

Dorset County Cup Competitions

Hints & Help

Season 2024-25

1. A player must be correctly registered to that Team with the League in which the team plays, by no later than 12 noon the day prior (excluding Saturday's, Sunday's and Bank Holiday's) to the original scheduled date of the Cup Tie (see also Rule 5e below).

5e) No player shall be eligible to play in the Semi-Final or Final Tie unless he/she is a registered player of his/her club at least seven clear days before the *original date* set for the Semi-Final Ties.

2. Please check the Players Cup Eligibility List at the foot of the document for Adult Football.
3. The Home club is responsible for telephoning the result of the match to Colin Chainey, 07908 647050 or E-Mail: colin.chainey@dorsetfa.com, in accordance with the times listed in the Handbook. Failure to do so will result in your club being fined.
4. The Substitute Rule in all 11 v 11 matches is no more than Five to be used from no more than five named. Repeated Substitutions are permitted in the Intermediate Cup, Junior Cup, Minor Cup, Sunday Challenge Cup, Women's Cup Competition and the Youth Competitions and the Girls Cup Competitions.
5. All Cup Team Sheets must be sent to the County Office and not your League Secretary, within three days of the date of the match, clubs may use their League team sheets if they so wish these can be emailed to colin.chainey@dorsetfa.com.
6. Opposing teams in a Cup Tie shall exchange team sheets in the Referee's dressing room at least 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the match.
7. It shall be the duty of the Home Club to notify the match officials, the visiting Club and the DCFA Member in Charge (where appointed) of match particulars i.e. ground, dressing room, advertised time of kick-off, etc. at least **five days** before the match where possible. Notification and Amendment of the appointment of Match Officials is done via automated email to both clubs and the Match Officials, these can be viewed on the Cup Section at www.dorsetfa.com
8. With the exception of the Dorset Senior Cup, The Sin Bin System should be used in all Dorset County Cup Competitions.
9. In All Competitions: Should the score remain level at **Full Time**, the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark. **Initially five kicks per side are taken**. Please see below, further information can be found on the FA.com, Law 10 of the Laws of Association Football:
10. **YOUTH and GIRLS Competitions Only:** Choice of Ground: Unless otherwise mutually agreed, the Club first drawn in each couple shall have the home advantage. In the event of the "home club" postponing the match the home club must contact the away drawn team to see if the fixture can be reversed. in such case the Pitch Fee be split equally between the two competing teams, the home club paying the fee in full and the away team reimbursing the home club, 50% of the pitch fee, within seven days of the date of the match. Except in County Cup Final ties in the event of a neutral ground being selected for any County Cup Tie, then ten per cent of the nett gate shall be paid to the Club on whose ground the tie is played.

THE TAKING OF PENALTIES TO DECIDE A CUP TIE

(Rules of Association Football, Law 10)

- With the exception of a substitute for a goalkeeper who is unable to continue, only players who are on the field of play or are temporarily off the field of play (injury, adjusting equipment etc.) at the end of the match are eligible to take kicks
- Each team is responsible for selecting from the eligible players the order in which they will take the kicks. The referee is not informed of the order
- If at the end of the match and before or during the kicks one team has a greater number of players than its opponents, it must reduce its numbers to the same number as its opponents and the referee must be informed of the name and number of each player excluded. Any excluded player is not eligible to take part in the kicks (except as outlined below)
- A goalkeeper who is unable to continue before or during the kicks may be replaced by a player excluded to equalise the number of players or, if their team has not used its maximum permitted number of substitutes, a named substitute, but the replaced goalkeeper takes no further part and may not take a kick

DURING KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK

- Only eligible players and match officials are permitted to remain on the field of play
- All eligible players, except the player taking the kick and the two goalkeepers, must remain within the centre circle
- The goalkeeper of the kicker must remain on the field of play, outside the penalty area, on the goal line where it meets the penalty area boundary line
- An eligible player may change places with the goalkeeper
- The kick is completed when the ball stops moving, goes out of play or the referee stops play for any offence; the kicker may not play the ball a second time
- The referee keeps a record of the kicks
- If the goalkeeper commits an offence and, as a result, the kick is retaken, the goalkeeper must be cautioned
- If the kicker is penalised for an offence committed after the referee has signalled for the kick to be taken, that kick is recorded as missed and the kicker is cautioned
- If both the goalkeeper and kicker commit an offence at the same time:
 - if the kick is missed or saved, the kick is retaken and both players cautioned
 - if the kick is scored, the goal is disallowed, the kick is recorded as missed and the kicker cautioned

SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS EXPLAINED BELOW, BOTH TEAMS TAKE FIVE KICKS

The kicks are taken alternately by the teams

- If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks are taken
- If, after both teams have taken five kicks, the scores are level kicks continue until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks
- Each kick is taken by a different player and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick
- The above principle continues for any subsequent sequence of kicks but a team may change the order of kickers
- Kicks from the penalty mark must not be delayed for a player who leaves the field of play. The player's kick will be forfeited (not scored) if the player does not return in time to take a kick

County Youth Cup Playing times

Age Group	Playing Time	Ball Size
Under 16	40 mins each way	5
Under 15	35 mins each way	5
Under 14	35 mins each way	4
Under 13	30 mins each way	4

Under 12	30 mins each way	4
Under 11	30 mins each way	4
Under 10	25 mins each way	3

Please do not hesitate to contact the County Office if you have any queries regarding the County Cup Competitions (01202 688275).

DORSET COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS, PLAYERS CUP ELIGIBILITY LIST

- 1 FA Cup
- 2 FA Trophy
- 3 FA Vase
- 4 Dorset Senior Cup, or Senior Cup of Neighbouring County
- 5 Football Combination League
Football Conference League
- 6 Southern League Cup
Southern League
- 7 ---
- 8 Western League Cup
Western League
Wessex League Cup
Wessex League
- 9
- 10 Dorset Premier League Cup, Dorset Senior Trophy
Dorset Premier League or other Step 7 Competitions
- 11 Senior Division – Dorset League
Perry Street League – Premier Division
Yeovil League – Premier Division
Hampshire Saturday Trophy
Dorset League Division 1
- 12
- 13 Dorset Intermediate Cup
- 14
- 15 Cup
- 16 Cup
- 17 Bournemouth Sunday Senior Cup
- 18 Dorset Junior Cup
- 19 Cup
- 20 Dorset Minor Cup
- 21 Cup

The County Cup Qualifications are:

Senior Trophy – not eligible if played in competition 4.

Intermediate Cup – not eligible if played in competitions 1 – 10

Junior Cup – not eligible if played in competitions 1 – 11, 13 and 15

Minor Cup – not eligible if played in competitions 1 – 11, 13, 15, 16 and 18

For all Competitions the exception to the Cup Eligibility List is that a Goalkeeper may have made a total of one appearance in any of the debarred competitions.