on 31st August) and an Officer or Representative of the Club and witnessed by an Officer or Representative of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition within two (2) days of the match. The Player shall not again play until the Club is in possession of the approval of the Competition.

Or

(c) registered through WGS.

Any registration form which is sent by either of the means set out at Rules (A) (i) (a) or (b) above is not fully and correctly completed shall be returned to the Club unprocessed. If a Club attempts to register a player via WGS but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via WGS, the registration shall not be processed. For Clubs registering players under Rules 8(A) (i) (a) or (b) registration forms shall be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering players via WGS (under Rule 8(A) (i) (c) Clubs shall access WGS in order to complete the registration process.

(ii) Registration forms may be submitted to the Registration Secretary by electronic mail or facsimile machine prior to the player playing

(iii) The registration document shall incorporate two (2) current passport-size photographs of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player's proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate.

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£10.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(iv) If a Player's age is required for registration purposes a Competition shall accept an original birth certificate or a photocopy. 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 to the Player's date of birth. The previous leagues Identity card can also be used as a proof of age.

(v) When forwarding these documents to the Registration Secretary they shall be accompanied by a stamped self-addressed envelope, or arrangements made for their collection

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£10.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(vi) Opposing Team Managers shall request to see and verify their opponents Registration Cards before, during and up to the completion of the match. If this ruling is not complied with no protest regarding eligibility of players shall be considered. A League Officer may request to see Registration Cards at any time. A refusal or inability shall be dealt with in the same manner as a Team fielding an ineligible player in accordance with Rule 8(M).

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

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged ten (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 shall 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 shall first obtain the consent of his Association Secretary before signing a registration form to play for a Club.

(iv) Each Team shall have the following number of Players registered fourteen (14) days before the start of each Playing Season:

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

(C)A child who has not attained the age of six (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) shall 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 shall 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:

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	110x70	100.58 x	24x8	5

				45.75		64		
	Under 16		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
	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
15	Under 18		100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
	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
16	Open Age		100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5

(D) A fee (£5.00 for each player in excess of twenty (20) registered) as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered, if applicable.

(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 (1) 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 (1) Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.
- (ii) Having registered for one (1) Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except for the purpose of a transfer.
- (iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS for registration that the Player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£10.00) 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 Rules 8(G)(ii) and Rule 8(G)(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 (£10.00) 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 Rule 8(G)(iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion shall be considered to be under a probationary period of twelve (12) months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Rule 8(G)(iii) shall only be taken against a Player in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and shall in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions shall 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 one-hundred & twelve (112) days' suspension, or ten (10) matches in match based discipline, in any Competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two (2) 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 **(in a format determined by the Competition)** the Competition accompanied by a fee (£10.00) as set out in the Fees Tariff. 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 seven (7) days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within seven (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 after receipt of such transfer.

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

(I) A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after March 1st except by 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 (1) Team in an age group, each Team shall be clearly identifiable **but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd**. In such cases, Players shall be registered for one (1) Team only. A Player so registered shall 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 (1) Playing Season only.

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 shall 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 four (4) 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 twelve (12) points, and have levied upon it a fine (£25.00) 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:

(a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed;

(b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or

(c) 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 shall be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£0.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(ii) The availability of children shall be cleared with the head teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).

(iii) A child under the age of fifteen (15) as at midnight on 31st 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 (2) years or more.

(O) A player who has played for a Team in a higher Division five (5) times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower Division except by permission of the Management Committee.

CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

9. (A) Every Club shall register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 30th June who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers shall 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 shall play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least five (5) days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the Referee, two (2) Teams have the same or similar colours, the Home 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 (£10.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Shirts shall be uniquely numbered.

(B) Any Club wishing to change its name shall obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season shall obtain permission from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£0.00) 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 shall 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.

Football Turf Pitches are allowed in this Competition. All Football Turf Pitches used shall be on The FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches and shall be tested (by an accredited test institute) every three (3) years and the results passed to The FA. The FA shall 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 (2) 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.

Age Group	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events / festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 7 and Under 8	10	20	40	60	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
Under 9 and Under 10	20	25	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	20	30	80	120	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)
Under 12	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 and	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including

Under 14					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 Annual General Meeting (10.30am for morning kick offs and 2pm for afternoon kick offs), and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two (2) competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the match with written notification given to the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior.

Referees shall order matches to commence at the appointed time and shall report all late starts to the Secretary.

The Home Team shall provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two (2) footballs fit for play and the Referee shall make a report to the Secretary if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£10.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches shall be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches shall be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixture Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£25.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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

- (C) An Officer of the Home Club shall 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 five (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 shall result in a fine (£10.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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

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

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£25.00) 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 (£25.00) 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. 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.
- (ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason shall, without delay, give notice to the Fixture Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials. Proof of receipt of postponement shall be received from the opposition. Failure to receive such, shall be deemed as the recipient not being aware of the postponement. In the case of the ground/playing

conditions, just the Home Team shall complete and submit to the Fixture Secretary a postponement form, which shall be received within three (3) days of the postponement

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£10.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Postponement forms are required for and shall be accepted for:

- 1 Waterlogged or Frozen Pitch duly authorised by the Referee or Groundsman or authorised Official.
- 2 Local Council pitches closed as a result of Council Instruction.
- 3 School activities provided this is accompanied by written confirmation from the School(s) – naming the individuals involved.

Postponement forms received for any other reason shall only be sanctioned in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the Management Committee. These to be received no less than seven (7) days prior to the fixture concerned, naming the unavailable players and the reason for their unavailability. Only two (2) advance postponement requests per season shall be permitted.

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£10.00) in accordance with Fines Tariff

- (iii) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it **should** be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two (2) Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Fixtures Secretary within seven (7) 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. **Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand.**

All abandonment's shall be reported to the Fixture Secretary by both Teams on the relevant form to be received within seventy-two (72) hours following the date of the match. It shall include the time of the abandonment, the reason and the score at the time.

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£25.00) 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 (1) Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponent. 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 shall 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.

For Under 17s and Under 18s – [up to five (5) may be selected from five (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.

In Youth Football only, the Referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than fifteen (15) 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.

- (G) The half time interval shall be a minimum of five (5) minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen (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 shall result in a fine (£0.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

REPORTING RESULTS

11. (A) The Registration Secretary shall receive within three (3) days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This shall include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so shall incur a fine (£10.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (B) The Home & Away Teams shall either telephone, email, text or via the FA Full Time SMS service report the result of each match (League, Cup and external Competitions) to the Fixture Secretary by 5-30pm on the day of the match. In outside Sunday Competitions both Home & Away Teams shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each match to the Fixtures Secretary Clubs in default shall be fined £10.00) 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. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£0.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (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 Under 11s. Any Competition failing to abide by this Rule shall be dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority. The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect and publish results for trophy events.
- (E) The Competition may require a Club to confirm that a set fixture has been played. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£0.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

12. (A) In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition shall be decided by points with three (3) points to be awarded for a win and one (1) 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 shall not be played for double points. In circumstances where two (2) or more Teams are equal on points Team rankings shall be determined by goal difference where the goals scored against by each Team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Team and the largest positive difference shall be placed the highest. In the event of the goal difference being equal the highest placed Team shall be the Team which has scored the most goals. In the event that two (2) or more Teams have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals then the highest placed Team shall be the Team which has won the most matches. In the event of the two (2) Teams still being equal the Team which has the better playing record against the other Team in their head to head Competition matches during the Season shall be the highest placed Team. If the records of two (2) or more Teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the Teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches as determined by the Management Committee.
- (B) **In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 12(B) a completed fixture shall include any Competition match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.**

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 shall result in a fine (£10.00) 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 shall 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 in accordance with the Fees Tariff. The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees which are inclusive of expenses before the match. In accordance with the Fees Tariff.

Referee: £40.00

Assistant Referee: £30.00

Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£10.00) in accordance with 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 a fee in accordance with the fees tariff. Where a match is not played owing to one (1) Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee. Failure to comply with this Rule shall result in a fine (£10.00) 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 **Registration Secretary on the Match Result Sheet** provided. **Any Club marking a Referee fifty (50) or below shall, in writing to the Registration Secretary within seven (7) days of the match, giving the reasons for such marks.** Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (£10.00) 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.
- (J) The Referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the Referees Appointment Secretary within two days of the match.
- (K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each Playing Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

14. (A) 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 (not exceeding £30.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (B) 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 £50.00, 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 shall 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 shall contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) shall be lodged in duplicate with the Secretary within five (5) 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 (£15.00) 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 shall receive a copy of the submission and shall be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least seven (7) days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.
- (i) All parties shall have received seven (7) 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 of £30 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 (£15.00) in accordance with the Fees Tariff. 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. (A) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee shall be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within fourteen (14) days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (£25.00) 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 shall also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):
- (i) Invite submissions by the parties involved;
 - (ii) Convene a hearing to hear the appeal;
 - (iii) Permit new evidence; or
 - (iv) Impose deadlines as are appropriate.
- (B) 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 Annual General Meeting 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 shall 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 Annual General Meeting, 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 shall 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 Rule 17(A) and Rule 17(B).

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 1st March. 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 shall result in a fine (£15.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (B) At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.
- (C) Failure to return the trophy by the date shall result in a fine (£15.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (D) All trophies belonging to the Competition shall be returned to the Secretary within seven (7) days of a Club withdrawing from the Competition or not continuing in membership. Failure to comply shall result in a fine (£15.00) in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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

Each member Club shall be empowered to send two (2) delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one (1) 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 incur a fine (not exceeding £25.00) 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 Annual General Meeting 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 season.

Notice of the proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the General Secretary by 28th February in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 15th March and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the General Secretary by 31st March. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with notice of the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if (more than) two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the sanctioning Football Association by not later than 14th April.

Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.

FINANCE

21. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition shall be lodged.
- (B) All expenditure in excess of £100.00 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two (2) Officers nominated by the Management Committee.
- (C) The financial year of the Competition shall end on 31st May.
- (D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be verified annually by some suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

INSURANCE

22. (A) All Clubs shall have **valid** public liability insurance cover of at least ten (10) million pounds (£10,000,000) **at all times.**
- (B) **All Clubs shall have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover shall be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by The Association.**
- Failure to comply with Rule 22(A) or 22(B) shall result in a fine (not exceeding £25.00) 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 CUP/TURNBULL CUP/SUBSIDIARY CUP

1. The Competition shall be called the South Bucks Youth League Cup/Turnbull Cup/Subsidiary Cup.
2. The Competition shall be open to all members of the South Bucks Youth League
3. The entrance fee shall be incorporated in the League Subscription.
4. The Management Committee shall be as for the South Bucks Youth League.
5. League Rule 8 shall apply for the qualification of players except:-
 - a) That a player transferred from one (1) Club to another shall not be eligible to play for his new Club if he has played in a previous round of either the League Cup, Turnbull Cup or Subsidiary Cup.
 - b) That in the event of a Tie being postponed or replayed for any reason, only those players who were qualified on the date fixed for the original match shall be eligible to play.
 - c) **After a Team has played its first fixture in the League Cup/Turnbull Cup and after the group stages of the Subsidiary Cup has been completed**, all players shall have played at least three (3) League games in the current season or been registered with his **Team** for a period of at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the Tie.
6. Any Club playing an ineligible player(s) may be fined a sum (not exceeding £25.00 per player) as set out in the Fines Tariff and excluded from the Competition.
7. All rounds (excluding Semi-Finals and Final) shall be played normal time (ninety (90) minutes). If scores are level the Tie to be settled by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with International Board Procedures. The foregoing is subject to any variation announced by the Management Committee before the commencement of the Cup Competition.
8. The Semi Final and Final Tie shall be subject to extra time if the scores are level at the end of normal time (ninety (90) minutes). If the scores remain level after extra time has been played the Tie to be settled by taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with International Board Procedures.
9.
 - a) Referees and Assistant Referees fees as per League games
 - b) Referees and Assistant Referees fees (if applicable) in eliminating rounds to be shared equally by the Home and Away Teams. Home Clubs shall be responsible for the payment to the officials.
10. Any Team withdrawing from the Cup shall be liable to a fine (not exceeding £25.00) as set out in the Fines Tariff.
11. A maximum of sixteen (16) medals shall be awarded to both Finalists.
12. Except for the above, the Cup shall be subject to the Rules of the South Bucks Youth League.
13. Failure to fulfil a Cup Tie fixture as arranged by the League shall result in a fine (not exceeding £25.00) as set out in the Fines Tariff and the Tie awarded to the opposing Team. The defaulting Club shall pay any reasonable expenses incurred.
14. Result Cards as per League Rules.
15. Clubs shall provide the League with squad list with shirt numbers and a brief write-up of the Team/Club suitable for inclusion in the programme for the Final tie, upon reaching the Semi-Final stage of the Competition.

FEES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
3 (A)	Entry Fee	£0.00
3 (B)	Annual Subscription	£60.00 per Team
3 (C)	Deposit	£0.00
8 (D)	Registration Form	£20 forms free then £5.00 per additional form (per player)
8 (H)	Transfer Form	£10.00
13 (E)	Referee Fees	£40.00
13 (E)	Assistant Referees Fees	£30.00
13 (F)	Referees Fees for match not played due to no Teams fault	£10.00
15 (C) & (E)	Protest Fees	£15.00
16	Appeal Fee	£25.00

FINES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (B)	Failure to affiliate	£0.00
2 (D)	Failure to comply with FA initiatives	£0.00
2 (E)	Unauthorised entry of Teams into Competitions	£0.00
3 (C)	Failure to pay Deposit	£0.00
3 (E)	Failure to provide Affiliation Number / Details Form	£15.00
4 (E)	Communications conducted by persons other than nominated Officers	£0.00
5 (H)	Failure to comply with an instruction of the Management Committee	£15.00
5 (I)	Failure to pay a fine/fee within 14 days of notice	Up to £50.00
5 (M)	Failure to be represented at a meeting of Clubs	Up to £25.00
6 (H)	Failure to be represented at Annual General Meeting	Up to £25.00
7	Failure to submit the required written Agreement or to notify changes to signatories	£10.00
8 (A)	Failure to correctly register a player	£10.00
8 (B) (iv)	Failure to have the required number of registered players prior to the season commencing	£10.00
8 (F)	Signing or playing for multiple Clubs, or inaccurate completion of a Registration Form	£10.00
8 (G) (ii)	Registration irregularities	£10.00
8 (M) (i)	Playing an ineligible player`	£25.00
8 (N) (i)	Failure to give priority to school activities	£0.00
9 (A) & 10(A)	Delaying kick-off / no nets / no corner flags	£10.00
9 (A)	Failure to number shirts	£10.00
9 (B)	Failure to obtain consent for a change of Club name	£0.00
10 (B)	Failure to play matches on the date fixed	£25.00
10 (C)	Failure to provide details of fixture	£10.00
10 (D)	Failure to have minimum number of players that will constitute a Team	£25.00
10 (E) (i) & (iii)	Failure to play fixture	£25.00
10 (E) (ii)	Failure to notify Fixture Secretary, Referees Appointments Secretary, Opposing Club Secretary and Match Officials of a postponement	£10.00
10 (H)	No Captain's armband	£0.00
11 (A)	Late Team Sheet	£10.00
11 (B)	Failure to provide result on time	£10.00
11 (E)	Failure to notify "other" fixture results to Fixture Secretary	£10.00
13 (C)	Failure to provide Club Assistant Referee	£10.00

13 (E) & (i)	Failure to pay Match Officials Fees on time	£10.00
13 (F)	Failure to pay Match Officials where a match is not played	£10.00
13 (H)	Failure to provide Referee mark	£10.00
14 (A)	Failure to commence or complete fixtures	Up to £30.00
18 (A)	Failure to submit the required written agreement regarding the Trophy	£15.00
18 (C)	Failure to return Trophy by 1 st March	£15.00
18 (D)	Failure to return Trophy when withdrawing from Competition	£15.00
19	Failure to be represented at a Special General Meeting	Up to £25.00
22 (A) & (B)	Failure to have the required Insurance	£0.00
Cup Rule 5	Playing an ineligible player	£25.00
Cup Rule 10	Withdrawing from Competition	£25.00
Cup Rule 13	Failure to fulfil a Cup Tie fixture	£25.00

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
 - 3.3 any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children then
The Association shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
4. In reaching its determination as to whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made The Association shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:
 - 4.1 whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm;
 - 4.2 whether the matters are of a serious nature;
 - 4.3 whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded.
5. The period of an order referred to in 3 above shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge under The Rules of The Association or any Offence is decided or brought to an end.
6. Where an order is imposed on an individual under Regulation 3 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.
7. Where a person is convicted, or is made the subject of a caution in respect of an Offence, that shall constitute a breach of the Rules of The Association and The Association shall have the power to order the suspension of the person from all or any specific football activity for such a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
8. For the purposes of these Regulations, The Association shall act through its Council or any Committee or Sub-Committee thereof, including the Board.
9. Notification in writing of an order referred to above shall be given to the person concerned and/or any Club with which he is associated as soon as reasonably practicable.
10. The applicable standard of proof shall be the civil standard, of the balance of probability. The more serious the allegation taking into account the nature of the misconduct alleged and the context of the case the greater the burden of evidence required to find the matter proved. Save that for charges pursuant to The Football Association's Child Protection Policy, where the welfare and protection of children shall be paramount and the test shall be whether more likely than not.