

# Kent FA Abridged Regulations

## Miscellaneous

1. **Advertising matches** – Matches involving teams other than a club's first team must be so described.
2. **Representative Teams County Honours** – Presentation to be arranged as and when players are reported by football services officer to have qualified.
3. **Competition Rules** – In the event of conflict between a league or competition rule and the rules, regulations and practice of the association, the latter shall prevail.
4. **Conflicts of Interest** – In all investigations or commissions of inquiry held by or on behalf of the council, or by any affiliated league or competition, no member of such committee of enquiry or commission shall be in any way connected with the clubs or parties in the investigation or with the matters in dispute.
5. **Expenses** – Any person appointed by the association shall be entitled to be reimbursed expenses in line with the prevailing expense policy at that time.
6. **Passes** – Kent FA Council shall have the power to issue officers and members a pass, which shall not be transferable. On production of this pass admission shall be granted to the grounds and stands of clubs affiliated to the Association at all matches, including Cup ties.

Note: A minimum of 72 hours' notice must be given to clubs of intention to be present at matches, otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Clubs shall be required to provide access to up to a maximum of 10 council members using their annual pass at any given match. Access shall be provided to council members on a "first come, first served" basis. It is a matter for the club to determine if it wishes to allow access to more than 10 council members at a given match.

Persons acting in an official capacity for Kent FA as assessors, observers or mentors, for example, on production of written authority, must also be accorded admission to the ground of the affiliated Club.

7. **Charity Competitions** – A proper banking account with responsible trustees must be maintained. Balance sheets must be sent to the Kent FA by the 1st August each year.
8. **Municipal Playing Pitches** – Clubs and referees must conform to regulations made by municipal authorities in regard to the use of or non-use of municipal pitches due to weather and like conditions.

## **County Cups**

- 9. Gate checkers** – For Kent FA cup-ties clubs concerned may send at their own expense not more than six gate checkers.
- 10. Extra Medals** – Applications can be made for additional medals for competitions under the direct control of the Kent FA.
- 11. County Cup Final Ties** – Each member of council plus a guest shall be entitled to free entry to any Kent FA County Cup Final tie. Any additional benefits shall be at the invitation of the board.
- 12. County Cup Competitions** – No club, whose parent association is the Kent FA will be permitted to compete in other county association competitions without first obtaining permission from the Kent FA. Any club failing to comply with this regulation may be liable to a fine not exceeding £50

## **Referees**

- 13. Referees** – No league or competition shall ask a referee for a subscription to their funds.
- 14. Referee Appointments to County Cup Ties** – Should a match official be appointed to two, or more, different county cup competitions on the same date then they must honour the appointment to the most senior competition. Should, however, the appointment in the most senior competition occur less than 4 days prior to the match then the association must obtain permission from the affiliated association or competition for the referee to be released.
- 15. List of Referees** – Any League sanctioned by the Kent FA shall submit a list of its referees (on the form provided) to the Kent FA prior to the 31st August, each season. Any League failing to comply with this regulation may be liable to a fine not exceeding £50 and sanction may not be granted or suspended until the list is submitted.
- 16. Referees' Fees** – For all grassroots football, operating outside of the National League System and/or any designated Feeder Division into the National League System, the following shall apply and will be inclusive of both the match fee and any travelling expenses.  
The maximum amount payable to a match official for a match in affiliated mini-soccer football is £25.  
The maximum amount payable to a match official for a match in affiliated youth football (U16 age group and below) is £35.  
The maximum amount payable to a match official for a match in affiliated youth football (U17 and above) and open-age football is £45.

## **Clubs**

- 17. Advertising Matches** – Matches involving teams other than a clubs first team must be so described.
- 18. Club's Balance Sheets** – Club accounts and supporting documentation must be kept for at least three seasons following the end of the season which the accounts relate to. These must be available upon request for inspection by the Kent FA.
- 19. Change of Club Name** – Clubs outside of the National League System and below tier 6 of the women's Football Pyramid should complete the application as per the process that is prescribed by the Kent FA. When returning club affiliation forms or requests for change of club name, clubs must submit the full name. Abbreviations or initials will not be accepted, except in the case of a company or organisation whose nomenclature consists only of letters which do not relate to any other title. Requests for a change of club outside of the National League System will be decided by senior members of Kent FA staff.