

Boys Cup Rules 2024-25

1. DEFINITIONS

(A) In these Rules:

“Association” means Hertfordshire FA.

“Affiliated Association” means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of The FA.

“Club” means a club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

“Club Portal” means the system used by clubs to affiliate teams as determined by The FA from time to time.

“Competition” means Hertfordshire FA County Youth Cup Competitions.

“Competitions Committee” means the Competitions Committee appointed by the Council of Hertfordshire FA

“Competition Match” means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

“Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

“Fees Tariff” means a list of fees approved by the Council of Hertfordshire FA to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

“Fines Tariff” means a list of fines approved by the Council of Hertfordshire FA to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

“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. Management Committee is synonymous with Competitions Committee.

“Match Officials” means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

“Mini Soccer” means those participating at ages under 7s to under 10s.

“Non-Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

“Officer” means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

“Participant” shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time.

“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 Hertfordshire County Football Association Limited.

“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C of the rules of The FA.

“Season” means the period of time determined by the Council of Hertfordshire FA.

“Secretary” means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

“Team” means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.

“The FA” means The Football Association Limited.

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

“written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

“Youth Football” means those participating at ages under 11s to under 18s.

- (B) Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

GOVERNANCE RULES

2. COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION

- (A) The Competitions will be known as “The Hertfordshire Football Association Boys Cups”. The Clubs participating in the Competitions must be members of an affiliated Mid-week, Saturday or Sunday Youth League, which is affiliated to the Football Association or another affiliated Association or as deemed appropriate by the Competitions Committee. The Committee may as it thinks fit invite other Teams participating in the top division of a League affiliated to the Hertfordshire FA. 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. The Competition shall comprise of the following competitions for youth players subject to the approval of the Council: The Hertfordshire FA Boys Cups at Under 18 (including U17), U16, U15, U14. The above competitions shall be subject to the Competitions Committee deciding the actual age groups dependent upon the numbers of entries received and such other competitions as the Competitions Committee may, from time to time, deem expedient to run.
- (B) Each Competition shall consist of not more than 128 Teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be within the county of Hertfordshire. Only Clubs for which Hertfordshire FA is the parent County, and whose home ground is within the County of Hertfordshire, will be accepted into County Cup Competitions. Payment of the entry fee for a particular competition does not guarantee entry into that competition. The Competitions Committee shall decide if the Competition applied for is relevant for the club/team by existing rules. Should the number of entries exceed the maximum number of teams for the competition, clubs may be requested to forgo entry of a team. In such cases the entry fee will be returned. The application of this rule shall be at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.
- (D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competitions Committee acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Council in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA. Teams shall only enter the County Cup age-group at which the team plays its usual League matches.

The Management Committee shall use a form of seeding in the early rounds wherever possible taking into account the constitutions of the Leagues.

- (E) 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 Competitions Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 6. Clubs are permitted to enter more than one team at each age-group in one affiliation. A player may only play for one team at one age-group competition and may only play in one age-group competition across all Hertfordshire Youth Competitions (i.e. a player cannot play in both the 'Boys' and the 'Girls' competitions)

(F) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

- (i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).
- (ii) The Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognizing that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise.
- (iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.

(G) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, England Football Accredited and Respect Programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(H) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.

(I) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams, playing at a particular age group in the Competition, in any other cup competition (with the exception of FA, Hertfordshire County FA and their League Competitions), except with the written consent of the Competition's Committee or its delegated Officer. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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3. COMPOSITION AND ENTRY FEE

- (A) Entrance to the Competition will be those eligible Teams as at the 31st July. The Association will contact appropriate Teams with an invoice for the Entry Fee(s) as set out in the Fees Tariff and payment MUST be received at least 7 working days prior to the date of the draw for the competition. Payment received after this date may result in a Club being dealt with under Rule 7.
- (B) The Entrance Fee will be accordance with the Fees Tariff for a team playing 9-a-side or 11-a-side football.
- (C) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee has been paid and affiliation accepted.
- (D) All Youth Teams' affiliated to the Association who are eligible under aforementioned Rule 2A , unless exempted by the Committee, must enter their youth team(s) in the appropriate Youth Cup Competition above the ages of Under 13 Football, (i.e. from Under 14 Competitions upwards) failure to do so will incur a fine.
- (E) Youth Clubs are permitted to enter more than one team in each age group under one affiliation, but a player can only play for one team in any of the Association's Youth Competitions in any one season.

In addition, a player can only play in one Age-Group during the same season. Where the number of entries for an age-group exceeds 128, a club may be requested to reduce the number of teams entered at that age-group.

- (F) If there are less than eight (8) teams entering a Competition at the time of the draw being made, or the first bulletin being issued, for a particular Competition the Competitions Committee reserves the right to cancel that Competition for the forthcoming season.
- (G) The Competitions Committee shall reserve the right to refuse the entry of any Club. Any Club under suspension at the time of the draws for the Cup Competitions being made shall not have its Cup entry accepted and such entry fee will be refunded.

4. MANAGEMENT

- (A) The County Competitions shall be under the entire control and management of the Council of Hertfordshire FA and governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association by the Competitions Committee of Hertfordshire FA. The Competitions Committee shall comprise of members of the Council or co-opted members appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association and Council Standing Orders.

- (B) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.
- (C) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

5. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

- (A) The Competitions 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 Competitions Committee for ratification. The Competitions Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.
- (B) Each member of the Competitions Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Competitions 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 also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairperson or Chair of the Competitions Committee shall have a second or casting vote.

- (C) The Competitions 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.

For all alleged breaches of a Rule, the Competitions Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 5 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:-

- (i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Competitions Committee on the papers; or
- (ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Competitions Committee; or
- (iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Competitions Committee on the papers; or

- (iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Competitions Committee.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within 5 days, the Competitions Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.

Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Competitions Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £100 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

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.

- (D) All decisions of the Competitions Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 6.

Decisions of the Competitions Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.

- (E) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Competitions Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Competitions Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (F) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 6 below, all fines and charges 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 a further 14 days will result in the Club being charged with a breach of this rule and may be excluded from the Competition.

- (G) The business of the Competition as determined by the Competitions Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

6. PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

(A)

- (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Competitions Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Competitions 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 Competitions Committee, unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.

(B) Except in cases where the Competitions 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 relevant Hertfordshire FA Official within 3 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 Competitions Committee. A member of the Competitions Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of their Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

(C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Competitions Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. There 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 an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received 5 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 and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

(E) If so, requested by all parties concerned, the Competitions Committee may determine any disputes, protests, appeals, claims or complaints between two Clubs, in which event, both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such determination shall

be final and binding upon the parties concerned. The procedure for such determination shall be determined by the Competitions Committee.

- (F) Any appeal against a decision of the Competitions Committee to expel a team or club from the competition must be lodged with Hertfordshire FA within 2 days of the posting of 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 relevant Hertfordshire FA Official.

The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Association, in such respect the Association 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 Competitions Committee.

For the avoidance of doubt, a club may not appeal against any decision of the Competitions Committee, or any penalty imposed on it, other than expulsion from the Competition.

7. PROVISIONS FOR WITHDRAWING FROM A COMPETITION

- (A) Any Club intending to withdraw any or all its teams, or not fulfilling the fixture in any tie in a County Competition shall be deemed to have conceded the tie to its opponents unless decided otherwise by the Competitions Committee.
- (B) A Club intending to withdraw any or all its teams must give notice of its intention to do so to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official and to the Secretary of the opposing Club.
- (C) A Club withdrawing any or all its teams from a County Cup Youth Competition but remaining a member of the League that it entered at the start of the season, shall be fined a maximum of £100. However, if 21 days or more notice is given to the Association the fine shall be reduced to a maximum of £20 for each team being withdrawn from the Competition.

A Club withdrawing any or all its teams with less than 48 hours prior to the date of the match, shall be fined a minimum of £70. A Club withdrawing any or all its teams on the day of the match, shall be fined a minimum of £80, plus the reimbursement of any costs incurred and a Club withdrawing any or all its teams failing to keep its

engagement without notification being given prior to kick off time shall be fined a maximum of £100, plus the reimbursement of any costs incurred.

- (D) A Club withdrawing a team in a semi-final of a County Competition shall be deemed guilty of serious breach of rules and dealt with in such manner as the Competitions Committee may determine.
- (E) In the event of a Club withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition. In the event that any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of 21 days the Competitions Committee are empowered to refer the debt under the FA Football Recovery provisions.

8. TROPHY

- (A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the cup or trophy:-

“We, A [name] and B [name], the Chairperson or Chair and Secretary of []

FC(Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of [] cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to Hertfordshire FA on or before the First (1st) Day of February. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care, we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

If a trophy is returned without being engraved, a charge for the costs of the engraving plus an administrative fee of £25 will be imposed on the Club concerned. Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (B) At the conclusion of the Final, in addition to the Trophy, the Association shall present mementoes to the players, substitutes and the match officials in the Final Tie. The Competitions Committee reserves the right to withhold a memento being handed to any player who has been sent off the field by the referee during the match. In such case the memento will be handed to any player once the teams have left the field of play. No additional trophies or mementoes shall be presented by the Association.

9. ALTERATION TO RULES

Alterations shall be made to these Rules at the last Council Meeting of the Hertfordshire FA Council prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Association or at the July Council meeting prior to the start of the playing season. Any alteration made

during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered by the Committee shall be submitted to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official by 1st January in each year. The proposals shall be circulated to the Committee Members by 28th February and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official by 20th March. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Council members with the notice of the last Council Meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

MATCH RELATED RULES

10. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- (A) A registered youth playing member of a club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has: -
- (i) Except in rounds played prior to 1st October, when a player only needs to be registered with their league, must have been a recognised playing member of their Club for seven (7) days previous to the match. A playing member is one who has been registered to a youth team in which plays at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the match concerned, including via WGS / Club Portal and Full-Time. No player may play for more than one team in the County Youth Cup Competitions in the same season, whether it be for different clubs or within the same club. When a club is playing in an Affiliated League, only players registered with the respective league will be considered to be recognized playing members of their club.
 - (ii) In the Semi-final or Final tie, a player must have played in a previous round of the competition or if not they must have played for their team in at least 5 of their League's competition matches in the current season.
 - (iii) League Identity Cards must be carried and be presented to the opposition along with a team sheet if supplied 20 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time. Where Leagues do not use player League registration ID cards then they must print off their squad from the WGS/ Club portal to show the opposition team.
- Only these players with a valid League identification card or print out from the WGS/ Club Portal are eligible to play on the scheduled date. If a Club is found guilty of failing to present its League Identification to the opposition it may be stuck out of the competition, as decided by the Competitions Committee. Other

penalties may also be incurred as the Competitions Committee deem appropriate.

- (iv) In the case of postponed matches only those players who were eligible by registration on the original date fixed for the competition of the round shall be allowed to play. (Not including players who were serving a match suspension.)

In Hertfordshire FA Youth Competitions, it is acceptable for a both Girls and Boys to participate so long as they are bona fide members of the eligible club in their league and in accordance with the Rules aforementioned.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B)

- (i) Contract Players are not permitted in the Youth Competitions 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 or of the Women's Football Pyramid System Tiers 3-6.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) A Player registered with a Premier League or English Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in these Competitions. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with a FA Girls' Regional Talent Club may play in these Competitions subject to the FA Programme for Excellence (Female) Regulations.

- (C) The relevant age for each Player is determined by their age as at midnight on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season. (i.e. Children who are aged 13 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season, together with those who attain the age of 14 during that playing season) will be classed as Under 14 Players for that Playing Season, and so on.

Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above their chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or competition structure.

The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. For the purposes of this Rule 10C, provisions relating to playing in specific age groups shall include participating in training as well as playing matches. Children shall not play,

and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
10	Under 11	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 12		70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	
11	Under 12	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
12	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 14		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
13	Under 14	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 15		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
14	Under 15	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 16		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	
15	Under 16	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 17		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
16	Under 17	11v11	100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Open Age		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	

(D) It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Player to:-

- (i) Play for more than one Team across any of the Hertfordshire Youth Competitions in the same Playing Season.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and the team, if still in, shall be expelled from the competition.

(E) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of all matches in which those Players have played for the Club and shall produce such records upon demand by the Competitions Committee.

In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for their Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 10 (C).

(F) A Team shall not include more than 3 players who has/have played in 3 or more Competition Matches for a Team playing in a Saturday or Sunday Youth League not Affiliated to the Hertfordshire FA during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 clear days has elapsed since they last played. 21 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant Player last played and the day when the Player intends to play again.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in the Team being dealt with under Rule 10G.

- (G) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players may be removed from the Competitions and may receive a fine, in accordance with the Fines Tariff and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.
- (H)
- (i) Priority must be given, at all times, to the activities of schools and school organisations. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. A team may be given permission to postpone a County Cup match due to two or more players being selected to play for a school on the same date as the County Cup match. The team/club must inform the relevant Hertfordshire FA official as soon as the situation is known, with the relevant documentary evidence.
 - (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with their head teacher (except for Sunday competitions).
 - (iii) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in the relevant Playing Season shall not be permitted to play in a Competition Match during that Playing Season where any other Player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.

11. CLUB COLOURS

Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Affiliated Association by the date stated in their Affiliated Association's rules, who shall decide as to their suitability.

Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Competitions 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 7 days before the Competition Match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away

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 be distinctly numbered, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

12. PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES

In this Competition the use of Temporary Dismissals (Sin Bins) for dissent only is to be conducted as required by FA Regulations.

In the event of the UK Government preventing football, at any level, from continuing after the commencement of the Competition due to COVID19 or any other pandemic, the Competitions' Committee shall have the right to review this situation. The Committee may decide to cancel the competition or suspend the competition until safe to resume. The Competitions Committee shall seek the opinion of the Leagues and/or clubs involved before any resumption.

(A)

- (i) The Competitions Committee shall determine the date for the commencement of the ensuing season's cup competitions, which shall be in accordance with Football Association rules. No club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date as determined by the Council of the Hertfordshire FA. All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for 9v9 football, The FA's Guide to 9v9 Football.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition.

All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Competitions Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a Competition Match has to be replayed, the Competitions Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

All Home playing grounds must be within the borders of the County of Hertfordshire, but the Competitions Committee has the discretion to allow other grounds outside the boundary to be used in exceptional circumstances, such as bad weather.

The Competitions Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Matches on another ground.

Artificial Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches – <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register>. It is the

responsibility of both teams to ensure that such pitch is on this register before the commencement of a match. All Football Turf Pitches used 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 12(C).

All Competition Matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the Competition Match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

All matches must be concluded at the first meeting. If at full-time the scores are equal, the match shall be decided by kicks from the penalty-mark as laid down by the Laws of the Game. If the kicks from the penalty mark are unable to be started or completed as per law due to no fault of either team, the match shall be replayed the second weekend on the ground of the “away” team in the original match. If the cause is by one or both teams the match shall be reviewed by the Competitions Committee as per rule 12 E (iv).

Competition Matches should be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, as detailed below.

Age Group	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events/festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 12	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 and Under 14	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 15 and Under 16	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 and Under 18	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table

The draws for the Competition shall be made by a sub-committee appointed by the Competitions Committee. Once the draw notification bulletins have been published no team will be accepted into a competition as late entrant except at the discretion of the Competitions Committee. After the draw the appropriate relevant Hertfordshire FA Official shall advise each of the Clubs drawn the name of the Club it is drawn against and the date on which the tie is to be played.

The kick-off time in each tie (except the Final Tie) will be at the discretion of the Home drawn team. In event of a dispute regarding the kick-off time as set by the Home team, the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official has the authority to stipulate the actual kick off time having taken all facts into account. Kick-off times will be between 10.00am and 2.00pm, except in the months of November, December and January when the latest kick-off time will be 1.30pm. This time may be extended if the match has been agreed by all parties to be played under floodlights. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined in accordance with the fines tariff or be otherwise dealt with as the Competitions Committee may determine. The Home team must advise by email the time of kick-off to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official at last 10 days prior to the scheduled date of their match and immediately for subsequent postponed matches. Any club failing to notify the time of kick-off under this rule will be liable to a fine of at least £15. Any team which changes its kick-off time after the allocation of a referee resulting in the referee having to decline the appointment may not have the referee replaced. The referee will not be replaced if such change occurs within 4 days of the scheduled match.

By agreement between the two competing Clubs, which must be notified to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official and the Referee before the game, the whole, or part, of any match in County competitions may be played under floodlights.

Referees must order Competition Matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official.

The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (ii) In any Hertfordshire FA Youth County Cup Competition match at any age-group, where one team has attained a nine (9) goal advantage the match shall be adjudged to have reached a conclusion.

The referee shall signal the end of the match and the score at that time shall be recorded as the final score. To clarify, a nine-goal advantage means 9-0, 10-1, 11-2 etc.

The referee and teams shall inform Hertfordshire FA, via Hertfordshire County Cups on Full Time under the comments section within stats screen of the time the match was ended. This is required to provide feedback to the Football Association of the pilot scheme. Should a match be concluded within this rule and it occurs well before normal full-time, it will be the decision of the two teams playing as to whether they wish to play a friendly or training match.

This would be entirely at the discretion of the two competing teams, but neither side should be compelled to play such a game. Should the referee be happy to officiate such a match this would be deemed in order, but they are not compelled to and must be paid their match fee at the conclusion of County Cup match if they decide not to stay. The two teams would then come to an agreement about who would referee such a friendly/training match.

Please Note: This is a pilot scheme running for a fourth full season (2024-25), at present, and feedback will be forwarded to the Football Association in December and at the end of the season. However, this is a rule of the Youth Competitions and must be followed.

- (B) Except by permission of the Competitions Committee, or the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official, all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed, but priority shall be given to The FA Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition Match with the consent of the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official or designated officer. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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

- (C) An Officer 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 Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 7 clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match and this notice must be acknowledged by the Away Club. If the home Club does not so provide, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (D) The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:

Format	Minimum Number
11v11	7

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(E)

- (i) In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement, the Competitions Committee shall have power to impose a fine (in accordance with Fines Tariff) award the match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them.

To allow expediency and the smooth-running of the competition, any team not being able to play on the date fixed for the competition for any reason other than weather, including players and team officials required to play the match having to isolate due to Coronavirus reasons, shall forfeit that match to its opponents. Any team unable to play MUST inform the Competitions Secretary Youth, Opponents, and Referee at the earliest possible time.

- (ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary (Youth), the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials. Any request for consideration of the Competitions Committee to allow a postponement of a tie must be at least 28 days before the scheduled date of the fixture. No requests for a postponement of a match will be granted, whether the match in question is on the original published date, or on a later date due to an earlier postponement caused by the weather or unplayable ground conditions, etc., unless decided by the Competitions Committee. Consideration for requesting a postponement of a match on a particular date on the grounds of religious dispensation will only be given if it is included by the Football Association on their list of Major Religious Festival dates. The granting of a postponement will be the final decision of the Competitions Committee.
- (iii) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, the match shall be rearranged for the second weekend following the original postponement up to the Quarter final stage and then shall be played the following week, the Competitions Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. If the match is abandoned through no fault of either team, at the completion of normal time or during kicks from the penalty mark, the rearranged game will be played on the ground of the Away team in the original tie. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Competitions Committee shall also be empowered to order

the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines tariff.

In the event of the original County Cup fixture being postponed both Clubs should have an alternative ground available when the fixture is rearranged in case a change of venue is required. The Competitions Committee shall have the authority following a postponement to switch the venue for the rearranged fixture to either another ground supplied by the home drawn team, or to the away team's ground if the circumstances are considered appropriate and beneficial to both Clubs, affiliated Leagues and the running of the Competition concerned. However, the switching of a venue is not an automatic procedure and will be at the discretion of the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official whom the clubs MUST contact immediately a ground is deemed unplayable.

If a match in any Competition has the venue switched to the ground of the away drawn team, whether by mutual consent or by order of the Competitions Committee, the fixture shall be reversed, i.e. the away drawn team becomes the home team and vice versa.

With the exception of grounds owned by local authorities or private landlords, the decision as to the pitch conditions is the responsibility of the appointed match referee alone. If an inspection is required to determine the condition of the pitch, it must be performed by the appointed match referee or their nominated deputy, who must be a currently registered referee. If a deputy is used, the deputy must speak with the match referee who will make the final decision. The match referee or their deputy may claim reasonable travel expenses for the inspection at the current Hertfordshire FA conditions.

On the day of the scheduled match, Home teams whose grounds are unplayable for any reason must accept any invitation from the published away team, whose ground is playable and available, to travel to and play at their opponent's venue, provided it is no further than 5 miles by road and that the revised kick-off time is no later than 2.00pm. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (iv) The Competitions Committee shall review all Competition 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 Competitions Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Competitions Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award that Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club

member(s), the Competitions Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed and both teams removed from the Competition. No fine(s) can be applied by the Competition Committee for an abandoned Competition Match.

- (v) The Management Committee shall review any Competition Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 10F above. Where both Teams were under suspension the Competition Match must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

- (F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match.

Where a Competition does allow return substitutes, as in these Competitions:

For Under 14s - Under 18s – a Club may use up to 7 from 7 substitute Players. A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace any Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

In all Youth Cup Competitions, the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than 10 minutes before the start of the Competition Match, except in Semi-Finals (30 minutes) and Final (60 minutes) Ties, and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

A Player who has named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 10 of this Competition.

- (G) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.
- (H) The Teams shall identify a Team captain who shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of their teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Prior to each match the participating teams and match officials shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake or fist bumps and participating teams to offer handshakes or fist bumps to the opposing team after the match.

Clubs in breach of the rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(J) It shall be the responsibility of every Club involved in Youth football to provide a match Delegate for each match, including the Final Tie, in which it participates. The Delegate must report to the match referee at least 15 minutes prior to kick-off.

(K) Semi Finals

- (i) All semi-final ties must be played on the days and at times fixed by the Competitions Committee
- (ii) In the semi-final round, where Assistant Referees are appointed the playing pitch must have a designated area at least five (5) metres from the goal and touch lines for use by the Assistant Referee. The playing pitch must have a railed or roped-off area at least five feet from the goal and touch lines. Where local regulations do not allow this the home Club must find an alternative ground or play on the ground of their opponents, which must comply with the foregoing conditions. Fluorescent tape is not considered a satisfactory replacement for rope. All posts or stakes used must be of material considered satisfactory for players' safety.

Clubs in breach of this rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (iii) In semi-finals where assistant referees are appointed by Hertfordshire FA, the Away team shall pay one assistant's match fee and the Home team the other. It is the responsibility of the HOME team to ensure the match officials are paid their fees after the game.

(L) Semi Final and the Final Ties

- (i) Every Club playing in a semi-final or final of a County Competition shall send to the opposing Club, the Association Headquarters and to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official a list of players, which must include their dates of birth, from whom the team for the semi-final or final must be selected, giving seven (7) clear days' notice. No player will be considered eligible unless their name appears in the list. Additions to the team lists can only be made with the consent of both the opposing Club and the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official. No objection to the qualifications of any players mentioned on the list shall be entertained unless notice of objection, setting out in detail the grounds of such objection, is in the hands of both the Secretary of the opposing Club and the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official prior to the date of the kick off for the match. Failure to submit a list of players with seven (7) clear days' notice will result in the offending Club being liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines tariff.

Note: In the Semi-final or Final tie, a player must have played in a previous round of the competition or if not they must have played for their team in at least 5 of their League's competition matches in the current season.

- (ii) The Competitions Committee shall determine the grounds on which Finals shall be played. All Finals must be played to completion on the scheduled date.
- (iii) In each tie team sheets must be exchanged between the two teams, in the presence of the Referee, at least 30 minutes in a semi-final and 60 minutes for the Final prior to kick off. The names on each team sheet must correspond exactly with the names shown on the match result sheet. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (iv) On the day of the Final Tie each Team shall hand to the Referee at least 60 minutes prior to Kick Off a Technical Area Form, detailing the names of the occupants and roles to be within the Technical Area. These occupants must be Safeguarding compliant in accordance with FA Regulations. Only those persons will be allowed in the Technical Area. No more than two persons at any one time are authorized to stand in the Technical Area from each Team at any time, but only one person is allowed to coach at any one time. Substitute players may warm up behind the nearest Assistant Referee and once completed must return to the dugout. A maximum of 10 (ten) persons are allowed in the dugout at any one time.
- (v) Each Club playing in a Final must nominate a Match Delegate who must report to the Member of the Association in Charge of the Cup Final arrangements at least 45 minutes before kick-off. Any match Delegate found not carrying out instructions given by the member in Charge will be reported for misconduct and may be liable to action being taken against the Club at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.
- (vi) Each Club playing in the Final of a Youth Competition must send to the nominated member of the Competitions Committee, or Hertfordshire FA staff member, details of the Club's history and any appropriate pen pictures of each of the players liable for selection for inclusion in the Cup Final programme at least 10 days prior to the scheduled Cup Final date.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (vii) Each Club playing in the Final of a Youth Cup Competition must send to the relevant Hertfordshire FA Official a list of a maximum of twenty (20) players from which the playing squad will be selected at least seven (7) days prior to the advertised date for the Cup Final. The list shall also contain the names of the management team (manager, coaches, etc.).

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

13. REPORTING RESULTS

- (A) Each club playing in a match in the County Youth Competitions shall notify the result by either logging onto Full-Time or by using the Matchday app. All fields under stats must be completed in all sections within one day of the match taking place. The Club shall indicate which substitute players actually took part in the match by entering the field of play at any time during the match. Non-playing substitutes need not be named on the form. The form must include an assessment of the Match referee, by allocating a mark out of 100. A club awarding a Referee a mark of 60 or less must forward a covering letter giving a valid reason for such low marking. Clubs submitting a late result form, i.e. later than one day after the match (11.00pm) shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines tariff. The Competitions Committee shall also have power to take such action as they seem suitable against a Club which submits an incomplete form or provides incorrect information.
- (B) All clubs, whether home or away, must communicate the result of their County Youth Cup match by 11.00pm on the date of the match. This communication must be in the form of an SMS message in response to an automated message sent from the County FA on the day of the game or by using Full-Time or the Matchday app. Any club failing to communicate the result of their game by this deadline shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

14. MATCH OFFICIALS

- (A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Competitions Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority. Appointed match Officials shall acknowledge acceptance of appointments received for all County Youth Competitions ties to the appropriate appointing officer. Match Officials must also acknowledge to the home club the receipt of their match confirmation details once received.

N.B. Any Match Official declining such an appointment is not allowed to officiate in any other match that overlaps this appointment, if so, they may be dealt with in accordance with Referee Regulations.

- (B) In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. In the first instance, the HOME team shall take responsibility in arranging for an alternative referee however, should the AWAY team have such a qualified referee available, the HOME team must agree to allow that

referee to officiate the game. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee, but only a County registered referee is entitled to receive match fees.

Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match.

Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the Players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the referee, for example a 15-year-old referee may only officiate in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.

- (C) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee, who shall report to the referee 5 minutes before the appointed time of kick-off. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) being imposed on the defaulting Club. The Competitions Committee may, if they consider desirable, or upon application by the two competing clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any match.
- (D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted. To prevent unnecessary travel, another Hertfordshire FA Registered referee may inspect the ground to determine its fitness. However, that referee must contact the appointed referee before a decision regarding any postponement is made. Such postponements may only be made by the appointed referee.
- (E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff inclusive of travel expenses. In the Final Ties the match officials will receive suitable mementoes in lieu of any fee and shall be entitled to claim a flat fee for expenses of £15.

In semi-finals where assistant referees are appointed by Hertfordshire FA, the Away team shall pay one assistant's match fee and the Home team the other. It is the responsibility of the HOME team to ensure the match officials are paid their fees after the game.

Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the AWAY Club immediately after the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Competitions Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee only. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in

default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (G) A referee not keeping their engagement and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Referees' Committee, who shall take such action as it deems necessary.
- (H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.
- (I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.
- (J) The referee shall submit an online report form, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the County FA within two days of the Competition Match.
- (K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge. This may be in the form of an electronic version.
- (L) Match Officials may have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by The FA / County FA or the Competition.
- (M) Match Officials in Competitions of Hertfordshire FA shall wear traditional Black Shirts (either all black or with white trim), Black Shorts and socks (either all black or with white trim). No coloured kit is permissible.
- (N) If a referee withdraws from a fixture, by notifying the Home Club, that Club must contact the relevant Referee Appointment Officer so that a replacement can be found. Should a referee withdraw from a fixture due to a team changing the kick-off time, the referee may not be replaced. A referee will not be replaced if such a change is made within 4 days of the scheduled match.

In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance the Clubs shall agree upon a referee or one or both Clubs may be eliminated from the Competition (see 14B). An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Where the home team does not have a registered and appropriate referee available and the away team can provide such a referee then the home team must allow that referee to officiate on the match. If no such referee is available another suitable person may be used.

Fees and Fines Tariff - Youth Competitions

FEES TARIFF		
RULE	DESCRIPTION	FEE
3 (B)	TEAM ENTRY FEE	£12.00
6 (C), 6 (F)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£25.00
14 (E)	REFEREE FEES	Under 18: £50.00 Under 15/16: £45.00 Under 14: £40.00
14 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	Under 18: £40.00 Under 15/16: £35.00 Under 14: £30.00

FINES TARIFF		
RULE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£100.00
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£100.00
4 (C)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25.00
5 (E)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£50.00
5 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	An additional £25.00
7(C)	WITHDRAWAL OF TEAM	£20 (if in League) £30 (>21 days' notice) £45 (<48 Hours' notice) £50 (on day of match) +costs £70 (no notification) +costs
8(A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£25.00
8 (A)	FAILURE TO RETURN TROPHY BY DUE DATE OR WHEN REQUESTED	£100.00 PLUS COST OF REPLACEMENT
8 (A)	FAILURE TO ENGRAVE THE TROPHY	£25.00 PLUS COST OF ENGRAVING
8 (A)	RETURNING THE TROPHY IN DAMAGED CONDITION	£25.00 PLUS COST OF REPAIR
8 (A)	LOSS OR IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO TROPHY	£100 PLUS COST OF REPLACEMENT

10 (G)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£100.00
10 (G)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£100.00 AND EXPULSION
10 (H)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£50.00
11	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00 (PER SHIRT, UP TO AN AGGREGATE MAXIMUM OF £30)
11	DELAYING KICK OFF TO DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£30
12(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£30.00
12 (A)	FAILING TO NOTIFY KICK-OFF TIME	£10.00
12(B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£100.00
12 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£50.00
12 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£30.00
12 (E) (i) & (iii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£100.00 + costs
12 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£10.00
12 (I)	FAILURE TO CONDUCT THE RESPECT HANDSHAKE	£25.00
12 (J)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE A MATCH DELEGATE	£50.00
12 (K & L)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE ROPED/RAILED AREA OR AREA FOR SPECTATORS ETC	£50.00
12 (L)(i)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE A LIST OF PLAYERS	£50.00
12 (L) (iv)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE/EXCHANGE TEAM SHEET	£50.00
12 (L) (vii)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB HISTORY & PEN PICTURES	£50.00
20 (L) (viii)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CUP FINAL SQUAD	£50.00
13 (A)	LATE OR NO RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£20.00
13 (A)	MARKING A REFEREE LESS THAN 60 AND NOT SUBMITTING AN EXPALNATION	£25.00
13 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£20.00
14 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£25.00
14 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES	£25.00 + THE FEE
14 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£25.00 + THE FEE
14 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£25.00

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