

## MYFL 2024/25 Rules



### **MYFL Rules / FA STANDARD CODE OF RULES (scory)**

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football association for all youth football. These Rules are mandatory for all Competitions at Step 7 of the National League System and below, and The FA Women's Pyramid excluding The FA Women's Super League. Competitions seeking sanction must draft their Rules in conformity with this Code, putting them in the correctly numbered Rule and showing the standard headings. The mandatory element is printed in normal text and the optional elements in italics. Competitions may add to the core of the Standard Code, which is mandatory, providing the additions are approved by the sanctioning association and do not conflict with the mandatory Rules or any relevant principles and policies established by the FA. Guidance from the Sanctioning Authority (Liverpool County FA) should be sought in advance if there is any doubt as to the acceptability of additional Rules. It should be noted that in many cases Rules are so printed because they are alternatives and the procedure to apply should be retained and the others omitted. In all cases where [ ] is shown the necessary name, address, number or wording to complete this Rule must be inserted

**DEFINITIONS 1.** (A) In these Rules: "Affiliated Association" means an Association accorded the status of an affiliated Association under the Rules of The FA in this case this is Liverpool county FA. "AGM" shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition. "Deposit" means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition. "Club" means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition and "Team" means a side from a Club especially where a Club provides more than one Team in a division in accordance with the Rules. "Competition" means the [ MYFL ] League. "Competition Match" means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition. "Secretary" means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration 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. "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. "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 *nominated officer is the club officer(s) listed on our league system.* “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 [Liverpool County FA] [MYFL] [the Liverpool County Football Association Limited]. “Scholarship” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the Rules of The FA. “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. (B) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules (the “Standard Code”) determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition. (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 will be known as [“MYFL “] The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist, or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition. (E) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

**GOVERNANCE RULES/ COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION** 2. (A) This Competition shall consist of not more than [150 ] Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority. (B) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form “D” to the [ Liverpool] County Football Association and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the [Liverpool ] County Football Association(s) and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding [ ] in number. (C) Only one team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another team from the same Club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a division comprising of more than one team from the same Club. This Competition will

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 these Rules. (D) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination (i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination (ii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation. (E) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, England Accreditation

and RESPECT programmes *this also includes the leagues code of conduct, social media policy and photography/videography guidelines* . (F) Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. (G) At the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

### **CLUB NAME 3**

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

### **ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTIONS , DEPOSIT 4**

(A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by the Entry Fee set out in the Fees Tariff per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election. At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. When Rule 12(B) is applied or a team seeks a transfer or, is compulsorily transferred to another division, no Entry Fee shall be payable. (B) The Annual Subscription shall be (£25.00) per Club payable on or before the Annual General Meeting of the Competition in each year. (C) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit. (D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee ( £105/£120) and , Annual Subscription/ and Deposit (if required) have been paid. (E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by [ 1<sup>st</sup> august] of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form ( *league website* ), of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition. *4(F) – pitch fees~ clubs signed up for a home pitch provided by the league are liable for the costs for that playing season as per the pitch agreement form and must pay in full , any teams who disband/ withdraw must pay all costs owed. Any club failing to comply / pay pitch fees on time will have fixtures withdrawn and be liable for an admin charge/ fine as per the fines tariff.*

**MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION 5** (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and [ ] ordinary members who shall all be elected at the Annual General Meeting. (B) All candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than [ ] in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required with no more than three calendar months between each meeting. On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee. (D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings. (E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers. Failure to comply will result in a fine as per the fines tariff.

**POWERS OF MANAGEMENT 6** (A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The Football Association or Affiliated Association (*any club/team reported for serious misconduct / incidents of violent conduct / abuse to match officials or abandonments reported to LCFA will /may face automatic suspension any matches missed as a result will be awarded to the opposition if found proven*) (B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season. (C) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote thereat, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee). 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 these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified. With the exception of Rules 5(I), 6(H), and 19, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued to the Club concerned The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification of the charge to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to: (i) Accept or deny the charge (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or (iii) Put their case before the Management Committee at a personal hearing All breaches of the Laws of the Game, or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association. Any fines levied shall be in accordance with the Fines Tariff. The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances. (E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within ten days.

(F) More than fifty percent (50%) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by 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 must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. (I) All fines and charges are

payable forthwith and must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within 14 days will result in further charges and 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 reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition. (K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season. (L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

**PROTESTS AND APPEALS 7.** (A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.

(B) except in cases where the management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within [ 7 ] days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

(C) no protest whatsoever will be considered by the management Committee unless the secretary has had sum deposited with the secretary a sum by the complaining club in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded the opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received [ 7 ] days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should forward a deposit of £ [25.00 ] and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

(E) The management Committee shall have the power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the management Committee shall direct

(F) any appeal against a decision of the management Committee must be lodged with the sanctioning authority within 7 days of receiving the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure

for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):

- (i) invite submissions by the parties involved; or
- (ii) convene a hearing to hear the appeal; or
- (iii) permit new evidence; or
- (iv) impose deadlines as are appropriate.

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

(G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8.** (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than [30<sup>th</sup> June ] in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least [ 50%] 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 season. (v) Election of Officers and Management Committee. (vi) Appointment of Auditors. (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any. (viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the season and kick off times applicable to the Competition. (ix) 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 audited/verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed change of Rules. (C) A signed copy of the duly audited/verified Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to Sanctioning Authority within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting. (D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Fourteen days' notice shall be given of any Meeting. (E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the season being concluded or who are not continuing Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 17.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides. (G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Member Club. (H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the Annual General Meeting. (I) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting

### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS 9**

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

The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time. At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of the

meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.

**AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED 10 .** The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club which is an unincorporated Association and two directors of each Club which is an incorporated entity shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends

#### **DEVELOPMENT RULE 10 (j)**

The goal deficit ruling (power play) has been developed between ages 5-11 age categories. Even though scores aren't recorded players are aware if they are losing/winning by large margins. This rule is in place to challenge both players and coaches .should a team go 4-0 down (referee monitors the score and will allow the coach of the losing team to bring on 1-2 additional players ,the challenge for the coach then is how he can best utilise these extra players, this also challenges the team who have less players on how they can adapt being outnumbered. Once the lead is reduced to a 2 goal lead the extra players can be taken off. This is for non-competitive games only and applies to cup games also.

#### **CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB -11**

11 (A) any club intending to remain in the competition for the following season must confirm their intention to do so ,in writing to the competition secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> April. A Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 30<sup>th</sup> april each Season, a club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the competition after the annual general meeting for the following season ,any club infringing this rule shall be liable to a fine as per the the fines tariff .(B)The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season. (C) *the membership for the coming season having been decided at the AGM held no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> June ,the competition shall have the right ,irrespective of other provisions in this rule to refuse to permit a club to remove its team(S) to join another league/competition and may hold the club/teams to its engagements .*

(D)in the event of a Member Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee are empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

*(E) all new clubs will be placed on a 24 month probationary period if during this probationary period in the opinion of the management committee a club under probation*

*(i)are at any time unable to fulfil its fixtures*

*(ii) fails to meet its obligations*

*(iii) persistently fail to perform its duties or*

*(iv) fails to take steps in the opinion of the management committee to adequately ensure that all players, officials and spectators observe and follow the leagues code of conduct/ social media policies at all times in keeping with the leagues standards or fail to follow the instructions of the league management Committee ...than the management committee shall have the powers to expel any such member without recourse to a SGM or await the next AGM. At the end of the 24 months full membership maybe awarded or the probation period maybe extended. All clubs participating in the league must of gained England accreditation within 12 months of joining the league. Any clubs not accredited within 12 Months maybe removed from membership.*

**EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS** 12 (A) At the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from membership which must be supported by (more than) two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting. (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 whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting. (C) Any official 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 Clause (A) of this Rule.

*17(D) all clubs must return the league code of conduct signed and dated by the club secretary and each manager/assistant manager must sign and agree to this in order to participate in the league ,all teams in the league will be deemed to of accepted the terms of the league code of conduct and the leagues social media policy clubs are responsible for ensuring this is followed by all participants and spectators form the club. manager ID ( clear head /shoulder shot image ) must be included on the teams whole game system squad sheet, any official who has not signed and returned a copy of the code of conduct cannot be in front of the respect barriers at games, any committee member ,club official, player or parent/guardian/ spectator found guilty of breaching the league code of conduct /social media policy maybe removed from the league. Clubs are responsible for ensuring all from their club adhere to the league code of conduct including the leagues social media policy*

**TROPHY:- LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED, AWARDS.**

13( A) At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.



**ALTERATION TO RULES 14.** Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, 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 these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season. Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by [1<sup>st</sup> may ] in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary . The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if [ ] [a majority] of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour. A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

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 [MYFL ] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club 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." Any alteration of the Chairman and /or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the [Liverpool ] County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

**FINANCE 15.** (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged. (B) All expenditure in excess of £ [50.00 ] shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee. (C) The financial year of the Competition will end on [31<sup>st</sup> may ]. (D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited/verified annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

#### **INSURANCE 16**

- (A) All clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least 10 million pounds at all times (B) all clubs must have valid personal accident insurance that covers all players registered with them , this must be in place prior to taking part in any competition and shall be equal to the minimum amount of cover as determined by the sanctioning authority

**DISSOLUTION 17 .** (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 Authority may decide.

**MATCH RELATED RULES / QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS** 18 (A) (i) Contract players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under Contract with the same Club who have a team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland. (ii) Each Club must have at least [7 ] Players registered [14 ] days before the start of each Playing Season. (B) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible has correctly completed the registration including ID process via the WGS . A maximum of [22 ] players may be registered in accordance with this paragraph 8(B)(ii); or (iii) double playing squad registered through WGS. Any registration form which is sent by either of the means set out at Rules 8(B) (i) or (ii) /(iii) above that is not fully and correctly completed will 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 will not be processed, clubs must attach a clear head/shoulder shot image for all players/clubs must check all registrations have been approved and print/ download squad list from WGS before allowing any player to participate.

For clubs registering players under Rules 8(B) (i) or (ii) registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition (*all registrations are to be completed via WGS*). For Clubs registering players via WGS (under Rule 8 (B) (iii)) Clubs must access WGS in order to complete the registration process.any clubs who fail to have the required number of players registered to constitute a full team min 7 days before the season starts will be liable to a fine and may have the points awarded to the opposition (C) A team shall not include any player/more than [ ] players who has/have taken part in [1] or more senior competition matches during the current season unless a period of [ ] days has elapsed since they played. For the purpose of this Competition a senior competition(s) is/are [ ].a child who has not attained the age of 6 shall not play ,and shall not be permitted to play or encouraged to take part in a match of any kind .the relevant age for each player is determined by his/her age as of midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> august of the current playing season. age groups in which children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below along with the permitted football formats for each age group.

(D) A Player that owes a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) to any Club(s) shall be permitted to register and play for a Club in the Competition, save that the Player may be liable to be suspended from playing for that Club should the Player fail to comply with

the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt. (E) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/team for each player registered. (F) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes. In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club, priority of registration shall decide for which Club the player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration. (G) It shall be a breach of Rule for a player to: (i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred (*a player may play at their own age & also play a year up for their club for development reasons, game time is to be managed by the club*). (ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that 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. (H) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below. (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player (club responsible for the player), at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 16). (iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct/breaching the league code of conduct (subject to Rule 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of severe or repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered or intending to be registered with. (iv) For a player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute. (Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football Association. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the competition into

disrepute can only be considered where the player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.) (I) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a Player who is already registered with another Club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee 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 three days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within three days, the Competition Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the Player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or [3] days after receipt of such transfer. In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision. A player who has not paid outstanding debt and returned club kit who is wishing to register or transfer to another team/club within the competition will not be accepted until all kit and fees have been

returned /paid. (J) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after [1<sup>st</sup> march] except by special permission of the Management Committee . ( **non competitive age groups U7-U11s may register players after this date ( providing cup Rules are applied / transfers from one team in the league to another after 1<sup>st</sup> April will not be approved if it leaves that team short on numbers )** )

*All children to be given 50% game time across all non competitive age groups , in-line with FA recommendations.*

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(K) 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. (L) 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 Season only. In the event of a player without a written contract 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 player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 8(A)(i). (M) 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 [3 ] games for that team in this Competition in the current season. (N) A player who has played for a team in the [ ] Division [ ] times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower Division except by permission of the Management Committee. (N (i) Any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a match or matches shall have any points gained from that match or matches deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine. The Management Committee may also order that such match or matches be replayed on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee which may also levy penalty points against the Club in default. The Management Committee may vary this decision in respect of the points gained 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. the Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

(O) i - The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full-time secondary education) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.*in order to gain a postponement for school activities, a team must have 3 or more players unavailable(or be left at a serious disadvantage due to low squad numbers this would be at the discretion of the management committee) due to the school event , written notification along with evidence of the event inc /each players participation should be provided to the league secretary at least 72 hours before the scheduled competition match, failure to follow this procedure will result in no postponement being granted.*(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Leagues)..

## **CLUB COLOURS 19.**

Every team must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by [2<sup>nd</sup> august ] who shall decide as to their suitability.

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

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

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

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

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away/ 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 will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Shirts must all be numbered differently, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Names of Youth Players shall not appear on the shirts, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff

## **PLAYING SEASON, CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES 20.**

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season. (B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board. Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee **all players should receive 50% game time for all development age groups**. If through any fault of the home team a match must 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 facility are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground. Football Turf pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf pitches. For clubs playing at Step 7 and below a pitch must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to the FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register. The home Club is also responsible for advising participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 10(D) The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM. Clubs/ teams who fail to fulfil a fixture will be dealt with and fined as per the fines tariff.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition. The home team must provide goal nets and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. (C) Except by

permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the 2 clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event, shall be of equal halves. Matches, as laid down by the FA detailed below .for round robin /trophy events the maximum duration of play cannot be exceeded but the minimum duration of play per half maybe adjusted.( *at communal grounds / 4G venues teams must arrive promptly and ensure goals are in place and any other required equipment is in place inc respect barriers. . teams must pack away any equipment once their match has finished and ensure all rubbish is placed in bins) failure to comply will result in a fine as per rule 6H. Any delays to kick off due to required equipment not being in place may result in a fine as per the fines tariff.*

| 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   | Max of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6weeks)    |
| Under 9 and under 10  | 20   | 25  | 60  | 90   | Max of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12weeks)   |
| Under 11              | 20   | 30  | 80  | 120  | Max of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks ) |
| Under 12              | 20   | 30  | 80 (if applicable)  | 120  | One season long league and cup competitions                       |
| Under 13 and under 14 | 25   | 35  | 100   | 150  | One season long league and cup competitions                       |
| Under 15 and under 16 | 25   | 40  | 100   | 150  | One season long league  |

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|                       |    |    |     |     | and cup competitions                        |
| Under 17 and under 18 | 25 | 45 | 120 | 180 | One season long league and cup competitions |

All matches should be played in accordance with the laws appropriate to the relevant age group All other matches must be considered secondary **Golden tickets** - *each team may request 1 postponement each season providing minimum of 72 hours' notice is given in writing to the league secretary ,this is at the discretion of the management committee and maybe revoked at any time due to poor weather causing fixture back logs etc ( no golden tickets will be permitted / no postponements will be granted for cup games , or for the 1<sup>st</sup> run of fixtures and no golden tickets will be accepted after 31<sup>st</sup> march.* Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the (Fixtures) Secretary. In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 3 clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed). (10C The Secretary/manager of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the Secretary/manager of the opposing Club at least [3 ] clear days prior to the playing of the match (*by 6pm Wednesday cut off latest*)) if a match official requests confirmation this must be sent in a timely manner. *any teams cancelling a fixture after a wed if it leaves a match official with a gap in fixtures will be liable for the referee fee in full* If not so provided, the away club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the competition and a fine will be issued as per the fines tariff (10 (D) A minimum of [7 ] players will constitute a team for a Competition match is as follows

| <b>Format</b> | <b>Minimum number</b> |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| 5v5           | 4                     |
| 7v7           | 5                     |
| 9v9           | 6                     |
| 11v11         | 7                     |

failure to have the minimum amount of players to play a fixture will result in a fine as per the fines tariff (E)(i) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, 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 with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence: - First Team, Reserve Team, A Team.20 E (ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials.clubs refusing to fulfil a fixture will b dealt with as per rules / fine as per fines tariff, if a home teams ground is not playable they must be available to switch to the opposition ground if offered and available , deadline for agreeing to switch will be a Friday evening

6pm. If this results in no referee being available the game may still go ahead. (iv) 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 Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (Fixtures) Secretary within [ 3] days the Management Committee shall have 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 an abandonment to stand. Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for . . . . persons, or car allowance at [ ] p per mile for transporting [ ] persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and match officials' charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second match. (v) The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the

Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponent. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match. 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 Association 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(O) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void. (F) *all teams must arrive min 15 minutes prior to kick off, both clubs/ managers should make themselves known to the referee and provide payment, both sides of the pitch must be fully roped off with respect barriers and all spectators remain behind the ropes at all times . teams must line up players before kick-off and exchange full colour printed player ID/ manager ID this is on squad sheets from the WGS , **electronic copies shown on a mobile device are permitted but the device must be handed over to the opposition manager / match official for checks to be completed. A min 1 manager must be in attendance who appears on the squad list and a max of 3 all must have DBS & safeguarding viewable on their wgs and must be connected to that team each team must have min 1 FA 1<sup>st</sup> aid qualified team member present** . . managers should call out each player , any questions of eligibility should be reported to the referee immediately. Line ups should be completed in the presence of the referee/acting referee wherever possible. Any players not on the sheet are not permitted to play. Any managers / coaches not on the ID may not be pitch side ,Any players arriving late should be identified on the team ID sheet before participating. ID should be made available if requested throughout the game .if a team do not provide WGS player ID then the game should not go ahead and will be dealt with by the management committee, the match official should report this to the league and will be paid the full fee ( by the defaulting team ) (if 1 team fails to provide ID the game will be awarded to the opposition if both teams fail to provide ID the game will be void, failure to comply will result in a fine as per fines tariff( ID via a phone / tablet is not accepted ) .* (G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use [6 ] substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from [6 ] players. Except for matches played at Step 7 of the National League System a player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute



and may replace a 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 not later than [ 15] minutes before the start of the match and a Player not so named may not take part in that 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. (H) The half time interval shall be of [5 ] minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee (I)The Clubs taking part in fixture Competition Match shall identify a team captain who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates.

**REPORTING RESULTS .21** (A) The (Registration/Fixtures) Secretary must receive within [1 ] days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner (VIA FULLTIME sms or online / team stats should be completed fully and correctly along with fa marks .This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition failure to input information/complete online match card within 48 hours of fixture being played will result in a fine as per the fines tariff ,furthermore if no online match card is received after the 7<sup>th</sup> day the club/team will be brought before the management committee and the game in question maybe void/awarded to opposition (21 b)no result or match card not fully completed within 7 days of match being played 21 (c) The Home Club shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each match to the [fixtures secretary ] by [6pm sat or with in 24hrs for midweek games failure to comply will result in a fine as per fines tariff, any issues with reporting results must be notified to the league immediately to avoid a fine /charge ]. (C) no result. The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be completed by a responsible member of the Club. 11 (D) the competition are permitted to collect results but not publish results or grading tables for fixtures involving under 7s 8s 9s 10s 11s .any competition/club failing to abide by this rule will be dealt with by the sanctioning authority, any club failing to abide by this rule and found publishing results on any platform will be reported to the sanctioning authority and face a fine as per the fines tariff. the competition and clubs are permitted to collect/publish results for all trophy competitions

**DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP 22** (A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points. In circumstances where two or more teams are equal on points team rankings shall be determined by head-to-head or a deciding match or matches as determined by the Management Committee. (*goal difference cannot be used for youth football*)

(B) Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first [ 2] teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last [ 2] teams in each Division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(B). (i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated. (ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the season may be filled in any of the following ways: (a) retention of otherwise relegated team(s) (b) additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below (c) election (iii) The last [ ] teams in the lowest

Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of paragraph (B)(i) above. (iv) When a senior team is relegated to a lower Division of which its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower Division; and should the senior team be relegated to the lowest Division its reserve team automatically retires from the Competition. (v) Should either or both of the leading teams in any of the Divisions have its senior team in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest team or teams in the Division concerned. (C) In addition to the team(s) automatically promoted under Rule 12(B), a maximum of one further team shall be promoted by virtue of being the winner of a play-off match or series of matches (the "Play-Offs). The eligibility criteria and format of the Play-Offs are as follows [ ]. (D) In the event of a team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the 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(D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee

**MATCH OFFICIALS 23.** (A) Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority. (B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Referees, the Clubs shall mutually agree upon a Referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age competition. (C) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team may provide a Club Assistant Referee if the referee requests for ins/outs only. . (D) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the Representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted. (E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the sanctioning Association, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee of [ see fees tariff] inclusive of travel expenses failure to comply will result in a a fine as per tariff. . The Home & away Clubs shall pay the Officials their fees and/or expenses before the match . (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 expenses only. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses failure to comply will result in a fine as per 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 by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed Form provided(via fulltime match card). Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine marks of 60 or below must be accompanied by an explanation in writing from the club secretary to the league secretary ( failure to comply will result in a fine as per the fines tariff ). (I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the Form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The Football Association/County Association (J) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge. (K) Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by the FA/County FA or the League

## FEES TARIFF

|   | <u>DESCRIPTION</u>   | <u>FEE</u>  |
|---|--|---|
| <u>4(A)</u><br><u>4 (B) )</u><br><u>4 (F)</u><br><u>7 ( C) ) 7 ( E)</u> | <u>Club Entry fee</u><br><u>Club team/Annual</u><br><u>subscription</u><br><u>Late pitch fee ( admin fee)</u><br><u>Protest / appeal fee</u> | <u>£0.00</u><br><u>£105.00 u7-u11</u><br><u>£120.00 u12-u16</u><br><u>£10.00 per team</u><br><u>£25.00</u>                    |
| <u>8 (J)</u>  | <u>Laminated team sheet/ID</u>   | <u>£4.00</u>  |
| <u>13 (E)</u>   | <u>Referees fee</u><br><u>Must be given before kick off</u>  | <u>7s-u8s =£25.00</u><br><u>U9s-u10s =£30.00</u><br><u>11s-12s =£35.00</u><br><u>13-14s =£40.00</u><br><u>15-16s = £44.00</u> |
| <u>13 (E)</u><br><u>18 (I) )</u>  | <u>Assistant referee fees</u><br><br><u>Transfer fee</u>   | <u>Half ref fee</u><br><br><u>£10.00</u>  |

## Fines tariff

|       | <u>Description</u>  | <u>Maximum fine</u>                |
|-------|---|------------------------------------|
| 2(D)  | Failure to comply with fa initiatives                               | Upto £100.00                       |
| 2 (E) | Unauthorised entry of teams into competitions                       | Upto £100.00                       |
| 4 (E) | Failure to provide affiliation number / complete club details       | Upto £100.00                       |
| 5( E) | Communications conducted by person other than the nominated officer | £25.00                             |
| 6(H)  | Failure to comply with instruction of the management Committee      | Upto £100.00                       |
| 6(I)  | Failure to pay a fine within the permitted time frame               | Double the original fine upto £100 |
| 7(C)  | Appeal Fee/protest  | £25.00                             |
| 8(H)  | Failure to be represented at the AGM                                | £25.00                             |
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| 11 (A)          | Failure to be represented at SGM  | £25.00  |
| 11 (B)          | Failure to provide notice of withdrawal before the deadline / withdrawal of teams after the AGM<br>Failure to commence / complete fixtures                                  | £100.00<br><br>£100.00  |
| 18 (B) ( iii)   | Failure to have the required number of registered players to start the season   | £25.00  |
| 18 (F)          | Registering / playing for multiple clubs or inaccurate completion of registration forms   | £25.00  |
| 18 (G) (ii)     | Registrations irregularities  | Upto £100.00  |
| 18 (N) (i)      | Playing an ineligible player  | Upto £100.00  |
| 18 (O) (i)      | Failure to give priority to schools/ schools activity   | £50.00  |
| 19              | Failure to number shirts<br>Delaying kick off for no change of colour<br>Displaying names on youth shirts   | £5 per shirt up to £25.00<br>£30.00<br>£5 per shirt upto £25.00 |
| 20 (B)          | Failure to play matches on date fixed   | Upto £100.00  |
| 20(C)           | Failure to provide details of fixture<br>non confirmation opposition by deadline /no response to referee request for confirmation.<br>Delaying kick off / lack of equipment | Upto £50.00<br>Upto £25.00<br>£20.00                            |
| 20 (D)          | Failure to have minimum number of players to constitute a team  | Upto £100.00  |
| 20 (E) (i) (ii) | Failure to play fixture/non fulfilment<br>Refusal to play fixture (ii)  | Upto £100.00  |
| 20(F)           | Failure to rope off both sides of the pitch correctly<br>Spectators on the pitch at 4G venue  | £20.00<br>£10.00 per spectator/<br>individual                   |
| 20 (F)          | Failure to have at least 1 person in front of rope with league ID   | £10.00  |

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| 20(F)            | Having more than 3 in front of the rope  | £10.00 per extra person                  |
| 20 (F)<br>20 (F) | No ID in front of the rope<br>Failure to provide player or manager ID  | £10.00 per individual<br>£25.00 per team |
| 21 (A)           | Late team sheet completed on fulltime (not received within 48hours )   | £5.00                                    |
| 21 (B)           | No team sheet completed on fulltime after 7 days, management brought before the committee game maybe awarded to opposition or void | £10.00                                   |
| 21( C)           | Failure to provide result  | £5.00                                    |
| 21 (C )(i)       | Failure to correctly complete online match card inc ref marks  | £5.00                                    |
| 21D              | Publishing results for U7-U11s   | £50.00                                   |
| 23E              | Failure to pay match official / assistant  | £25.00                                   |
| 23 ( E)          | Failure to pay match official/ when game has not been played   | £25.00                                   |
| 23 (H)           | Failure to provide referee mark / mark of below 60 without explanation being received from nominated officer                       | £25.00                                   |
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### CHALLENGE CUP RULES

1. matches will be played as the MYFL ' Challenge Cup'. Ties to be drawn by the League Management Committee.
2. Unless otherwise provided for in these rules for the constitution of the MYFL will apply. .
3. Qualification
  - (a) all cups are by invitation / Only clubs and players registered with the Merseyside youth football League can enter. If a team/club display poor behaviour they may not be invited to participate in the cup.
  - (b) A player must have been registered with a club in the current season and must not have played for another club in the same competition in the current season ( unless by approval of the management Committee due to circumstances ).
  - (d) In semi-final and final ties, the qualifications

shall be 3 (three) League and or cup ties during the current season only players eligible for a semi final may compete in a final . (e) No team/club will be given permission to postpone cup games to enter tournaments during the playing season. Any team unable to fulfil a cup fixture will forfeit that game and will be fined in accordance with the fines tariff

4. Format (a) The Competition shall be played in rounds, the first club drawn will be the home team played at the home teams pitch whenever possible ( however grounds maybe determined by the management committee ) all semi-final and final ties will be played on grounds decided upon by the Committee. If the ground of the first drawn Club is unavailable for any reason other than unfitness due to weather conditions on the appointed date, the game shall be played on the opponents ground if available or a ground decided by the management committee. If both grounds are unavailable it will be played on a ground decided upon by the Committee. (b) If the game is drawn after normal time, it will be decided by penalties for all age groups as follows (i) The teams shall toss a coin to decide who goes first. (ii) The Referee shall decide which end of the ground to take penalties. (iii) The teams shall alternate taking penalties up to 5 each time from 5 nominated players for 9 and 11 a side football and 3 each time from 3 nominated players for 5 and 7 a side who are on the field at the final whistle. (iv) The team scoring most goals will be declared the winners. (v) If still drawn then penalties shall continue alternatively by the remaining players until a result is obtained. (Note: No player may take two penalties until all the players who finished the game have taken one. Substituted players are not eligible.)

(e) When a team finishes the match with a greater number of players than their opponents, they shall reduce their numbers to equate with that of their opponents and inform the Referee of the name and number of each player excluded. The team captain has this responsibility. (f) Before the start of kicks from the penalty mark the Referee shall ensure that only an equal number of players from each team remain within the centre circle and they shall take the kicks. (g) Any Club refusing to play or failing to play the Club against which it has been drawn to play on the day fixed for the tie to be played, shall be adjudged to have lost the game. Should one or both refuse to play, one or both shall be dismissed from the Competition. 5. Ineligible Players (a) All players' ineligible to play under the rules of the League or 'banned' during the period that the Competition is taking place. (b) Players who have not already played in the current Competition with any other Club, even though they may be 'officially transferred' to their registered Club. (c) Any Club found guilty of playing an ineligible player in a cup tie or supplying an incorrect name, shall incur a fine not exceeding £100 and the game SHALL be awarded to their opponents. 6. Authority of the League Management Committee (a) To decide the venues for semi-finals and finals and cup group games if necessary. (b) On any other matter not covered by (or in connection with) these rules.

7. **MYFL cups** (a) The League Management Committee shall decide the format and composition of the Competition. (b) Unless otherwise provided for, the rules of the MYFL League will apply. (c) All bona-fide registered players are eligible to play in all stages of this Competition, providing that they have played in three League or Challenge Cup ties for their current team, during the season 8.

**MYFL** (spring cup & any additional cups / Winter cup )) (a) The League Management Committee shall decide the format and composition of the Competition for that season . (b) Unless otherwise provided for, the rules of the Merseyside youth football League will apply. A fee maybe charged for additional cups and will be set by the management Committee if required. (c) All bona-fide registered players are eligible to play in all stages of this Competition, providing that they have played in three League or Challenge Cup ties for their current team, during the season. ( inter

champions cup with MYSL may be held if time permits / this will be at an additional cost and clubs/teams may enter by invitation only , the structure of this cup will be determined by the two leagues and agreed by the clubs prior to participation )