

RULES OF THE JUNIOR CUP COMPETITION

(Eastern And Western Divisions)

1. The first teams of all Junior Clubs affiliated to this Association and playing in Junior Leagues must compete in this competition, together with the reserve sides of any Senior Clubs playing in a Junior Competition.
2. Every Club shall play its best available and recognised team in all competition matches.
3. All entries must be sent to the Chief Executive on or before the 31st May accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.
- 3a. Clubs entering the competition must at the time of sending in their affiliation forms provide evidence that they have current Insurance cover for their players.
4. The Competition is to be run on a knock-out principle. Exemptions or byes as may be considered appropriate shall be granted or made at the discretion of the County Association until the third round of the competition. In each round, the County Association shall make the draw for the East and for the West and the Chief Executive will intimate to each of the clubs the name of the Club against which it is drawn and the date on which the tie is to be played. The game shall be played on the ground of the first named club. The dates of the rounds and times of kick off shall be fixed by the County Association before the commencement of each season.

Note: The first round of the Junior Cup Competition will not be played earlier than the first Saturday in October each year.

5. All matches to last 90 minutes, 45 each way, except under special circumstances of light and weather, and unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the two Captains. In special circumstances the duration of the match, which shall not be less than 35 minutes each way, must be decided by the Referee before the commencement of the game. If from any cause over which neither Club has control a match is not played to a

conclusion, the match shall be replayed, or, in the event of any match not being played on the date arranged through the ground being declared unfit by the referee, the match shall be played on the following Saturday unless a prior date has been mutually agreed or unless otherwise decided by the County Association. The County Association may, after two postponements or any postponement thereafter, order a fixture to be reversed.

6. There shall be no replays except in the Final, if played on the same day and at the same venue as the Senior Cup. If the ties are level at the end of full time, extra-time of 15 minutes each way shall be played. After extra-time, if the scores are still level the tie shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks accordance with FIFA instructions.
7. In all matches, the first charge on the gate is Referee Fees and expenses. The home club shall make all arrangements and be entitled to the net Gate and is responsible for providing the ground without charge. In the event of a dispute the decision of the County Association shall be binding on both parties.
8. Glasses, glass bottles, or cans containing alcohol are NOT permitted outside of the clubhouse and must not be brought into grounds. No alcohol is to be consumed in the ground or premises during the match, except as may be governed by the terms of the club licence with regards to its own members, but notwithstanding such, no alcohol is to be taken or consumed outside the licensed clubhouse or any other authorised area during such match period or brought into the ground.
9. In case of replays being ordered for breach of Rules in rounds prior to the Divisional Finals, the first charge on the Gate shall be the Referee's expenses, then the expenses of the non offending team. Any surplus shall be paid to the non offending team.
10. Any Club failing to play on the appointed date without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure shall be struck out of the competition and be liable to any further penalty which the County Association shall determine.

11. Qualification of players: The Competition shall be open to bona fide Junior status players.

12a. Registration of Players. In ALL Rounds of ALL County Competitions a player shall be a 'registered and recognised playing member of his Team'. A registered member is one who is registered with the League in which his Team competes in the current season. A recognised playing member is one who has actually played in a recognised League or Cup game for the Team in the current season. Should a player play for more than one Team, or plays for a Team without being properly registered he shall be guilty of misconduct and liable to be dealt with as the Council may determine.

A player may only play for ONE Team in each category of Football in Open Aged County Competitions. Categories of Football: All Saturday, All Sunday, All Womens.

12b. A player with a written contract having had his registration cancelled by The Football Association shall not be granted a transfer unless the said form bears the signatures of the two Club Secretaries. A player with a written contract having had his or her registration cancelled by The Football Association ceases to be a member of that Club from the date of the cancellation. The Club Secretary must at once notify the Chief Executive of the date of the cancellation. Should the player wish to play again he or she must complete new registration forms for all competitions. A service player having signed for a civilian club shall not assist his or her Unit in the same competition without having been transferred.

12c. All players must, by the last day of February, be eligible to compete in future rounds of the Cup Competition in the current season. No player shall be eligible to participate in the Divisional or County Finals of this Competition unless he has played in at least five matches for that Team during the current Season in any Competitions in which the Team normally competes. A player who has been a registered member of a Team for the current season, but has not played in the five requisite

matches, may be permitted to assist that Team in the Final, providing he has not played for any other Team, either in friendly or competitive matches, during the said season.

- 12d. Clubs desirous of signing players of H.M. Forces in competitions of this Association must comply with Football Association Rule C.2 (A) as detailed in The FA Handbook, and registration forms of Service players must be endorsed by Club Secretaries to the effect that the rule has been complied with, and the permit, together with the date of application to the Service Authority shall be sent to the Chief Executive for notation.
13. A team shall not include more than three players who have taken part in two or more senior competition matches during the current season unless a period of 35 days has elapsed since they played.
14. Should a player play for more than one Team he shall be guilty of misconduct and liable to be dealt with as the County Association may determine. Such player shall be deemed a member of the Team for which he is first registered. It shall be the duty of all clubs to notify the Chief Executive in writing of any case in which this Rule is known to have been infringed. Failure to so notify shall be dealt with as the County Association may determine.
15. A player may only play for ONE Team in each category of Football in Open Aged County Competitions. Categories of Football: All Saturday, All Sunday, All Womens.
16. In the case of infringements of Rules 11, 12 and 13 the match shall be awarded to the Team against whom an ineligible player is played.
17. If a Club satisfies the County Association that Rule 15 has been infringed in good faith and without knowledge of a player having previously signed for another Club, the County Association may order a match or matches to be replayed. If in the opinion of the County Association, Rule 15 was infringed with the knowledge of a Club, the game shall be awarded to its

opponents and such other punishment imposed as the County Association may determine.

18. After the conclusion of each competition match, the Secretary of each club shall send to the Chief Executive within three days (Sundays excluded) the official form containing a list of players participating, the result of the match certified by the Referee and a Club marking of the Referee. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule will be fined £10. Should a Club intentionally submit a wrong or false name, such Club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and be dealt with as the County Association may determine.
19. All matches shall start not later than the fixed time, 2.00pm. The Referee and Clubs shall report all cases of late starts and clubs or Referees failing to supply a satisfactory explanation shall be liable to a fine. In the event of any match not being completed in accordance with Rules 5 and 6 the Club responsible for such late start shall replay the match on its opponents ground and shall not be entitled to any share of the gate receipts, except travelling expenses.
20. The dimensions of the field of play for Junior Clubs shall be: maximum length 120 metres, minimum length 90 metres, maximum breadth 90 metres, minimum breadth 45 metres. The touch and goal lines and all other necessary lines and circles shall be clearly defined. Goal-nets must be used, and both the goal and touch lines roped off where possible. All Clubs must have technical areas, preferably around each dug out, the size of which will be determined by the ground layout. They should be clearly marked in white lining and are for the official dug-out party of Team Manager, Assistant Manager/ Coach, Physio and a maximum of five named substitutes. All shall remain in the technical area with only the Physio for treatment and the substitutes during substitution or warm-up leaving the area during play.
21. Protests and appeals must be intimated to the Referee and the Captains of the competing Clubs at the time the violation takes place (except violations covered by Rules 11, 12, 13 and 14, relative to qualifications of players) and must be lodged in duplicate within three days thereof with

the Chief Executive, accompanied by a deposit of £10. Any objections relative to ground, goalposts, bar or other matters appertaining to the game must be lodged with the Referee before the start of the game.

22. Protests as to the eligibility of players must be lodged with the Chief Executive within three days (Sundays excepted) of the alleged breach. Protests to be in duplicate and accompanied with a deposit of £10. The Chief Executive shall check the team sheets and report to the Club or Clubs concerned any breaches discovered within four days of receipt of the team sheet. When a club appeals to the County Association and the appeal, is as determined by Cup Rules 22 and 23, accompanied by a deposit of £10 representatives of the Club or Clubs involved shall be summoned to a meeting of the County Association to state their case when the appeal is being considered. The expenses of the representatives are to be borne by their respective clubs.
23. All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players, interpretation of rules or laws, as well as other matters in dispute, except where specifically provided for, shall be referred to the County Association whose decision shall be final.
24. When the Clubs have been reduced to two in each Division, two Divisional Finals shall be played on neutral grounds to be fixed by the County Association. The Divisional Finals may be played under floodlights. The winner shall compete for the County Junior Cup on Easter Monday or a day selected by The Association in each year on a neutral ground, a set of 16 Trophies to be provided for each team in the final. In the Divisional Finals if the scores are level after 90 minutes extra time of 15 minutes each way shall be played. If the scores are still level the tie shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark as per FIFA instructions. In all these matches the County Association is to make all arrangements, take all receipts and pay all expenses.

The final shall be played to a conclusion on the day. If the scores are level after 90 minutes,

- NO extra time shall be played,

- the tie shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks as per F.I.F.A. instructions.

In all these matches the County Association is to make all arrangements, take all receipts and pay all expenses.

25. When the winners of the Cup shall have been ascertained, the Chief Executive of the CCFA shall hand over the Cup to such winners on their subscribing a document to the following effect. We, A.B., the Secretary of the Club and C.D., E.F., G.H., members of and representing the said Club, having been declared the winners of the Association Cup, and the same having been delivered to us by J.K., the Chief Executive of the Association, do hereby on behalf of the said Club, and individually and collectively, engage to return the same to J.K., or Chief Executive of the Association for the time being, when called upon to do so, in good order and condition and in accordance with the conditions of the annexed Rules, to which we have also subscribed our respective names”.

The Chief Executive of the CCFA, , shall be for all intents and purposes, the legal holder of the Cup in trust for the CCFA to whom all Cups shall be returned by 31st January failing which a fine shall be incurred.

26. No Club shall, without the consent of the County Association, be allowed to withdraw from the Competition and the County Association shall have power to penalise any Club as they deem necessary for the infringement of this Rule.
27. In the event of two Clubs having similar playing colours the visiting team shall change. In the Divisional Finals and Final stages both Clubs shall change unless mutually agreed and confirmation of changes sent by all clubs to the Chief Executive. No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark colours. Any player not wearing his Club colours shall be subject to a fine. This does not apply to the acting goalkeeper.
28. For the Divisional Finals and Final tie competing Clubs must send to each other and to the Chief Executive the surnames and forenames of their intended team (together with substitutes not more than 16 in all) seven

CLEAR days prior to the match subject to a fine of £10. All protests as to eligibility of players (or any other cause not provided for in these Rules) shall be lodged with the Chief Executive three days prior to the match.

29. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 players. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football. The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes before the start of 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.
30. The County Association shall have the power to inflict fines upon Clubs in the case of breaches of the Rules, and if necessary to order matches to be replayed except where otherwise provided for.
31. From the profits of the County Competitions the County Association may in their absolute discretion make grants to the competing finalists.
32. The County Association shall have the power to alter or add to the above rules as they from time to time may deem expedient, but such alterations shall be notified to the Clubs in membership not later than the date of the Annual General Meeting.
33. The County Association shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in the Rules regulating the competition.