

DCFA BISHOP AUCKLAND HEART FOUNDATION CHARITY CUP COMPETITION RULES

This competition shall be named the **DCFA BISHOP AUCKLAND HEART FOUNDATION CHARITY CUP COMPETITION**

Administration:

- 1.1 The entry fee shall be TEN pounds, payable to the competition Secretary, and made payable to the Durham County FA.
- 1.2 The venue for the final shall be decided by the committee of the competition.
- 1.3 The winners will be presented with the **BISHOP AUCKLAND HEART FOUNDATION CHARITY CUP**, the beaten finalists will receive a shield and both finalists plus match officials will be presented with mementos. The Cup and Shield are to be returned in a clean condition and engraved no later than the 1st March the following year.
- 1.4 The last eight teams from the previous season (provided they have entered) will be exempt until the First round proper.

Eligibility of Players:

- 2.1 All players must be registered with the league their clubs play in at least seven clear days before playing in the competition.
- 2.2 To play in the Semi Final or Final a player must have played in an earlier round of the competition and played in at least four league fixtures for that team.
- 2.3 A player can only play for one team in the Competition.

Match arrangements

- 3.1 All games shall be 90 minutes duration (45 minutes each way) which may be reduced to a minimum of 60 minutes (30 minutes each way) with agreement of both captains and the match referee, prior to kick off.
- 3.2 All games shall kick off at the stipulated time. Any club causing a late kick off will be £10.00
- 3.3 The home club must confirm the game with the opposing team and the referee at least four clear days before the game failure to do so will result in a fine of £10.00
- 3.4 If the home teams ground is not available they must provide an alternative venue, if an alternative cannot be found then the fixture will be reversed to their opponents ground, if that is not available/playable the fixture will be rescheduled. No game shall be postponed unless a team is participating in an FA or County Cup competition.
- 3.5 No club shall cancel any game without giving 28 days' notice to the competition secretary
- 3.6 Each team shall use competition team sheets provided by the competition secretary for each game played in the competition any team in default will incur a fine of £10.00
- 3.7 Each club shall submit a fully completed team sheet including the names (Christian and surname) of the players and the referee including marks for the game out of 100, any team providing a mark of less than 51 must provide written reasons.
- 3.8 If the score is level at the end of the game, the result will be decided by penalty kicks. THERE IS NO EXTRA TIME.
- 3.9 Clubs must provide the names of substitutes (maximum of FIVE) at least 20 minutes before kick off to the referee.

A substituted player then becomes a substitute (roll on/roll off).

Substitutes must be nominated to the referee as above, any not named will not be allowed to play in the game.

3.10 The half time interval shall be (5) five minutes it can be extended to a maximum of (15) minutes with the referees permission.

3.11 Results must be emailed to eve.walker@durhamfa.com or telephoned to 0191 3872929 within two hours of the completion of the game and the fully completed team sheet, either emailed or posted must be received within three days of the game being concluded.

Referees:

4.1 Referee's will be appointed by the competition and shall have the power to decide the fitness of the ground of play

4.2 Referees fees will be £25.00 inclusive of travel.

4.3 In the semi-final ties Assistant referees will be appointed and entitled to a fee of £20.00 inclusive of travel.

4.4 The home team is responsible for all match officials fees.

4.5 Referees are requested to report all late kick offs and late confirmations to the competition secretary within three (3) days

General:

5.1 Protests must be submitted within (3) three days of the event being protested accompanied by a fee of £25.00, in duplicate in the event of the protest being upheld and deposit will be returned to the protesting club.

5.2 Any club playing an ineligible player will be fined £30.00 pounds and excluded from the competition and their opponents automatically included in the next round.

5.3 Any club failing to play a game will be fined £30.00 and their opponents automatically included in the next round

5.4 The Annual General meeting of the competition shall be held no later than 14th June. The venue is to be chosen by the Secretary all nominations and/or amendments to any rule must be received no later than 14th May each year and signed by the secretary of the proposing club and seconded by another club secretary.