

Surrey County Women's and Girl's League

THE LEAGUE RULES 2005/6

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CLAUSE A - NAME & CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the League is THE SURREY COUNTY WOMENS AND GIRLS' LEAGUE ("SCWGL").
2. Clubs whose home grounds are either in Surrey or within a 5 mile radius of the Surrey borders may be accepted into the League. Clubs whose home grounds are outside the 5 mile radius of the Surrey borders can only be accepted into the League by a vote of Member Clubs at the AGM.
3. Any team wishing to join the SCWGL after the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") who is outside the 5 mile boundary, acceptance of that team can only be made by a majority of existing Clubs in that age group.
4. Member Clubs must be duly affiliated to a recognised Football Association.
5. Acceptance of Clubs into this League will be subject to the approval of the Management Committee. All decisions relating to the acceptance of Clubs will be final with no right of appeal. The interest of all Member Clubs will be paramount at all times.
6. The names and particulars of all Member Clubs shall be returned annually on the appointed date on Form "D" to the Surrey County Football Association.
7. The teams will be grouped in AGE GROUPS from under 9s to under 12s for 7-a-side and from under 13s to under 16s and Women's Adult Football for 11-a-side. The teams may be split into divisions depending on the number of teams applying to play in that age group.
8. There may be occasions where divisions consist of a small number of teams. In those circumstances in addition to playing matches against teams in the same division each team may play one game against each team in another division. Points won from games against opposition from other divisions will count towards deciding the winners of the divisions.
9. At the AGM or a special meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to ACCEPT or REJECT any team or Club to the League, subject to the requirements within Clause L. Teams can only play in ONE County Cup competition otherwise they are unable to be accepted into the League.
10. The constitution of each division, within its age group, will be formulated by a Sub Committee agreed by the Management Committee and Clubs will be notified via the website by the end of June in each year. Fixtures for the season will be notified to Clubs via the website by the end of July in each year.

CLAUSE B - ENTRANCE FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

1. Applications by Clubs for admission to the League must be made on a Club Application Form.
2. Each Club applying for membership of the SCWGL shall provide a valid and active e-mail address for the receipt of League correspondence.
3. Clubs must submit a further application form for each team wishing to enter the League on a Team Application Form providing such additional information considered by the Management Committee to be pertinent and relevant to each particular team. Each team application form must be signed by the Club Secretary.
4. The Management Committee will appoint a Sub-Committee to interview Officers of all new Clubs applying to the League including Clubs who were previous members of the League but who had lapsed their membership. Attendance at this Sub-Committee meeting will be obligatory. The Sub-Committee may require evidence of authorisation of the Club to apply to the League by production of the Club Minute Book, membership and financial arrangements.
5. Team and Club Application Forms for the following season will be sent not later than the end of March to all existing Clubs, and all other Clubs having made enquiries about entering the League.
6. Application Forms returned fully completed from current Member Clubs / teams by the last day of April will take precedence for acceptance. Second precedence will be given to new teams from existing Member Clubs.
7. Where a team or Club takes a new name, the Management Committee shall have discretionary powers to consider them as an existing team or Club within the meaning of the preceding paragraph, providing that the playing membership is at least 75% of the previous season's team.
8. Application Forms received after the last day of April will take precedence for acceptance by the sequence of their receipt into the hands of the General Secretary, irrespective of whether they are from existing or new Clubs.
9. At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present, applications may be received at the AGM or a Special General Meeting but the Application Fee shall apply.
10. Any existing team, having failed to fully complete their League or Cup fixtures of the previous season for reasons over which the Management Committee consider they had control, will automatically relinquish their 'existing team' status in regards to the following season's entry in the League.

11. The Management Committee shall assess all entries and accept or reject teams or Clubs. All Clubs will be notified of the Management Committee decision in regards to their entries, but the list will be subject to finalisation as per Clause F 1 (d).
12. Toilets must be provided for both ladies and gentlemen and must be available throughout the duration of the match. Any Club not providing these facilities will incur a fine of £20 on each occasion. Any Club NOT providing changing facilities MUST advise the opposition prior to the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £20 on each occasion regardless of whether toilet facilities are available to facilitate changing.
13. Any Club whose ground facilities and amenities do not, in the opinion of the Management Committee, attain the required standard shall be required to resign from the League.
14. There will be an all in fee of £75 per team / Club for each under 13-16 age group and Women's Adult Football as follows:-
 - (a) 14 player registrations
The Remainder of the fee covers:-
 - (b) Team Application
 - (c) Entrance to League Challenge Cup Competition
 - (d) Team Annual Subscription
 - (e) ONE handbook per team
 - (f) One handbook each Club Secretary
15. There will be an all in fee of £60 per team / Club for each under 9-12 age group.
16. Should any of the above fees not be received with the Applications, that Application will be considered as not having been received and no place within the League will be reserved for the said Application.
17. Any team Application not accepted prior to the League AGM will be entitled to all fees being refunded.
18. All team details as required on Application Forms must be given to the League General Secretary (submitted electronically to the League General Secretary's representative via the website) not later than 14 days after the League AGM. Failure to comply will result in fines of £20 per TEAM not completed. It still remains the responsibility of each Club to have their details changed immediately throughout the season in writing to the League General Secretary of any item of change so that member Clubs may be notified of the change electronically/via the website

CLAUSE C - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

1. OFFICERS
 - (a) The Officers of the League shall form the Management Committee. They will consist of President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, General Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Cup Secretary, Disciplinary Secretary, Fines Co-Ordinator, Referee Secretary, Press and Results Secretary, Registration Secretary, Inter League Secretary, Fixture Secretaries, Child Protection Officer and Surrey County Football Association Representative to be elected annually at the AGM.
 - (b) N.B. Auditors are not Officers
 - (c) The Management Committee may co-opt additional League Officers as necessary.
2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
 - (a) The EXECUTIVE Committee (EC) shall consist of 5 League Officers.
 - (b) The League Officers shall consist of the Chairman, General Secretary and 3 members of the Management Committee, who will be elected at the first Management Committee meeting after the AGM.
 - (c) The EC shall have the authority of the Management Committee and will only be convened for matters of urgency which have to be resolved before the next Management Committee meeting.
 - (d) At any time that the EC have to be convened, then a full report of that meeting must be given to the Management Committee at the next Management Committee meeting.
 - (e) The EC shall not have the authority to change any rules or de-select any person from the Management Committee.

CLAUSE D - MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

1. The League shall be governed in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, and Practices of the Football Association by a Committee to be called Management Committee consisting of Officers of the League as in Clause C.
2. Retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election without nomination. All other nominations must be in the hands of the General Secretary by 1st May each year. Names of those nominated shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.
3. The Management Committee shall hold meetings at their discretion.
4. Except where otherwise mentioned and / or directed all communications shall be addressed to the General Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the League and keep a record of its proceedings.

CLAUSE E - POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT

1. (a) The Management Committee may appoint an Emergency Committee and / or such other Sub-Committee as they may consider necessary and may delegate all or any of their powers to such Committees. The decisions of all such Committees shall be reported to the Management Committee.
(b) The Chairman and General Secretary of the League shall be ex - officio on all Sub-Committees.
2. The Management Committee may (subject to the permission of the Surrey County Football Association), order a match or matches to be played, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the League, and if necessary, may call upon each team to contribute equally such sums as are directed by the Management Committee to a maximum of £10.
3. Each member of the Management Committee shall be entitled to attend all Management Meetings and have one vote thereat (officers as in Clause C, Life Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents) but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to himself /herself or the Club he / she represents. In the event of an equality of votes at any Management Committee meeting the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote. These principles shall apply to the procedure of any Committee.
4. The Management Committee may terminate any co-opted / elected member appointment on the Management Committee following a meeting of the Management Committee.
5. There shall not be more than TWO persons elected to the Management Committee who have connections with the same Club.
6. The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon, and enforce the Rules of the League and shall also have the jurisdiction over all matters affecting the League, including any not provided for by the rules.
7. All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal (in accordance with Clause P).
8. Five members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum, one of which must be either the Chairman and / or the General Secretary, for the transaction of business, and three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any Sub-Committee of the League.
9. The Management Committee as it may deem necessary, shall have powers to fill any vacancies that may occur including any vacancies in the divisions.
10. All correspondence received or sent out by other members of the Management Committee will be copied and forwarded to the General Secretary within 10 days.
11. All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of notification (unless otherwise ordered). Clubs or individuals committing a breach of this Rule, the fine indicated in the order will be doubled and shall be liable to such penalties as the Management Committee may impose which may include suspension of the Club.
12. The Management Committee may convene not more than two General Meetings in each season at which attendance will be required by each Club. A Club failing to be represented at a General Meeting may be fined up to a maximum of £20. Not less than 14 days notice shall be given of any meeting.
13. A Club having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee within 28 days of receipt of notice of such order or within 28 days of an operative date specified in that order, shall not be allowed to play or take part in the business of the League until the order has been complied with, and a reason for the delay has been furnished to the General Secretary, who shall submit it to the Management Committee for further adjudication.
14. A Club failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and /or correspondence of the League shall be liable to be fined or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee.
15. A person appointed by the Management Committee to attend a meeting or match shall have his expenses refunded by the League.

16. Any player selected to play in a Representative match arranged by the League, without good and sufficient cause, refusing to comply with the arrangements of the Management Committee or failing to attend such a match, may be adjudged to have been guilty of misconduct and any Club or any Official who may be deemed to have encouraged or instigated the player to commit a Breach of Instruction or rule shall be guilty of a similar offence. A player, once selected, shall not take part in any match during that day on which she would have been required by the League unless it be for the County FA or the Schools FA. A team, having two or more selected for the Representative match, may apply for a postponement of League or Cup fixtures. The decision of the Management Committee shall be final in whether or not this is granted. The interest of the competition shall be paramount.
- No representative manager / coach will be allowed to register any player from that representative side (other than his own team members) for the following season into his own club team without the express permission of the Management Committee.
- No more than 5 players from the same club team can be selected to play in a representative team for that particular age group.
17. Any player having had her Player Registration Card withdrawn will NOT be allowed to play again for her Club until a request to the General Secretary for the return of her Player Registration Card has been made. This request must be made through the Club Secretary and be accompanied by a cheque for £10 which may be forfeited to League Funds upon adjudication by the Management Committee.
18. Clubs are reminded that in accordance with FA requirements they are responsible for the conduct of their spectators and supporters.
- The SCWGL view any unauthorised entry to the field of play during a game by an official or spectator as serious misconduct. Any such Clubs or officials found guilty of such may be expelled from the League or dealt with as the Management Committee may in the circumstances determine. Where it is deemed that a parent or person connected with a player or official has been found guilty of serious misconduct that player or official may be expelled from the League or dealt with as the Management Committee may in the circumstances determine.
- Any complaint in respect of the conduct / behaviour of any Club, team, official, spectator or supporter that is found proven at any County FA disciplinary committee then that Club, team, official, spectator or supporter shall be liable to a further financial penalty or any other penalty that the Management Committee or Disciplinary Committee appointed by the Management Committee of the SCWGL shall deem necessary.
20. The Management Committee will consider an accumulation of cautions and / or sendings off and / or poor sportsmanship marks as conduct of an unacceptable level and will summon offending Clubs to appear before the League Disciplinary Sub-Committee, as necessary, to answer for their record.
21. The cost of a venue and any expenses incurred by League Officers attending a disciplinary hearing will be borne in part by Clubs involved in hearings at the discretion of the Disciplinary Committee.

CLAUSE F - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ("AGM")

1. The AGM shall be held not later than the end of June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted:-
- The minutes of the preceding AGM read and confirmed, and business there from dealt with.
 - Adoption of Standing Orders.
 - Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
 - Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
 - Acceptance of Clubs / teams to the League for the ensuing season in accordance with Clause A.
 - Election of Officers, Vice-Presidents and Auditors.
 - Alteration to rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
 - Fix date for conclusion of playing season.
 - Other business of which due notice shall have been given.
2. A copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 7 days prior to the AGM. (Note: The financial year for the League will be from 1st March to the last day of February in the following year)
3. A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Surrey County Football Association within 7 days of its adoption by the AGM.
4. Each full Member Club shall be empowered to send delegates to all General Meetings and shall be entitled to one vote per Club.
5. Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the League 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. All Clubs having made application for the following season MUST attend the AGM. Failure to attend will result in a fine of £20 being imposed.

6. All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards. (Voting card will be issued).
7. Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all General Meetings.

CLAUSE G - AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

The Chairman, the Secretary and two responsible members of each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the League, together with the Application for Membership for the coming season or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

- (1) Name
being Chairman of
Football Club ("the Club") residing at
- (2) Name
being Secretary of the Club residing at
- (3) Name
being a Member of the Club residing at
- (4) Name
being a Member of the Club residing at

having been supplied with a copy of the Rules of the League HEREBY AGREE on behalf the Club to conform to those Rules and accept, abide by and implement the decision of the Management Committee, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Clause O

- Signed
- (1) Chairman
 - (2) Secretary
 - (3) Member
 - (4) Member

N.B. All Clubs are duty bound to notify the League General Secretary of any changes to the above Officers immediately in WRITING

CLAUSE H - QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

1. Any bona fide members of a Club shall be eligible to play for that Club in this League (subject to other relevant Clauses in these Rules) provided she has not, in the current season played for another Club in the League or previously signed for, or been registered for, another Club in the League. If she has so played or remains on the League register of players, permission for her transfer must be obtained from the Club to which she is attached (see Clause H18).
2. The qualifying date for all age groups is 31st August.

(a) Mini-Soccer

Under 9 – the player must be under the age of 9 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 10 – the player must be under the age of 10 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 11 – the player must be under the age of 11 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 12 – the player must be under the age of 12 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player in the above age range must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

(b) Youth Football

Under 13 – the player must be under the age of 13 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 14 – the player must be under the age of 14 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 15 – the player must be under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 16 – the player must be under the age of 16 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player in the above age range must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

(c) Women's Open Age Football

A player having attained the age of 14 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season shall be allowed to compete Women's Adult Football.

3. For the purpose of this competition a bona fide member of a Club is one who, being in all other aspects eligible, has completed the following:-
 - (a) Has correctly and completely filled in and signed a League Registration Form in ink.
 - (b) This Application Form (team or individual) must have recent (head and shoulders) passport sized photographs of the player(s) glued in the appropriate boxes.
 - (c) This registration form has been witnessed and signed by the current team/Club secretary.
 - (d) Proof of a player's age is required. This can be either by production of a birth certificate (copies accepted) or any proof of age by means of official documentation i.e. medical card, passport or previous seasons SCWGL Player Registration Cards.
 - (e) All team registration forms with photographs attached must be in the hands of the Registration Secretary by 31st July. All registrations received after 31st July are subject to a £3 per player registration fee irrespective of the number of players previously registered.
 - (f) Having registered 14 players in a team (10 in mini soccer) all further registrations must be accompanied by a £3 registration fee – cheques payable to Surrey County Girls League.
 - (g) All individual registration forms with photographs attached together with proof of date of birth, stamped self-addressed envelope and £3 registration fee should be posted to the Registration Secretary allowing 7 days for the registration process to complete.
 - (h) Players only become eligible to play for a Club when in possession of a valid Player Registration Card which is normally returned in the stamped addressed envelope provided within 7 days.
 - (i) In multi team Clubs EACH TEAM must be registered as a separate team and every player is subject to the Transfer Rules herein contained.
4. At least 8 players (mini soccer 6 players) must be registered with the Registration Secretary by 31st July. The date of collection of Player Registration Cards will be determined by the Management Committee as and when required before the commencement of the playing season. Failure of any Club either to register the minimum number of players or to collect their teams' registration cards will result in a fine of up to £35.
5. Under 9 – Under 12 teams may only have 14 players registered at any one time.
Under 13 – Under 16 teams may only have 20 players registered at any one time.
Women's Adult Football teams may only have 25 players registered at any one time.
6. A Women's Adult team shall not include more than 2 players who have taken part in any 5 or more senior competition matches during the current season unless a period of 30 days has elapsed since they played, A senior competition shall include the FA or the County Cup.
7. A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the League without first proving to the Officials of her intended Club that she has discharged her reasonable financial liabilities to her previous Club or Clubs, and a Club Official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club or Clubs for which she last played.
8. Any team not registering 14 players by 31st July having already paid for 14 at the time of application will be able to register additional players during the season (within appropriate rules) at a cost of £3 per player. Player Registration Cards for players registered by 31st July will be issued at the Registration Meeting. Player Registration Cards for players registered after 31st July will be posted to the Team Secretary in the self addressed envelope supplied. PERSONAL CALLERS WILL NOT BE DEALT WITH AT THE REGISTRATION SECRETARY'S HOME. Lost or damaged Player Registration Cards can be replaced by making another registration (re-registration) at a cost of £3 per player.
9. The Management Committee will 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 by receipt shall decide for which Club she shall be registered and the League Registration Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.
10. (a) The Senior Official of each team must be in possession of the Player Registration Cards of his / her team and substitutes to be used at each match. These Player Registration Cards must be exchanged prior to the kick off for the Player Registration Cards of the opposing team and substitutes to be used during the match, and remain in the possession of the senior Official from the opposing team until full time has been played.
(b) All teams before the kick off of any fixture must line up in order that their Player Registration Cards can be inspected by the senior Official from the opposing team (except where this task is carried out by a Management Committee Officer).
11. On request, by a Management Committee Official, all Player Registration Cards relevant to a fixture must be made available for inspection. Failure to comply with this section must be reported to the League General Secretary who shall impose a statutory fine of £20, or refer it to the Management Committee to deal with as they see fit.
12. Player Registration Cards remain the property of the SCWGL and must, upon request by a Management Committee Official, be returned to the League. Player Registration Cards MUST NOT BE DESTROYED during the current season of issue.

13. In the event of the Player Registration Cards not being available, the opposing team Senior Member MUST take a list of the players' full names, date of birth and signatures of the opposing team and substitutes whether used or not, which MUST be submitted to the Registration Secretary. Failure to comply will result in a fine of £20.
14. It shall be deemed misconduct for a player to:-
 - (a) Play for more than one team in the League in the same season without having first been transferred.
 - (b) Having signed for one team in the League, sign for another team in the League in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.
 - (c) Submit a signed registration form for registration that she has wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.
15. The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Clause O).
16. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Clause O). Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. (Subject to Clause O).

(Note: Action under this Clause 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.)
17. In the event of a Player Registration being cancelled, suspended or disqualified under this Clause, her Player Registration Card must be returned to the League General Secretary within two days of the written notification of her registration cancellation suspension or disqualification.
18. In the event of any official query / allegation of the date of birth, the player's Club must furnish valid proof within 14 days. Failure to do so will be taken as an allegation proven.
19.
 - (a) All Clubs / teams wishing to transfer a player who is already registered with another Club / team must give at least 7 days notice to the player's current Club (Surrey County Rule 19B). This must be in writing by registered post and a copy of the Post Office receipt for the registered post must be attached to a duly signed and completed transfer request form. The transfer form, together with a £5 transfer fee and a stamped addressed envelope should be posted to the Registration Secretary to await the return of the Players Registration Card from the player's current Club. A transfer is not deemed complete until a new Players Registration Card has been received by the player's new Club.
 - (b) The relinquishing Club / team must notify any objection and reasons within 7 days of the date of the notification and / or lack of objection in writing together with the Player Registration Card. If objection is being made the player and the League Registration Secretary must be notified of these objections by the relinquishing Club / team at the same time. Failure to comply with any section(s) of this rule will be considered as breach of Clause E 14, (failure to attend to League business etc). In the event of a NON RETURN of a Player Registration Card within the allotted time of this rule, the Players Registration Card in question will be rendered invalid and the team will be fined £10 and a further £10 for every seven days or part thereof, that the card is not returned. In the circumstances a new Player Registration Card may be issued by the Registration Secretary.
 - (c) In the event of an objection to the transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.
 - (d) A player desiring not to play for her team, or a team not wishing to use the services of a player again may submit a notice of de-registration together with the Player Registration Card to the Registration Secretary. In either case, it is the duty of parties to inform the other of the action taken and the date of submitting the notice. A player being de-registered shall not play for her relinquishing team on or after the date the de-registration is posted. Any team requiring official notice of de-registration from the Registration Secretary must enclose a stamped addressed envelope for its return. No de-registered player may re-register after the last day of February.
 - (e) A de-registered player wishing to play for another team within the League will be treated as a transfer.
 - (f) A notice of de-registration submitted by a Club must be signed by the Club Secretary and one other Club Officer.
20.
 - (a) A player may not be transferred to another team after the last day of February or be registered to a team after the last day of March except by special permission of the Management Committee. Applications for registration, re-registration or transfer of player(s) must be in the hands of the Registration Secretary within the dates mentioned within this rule.
 - (b) A player registered after the last day of February may not participate in a League Cup Final.
21. A Club shall keep a list of 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.
22. A register containing the names of all members registered for each team with the date of registration shall be kept by the Registration Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings (14 days' notice having been given) or at other times mutually arranged with the Registration Secretary. Registrations are valid for one season only.

23. A player who has played for a team in the Women's Division 8 times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower age group except by permission of the Management Committee.
24. Any player registered with SCWGL will be considered to be first claim for Inter League and Representative Appointments to this League unless specifically indicated to the contrary at the time of registration
25. Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player(s) may have THREE points deducted from its POINTS TOTAL and will be fined a maximum amount of £50 per ineligible player. Other additional penalties will be imposed at the discretion of the Management Committee.
26. In the event of points being deducted from a team as the outcome of a report or protest, only such points as are associated with the match(es) under report or protest shall be deducted. The Management Committee may at its discretion award any points deducted from a Club under this rule to the opponents in the matches in question.

CLAUSE I - CLUB COLOURS, CLUB NAME

1. Every Club must register its colours with the League who shall decide as to their suitability. All team shirts will be required to be numbered but the numbering of a goalkeeper's shirt will be optional.
2. Any protest or complaint regarding size and position of numbers will be referred to the Management Committee for adjudication the decision of which will be final subject to Clause O.
3. Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players and the referee.
4. No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.
5. Any team not playing in its normal registered colours shall notify its opponents at least seven days before the match of the colours in which they will play.
6. In the event of two Clubs, in the opinion of the referee, having the same or similar colours, the home team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change may be fined up to a maximum of £20.
7. The General Secretary of the League may request shirts to be submitted to him/her if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours and the Management Committee may condemn any shirts or shorts as they think fit.
8. Clubs wishing to change its name and/or colours, whilst members of this competition, must seek permission from the Management Committee

CLAUSE J - PLAYING SEASON (CONDITIONS OF PLAY, KICK OFF TIMES, POSTPONEMENT, SUBSTITUTES)

1.
 - (a) The AGM shall fix the date in the following season on which the normal playing session of the competition shall terminate and no team will be permitted to play any League fixture after that date. Fixtures and their dates for the forthcoming season having been formulated by the Management Committee will be notified to Clubs.
 - (b) All matches will be played on the dates specified by the Management Committee / Fixture Secretary.
 - (c) Collection day will be a date in September when Handbooks, Player Registration Cards, Results Cards etc will be available
 - (d) Clubs will be deemed to be available every Sunday both for AM and PM kick offs. Applications for leave of absence from the league requirement for such items as Easter tours etc must be made in writing to the League General Secretary as soon as details are known but not less than 27 days notice must be given. Leave of absence will only be permitted on 2 occasions in any one season at the discretion of the Management Committee.
2. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as settled by the International Football Association Board.
3. Clubs must take necessary precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on grounds deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have the power to order the venue to be changed.
4. The Management Committee shall have the power to decide whether a ground is suitable for matches in the League and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.
5. The maximum time to be played in League matches shall be:-
 - (a) For Women's Adult Division: Maximum 90 minutes (45 minutes each way). Minimum 70 minutes (35 minutes each way).
 - (b) For under 16 and 15 age groups: Maximum 80 minutes (40 minutes each way). Minimum 60 minutes (30 minutes each way).

- (c) For under 14 and 13 age groups: Maximum 70 minutes (35 minutes each way). Minimum 50 minutes (25 minutes each way).
 - (d) For under 12 and 11 age groups: Maximum 60 minutes (30 minutes each way). Minimum 40 minutes (20 minutes each way).
 - (e) For under 10 and 9 age groups: Maximum 50 minutes (25 minutes each way). Minimum 30 minutes (15 minutes each way).
6. The maximum time must be played in all matches, unless there are exceptional circumstances which must be made known to BOTH teams prior to the start of the match. The kick off times shall be determined by the Home Club, any kick off PRIOR to 10 am or after 2.30 pm ON SUNDAYS must be agreed by BOTH TEAMS. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined a sum not exceeding £10 or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.
 7. For age groups under 9 to under 14, size 4 footballs shall be used and in all other age groups, size 5 footballs shall be used.
 8. Goalposts of teams within the League must conform to the following measurements

Goalposts – Under 13 to Under 14	21 feet wide x 7 feet high
Under 15 to Under 16	24 feet wide x 8 feet high
Women's Division	As per Law 1 of the FA Laws of the Game

All pitches may be inspected in regard to size and suitability, and may be rejected or accepted by the Management Committee.

9. When a kick-off is delayed by the absence of one team, the referee and the opposing team shall be required to wait in the vicinity of the pitch until 30 minutes have elapsed after the appointed kick off time before presuming the absent team to be in default. No match should kick off more than 30 minutes after the appointed time of kick off. Both teams and the referee shall submit details of the facts to the General Secretary for adjudication by the Management Committee.
10. Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time if possible and must report all late starts.
11. If the pitch availability changes for whatever reason, permission must be obtained from the Fixture Secretary and reasonable notice, giving due regard to the circumstances prevailing, must be given to opponents, referee and Referee Secretary of the change from AM to PM or vice versa and the fixture will take place on that day.
12. In all matches the home team must provide corner posts, at least 5ft high, linesmen's flags and two balls fit for play and properly secured goal nets on each set of posts. Each team shall provide adequate first aid equipment at every match. A team not complying with any part of this section(s) shall be fined a maximum of £10 per item.
13. 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 all County Football Association competitions. All other matches must be considered subservient. Clubs may bring forward a match with the consent of all interested parties and the League Fixture Secretary. The Fixture Secretary has the right to re-arrange fixtures to the general benefit of the League programs.
14. (a) Notice of postponements of any matches must be given without delay (by personal contact or telephone) by the postponing Club to the League Fixture Secretary, the League Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club, the REFEREE AND the Results Line.
 (b) Any Club failing to comply with this Clause shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may impose any penalties that they deem suitable.
 (c) The Fixture Secretary may refuse permission for a fixture postponement for whatever reason unless the two teams affected have agreed with the approval of the Fixture Secretary the re-fixture date and time at the time of requesting permission for postponement (except as provided for in Clause E 16 & Clause J 1).
 (d) The Fixture Secretary may grant permission for a fixture postponement greater than 7 day preceding the fixture providing that an acceptable reason has been given and the two teams have agreed the re-fixture date and time.
 (e) Any postponement advised later than 8pm on Tuesday preceding the fixture will incur a fine of £10 and be subject to Clause J 19.
 (f) Any postponement due to shortage of players notified prior to 8pm of the Tuesday preceding the fixture will be dealt with under Clause J 20.
 (g) Except in exceptional circumstances any match postponed AFTER 12 noon on Saturday preceding the fixture will incur a fine of £25 and the points awarded to the opponents.
 (h) Shortage of players through illness or suspension will not be an acceptable reason for cancellation of a fixture.
 (i) The ONLY exceptions for postponement of matches will be for County Cup matches, League Cup Matches, and FA affiliated competitions, teams affected by Clause E 16 and matches cancelled by referees or groundsmen for adverse pitch/weather conditions.

15. Where there are no free Sundays whilst games are outstanding, the Fixture Secretary may order matches to be played on other than Sundays providing seven days notice is given, or order two games of short duration to be played if home and away legs are outstanding between a pair of teams. The Fixture Secretary will decide upon which ground the two games will be played.
16. If for any reason it is necessary to extend the playing season beyond the date specified at the AGM, then at least 28 days notice will be given to teams with outstanding fixtures.
17. Any team failing to fulfil their fixtures on more than 3 occasions in any one playing season will be dealt with by the "MC" who may take any action they deem necessary.
18. The Secretary of the home Club must give notice in writing of full particulars of situation of the ground, time of kick off, and means of reaching ground to the referee and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least five clear days prior to the playing of the match, and the away Club shall acknowledge receipt of such particulars. Any Club failing to comply with this rule may be fined up to a maximum of £10 per item.
19. Every Club shall have its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the League. The intention of this rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another game or to boost the strength of another or lower team. It is not intended that Clubs must field higher teams players in lower teams when the higher team has no engagement. If in the opinion of the Management Committee the substance or the spirit of the rule is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account for its or their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine, despite the fact that Clause H has not been infringed.
20. Eight players is the minimum number required to constitute a team at the time of the kick off with the exception of mini soccer. However if a team is reduced to less than seven players then the match will be abandoned. See Clause J 24. This is a FIFA ruling. In the event of a game NOT being played "due to shortage of players" THE POINTS WILL BE AWARDED TO THE NON OFFENDING TEAM.
21. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement (for either a home or away fixture), the Management Committee shall have power to impose a fine, award the points to opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by opponents or otherwise deal with the matter at their discretion.
22. (a) A team being unable to supply a home venue for whatever reason (frost, snow, waterlogged etc) MUST offer their opponents the opportunity to play the game at their opponent's ground on that day if the kick off time can be arranged within 2 hours of the original set by the team whose pitch is unavailable. Any fixture not taking place in these circumstances will be reviewed by the Management Committee who will have the power to inflict a fine and/or award the points or otherwise deal with the matter at their discretion. Circumstances such as travelling distances and kick off times will all be taken into account when the Management Committee makes their decision.
(b) In these circumstances the home team will be responsible for the costs of the pitch supplied, this applies to both League and Cup matches.
(c) Should it be found that the pitch unavailability notification has been unduly delayed in being given to the Fixture Secretary thereby preventing this section of the rule being invoked, the offending team may be dealt with as having failed to fulfil a fixture, and all due penalties may be imposed.
(d) 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 opponents ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.
23. If neither team has played each other and an application is made to the Fixture Secretary by any team for a 'fixture reversal' of their first fixture, this MUST be formally approved by the Fixture Secretary before any other arrangements are made.
24. In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control it shall (subject to Clause J 9) be replayed in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee, but failing such agreement and notification to the League Fixture Secretary within seven days the matter shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date or to deal with the matter as they may determine.
25. Any un-played matches at the end of the season will be considered by the Management Committee and awarded against the defaulting team. Where neither of the teams are considered any more in default than the other, both teams will be recorded as having lost the match. In all of the above cases the defaulting team will be dealt with as having failed to complete its fixtures.
26. 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 abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of any one team or its Club member or members they shall be empowered to award the points for the game to its opponents and/or take what other action they may deem necessary. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate.

27. Teams in all age groups from Under 16 downwards may name three substitutes and can use three from three during the match. Teams in the Women's Division may at their discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match who may be selected from 5 players.
28. The use of "roll-on roll-off" substitutes will be used for all age groups from under 16 downwards. A player who has been substituted during a match herself becomes a substitute and may, in turn replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.
29. The referee must be informed of the names of the substitutes before the start of the match. A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of a match but does not actually play in the game, shall be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Clause H of this competition. Substitute players shall not perform the duties of linesman.
29. In accordance with the Surrey County Football Association Rules, a match played between the two teams engaged for a match on a given date will be considered as a League or League Cup fixture, irrespective of any special arrangements made between the competing Clubs. The principle of 'If its played – it counts' will be adhered to.

CLAUSE K - RESULT / REPORT FORMS, FINES

1. Each team must submit a fully completed Result Card via the SCGL website to a designated Management Committee Officer for each League and League Cup match so as to have been received by him/her no later than 4 days after the date of the match. A team in default shall be fined £5 for their first offence and £20 per offence for each subsequent breach of this Rule. A Result Card as above MUST still be forwarded to the designated Management Committee Officer imposing the fine, to arrive within 7 days of notification of the fine.
2. All League, League Cup and County Cup results, abandonment or postponement must be phoned by the home Club into the Result Line prior to 6pm on the Sunday of the match. Any midweek fixtures must be phoned into the Results line before 6pm the Sunday following the game. In County Cup competitions BOTH home and away teams must telephone the result. A Club in default shall be fined £5 for their first offence and £20 per offence for each subsequent breach of this rule.

CLAUSE L - POINTS TO DETERMINE CHAMPIONSHIP (DECIDING MATCHES, PROMOTION AND RELEGATION)

1. (a) The competition shall be decided by points, the teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Three points to be given for a win and one point for a draw.
 - (b) In the event of two or more teams being equal on points at the close of the competition the following rules will apply:-

Women's Division

 - (i) goal difference
 - (ii) goals scored
 - (iii) deciding match(es) played under conditions determined by the Management Committee (for final positions to decide promotion, relegation or divisional winners only). In the event that scores are level at the end of the match, 30 minutes extra time will be played in two equal periods of 15 minutes. If the scores are level following extra time, the winners will be determined by the taking of penalties as laid down in the Referees Guide.

Under 16 Age Groups downwards

 - (i) the team winning the most games will be taken into consideration for the respective League positions.
 - (ii) If still level, the result between the "drawing" teams will be taken in to consideration.
 - (iii) If the first two positions are still level after the foregoing then the trophy will be shared for half the holding period each.
2. (a) In the event of a team withdrawing from the League all records will be deleted from the League chart.
 - (b) All new teams to the League should, at the discretion of the Management Committee enter the lower division of the age group. However after all normal promotions and relegations have taken place and the number of teams in the section of a division are unequal and thereby leaving a senior section below that of a lower section, the position in the senior section MAY be filled by a new team entering the league upon their selection by an independent appointed Panel set up by the Management Committee.
3. The two teams completing the season in the bottom two places of the lower division of age groups will automatically lose their member team status and will need to apply as a new team / Club, but special consideration will be given to them.

CLAUSE M - REFEREES

1. As far as possible registered referees for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee (Referees will only be appointed for official games within this League). At any match to which an official referee has been appointed that referee shall take charge of the match unless permission has been granted by the League Referee Secretary to do otherwise.
2. 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 Assistant Referees, or where the competition has been unable to appoint a Referee, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.
3. Team Managers and / or Coaches are not permitted to referee a match involving their own team. Any team in breach of this rule will be liable to a fine of £25 maximum and /or such further action as the Management Committee deem appropriate.
4. The Management Committee if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, may appoint registered referees, if available, as Assistant Referees to any match. If two Assistant Referees are so appointed, their fees shall be split equally between the two Clubs. With the above exception, each Club must provide a competent linesman or be liable to a fine of £10.
5. The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and his decision shall be final.
6. If any fixture is in doubt because of unfit pitches it is the responsibility of the home team to carry out a routine check to stop their opponents from unnecessary travelling:-
 - (a) To inspect the pitch early on the day of the match.
 - (b) Advise opponents not to travel awaiting inspection.
 - (c) Contact the referee to make an early inspection.
 - (d) Contact a local referee or nearest League Officer if the appointed referee is not easily available.
 - (e) Confirm with opponents the result of the pitch inspection
7. Officials appointed under this Clause shall be entitled to charge the following inclusive fee for all matches:

£14	for age groups 9-12
£18	for age groups 13-14
£20	for age groups 15-16
£25	for Women's Division

Qualified referees appointed by the Management Committee as Assistant Referees £14

8. The home club shall pay the officials their fees on the day of the match.
9. In the event of a fixture NOT being played and the match official(s) are in attendance the Home Club must pay the official(s) their full fee(s), except when circumstances in Clause M 7 apply when appointed linesmen's fees are shared equally between both Clubs.
10. A Referee not keeping his engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he is registered.
11.
 - (a) Each Club shall in a manner prescribed from time to time 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 League on the result form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine. Any Club marking a referee '0-5' inclusive must submit a written report giving the reasons for low marking to the Referees Secretary within 7 days after the match.
 - (b) Any contravention of this Rule will be dealt with under Clause E 14.
 - (c) The League shall keep a record of the markings and on the form provided and by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to the County Football Association.
12. The Referee shall submit a Report Form giving the result of the match etc to the person delegated by the Management Committee within two days of the match.

CLAUSE N - WITHDRAWAL OF CLUB

1. Any Club wishing to withdraw from the League at the end of the season to apply to another League shall notify the League of their intention before 31st March in that season.
2. Any team or Club withdrawing after 31st May and before the AGM will lose all moneys deposited with the League. Any team or Club withdrawing after the AGM will forfeit to League funds all moneys deposited with the League and may incur a fine not exceeding £50.
3. The constitution for the coming season having been decided at a meeting of the League Sub-Committee, held after the AGM and prior to the fixture meetings, the League shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions in this rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its team(s) in order to join another competition and may hold the Club to its engagements.
4. No team / Club Officer / Official may become an Officer / Official at another Club in membership within this League whilst their team / Club is in the process of withdrawing from the League until the withdrawal has been fully completed and all disbursements set by the League have been met.
5. All Player Registration Cards of teams withdrawing from the League MUST be returned to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee at the time of withdrawal hearing OR be in the hands of the League General Secretary before this date. A withdrawing team/Club who fails to comply with this order will incur a fine of £10 at the disciplinary hearing and a further £10 for every seven days thereafter until the cards are in possession of the General Secretary.
6. Additional vacancies caused by the retirement of a team or withdrawal of a team from the competition shall be filled by selection of the Management Committee.

CLAUSE O - PROTESTS, APPEALS AND DEPOSITS

1. All questions of disputes or interpretations of the rules shall be referred to the Management Committee. No objection relative to the dimensions of the ground, goal posts, bars or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the match. Any Club lodging such protest with the referee and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of serious misconduct and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee as they may determine.
2. The Management Committee will only consider protests or complaints accompanied by a letter from the Club Secretary. All such protests or complaints must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded and be received in writing (not e-mail) by the League General Secretary within 14 days of the date the incident occurred. They must be clearly signed by the Club Secretary and accompanied by a fee of £20 which may be forfeited in whole or in part to the funds of the League should the complaint be deemed frivolous by the Management Committee. All correspondence received that does not comply with this rule will be treated as "for the information of the League only" and filed accordingly.
3. Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the League shall be referred to the arbitration of the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties.
4. (a) Parties to a protest or complaint shall be forwarded a copy of that complaint and shall be afforded an opportunity of making a statement when the protest is being heard and where possible shall receive seven days notice of the meeting, together with a copy of the protest. The Management Committee shall take into consideration, when dealing with the protest, the possession by the protesting Club of any information which if properly used might have avoided the protest. When sent a copy of the complaint and, having been duly requested by a member of the Management Committee to provide comment on it, must reply in writing within 14 days of the date of the original letter to the Management Committee member concerned. Failure to do so will be treated as failing to deal with League business and dealt with accordingly.

(b) The General Secretary on receipt of the protest or complaint shall have authority to convene a meeting of the Management Committee Disciplinary Sub-Committee who will adjudicate initially without the need of any personal hearing. In certain circumstances the General Secretary may summon such parties to attend as he feels necessary to enable the League to deal with the protest or complaint as fairly and efficiently as possible. Any Club, Official or Player having received seven days notice of the convening of such a meeting and failing to attend may be fined a sum of £20 or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee Disciplinary Sub-Committee.
5. (a) A Club, within fourteen days of receipt by them of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee may appeal against such decisions by lodging particulars in five copies accompanied by a fee as stated in the Surrey County Football Association Rule Book, such appeal addressed to the Secretary of the Surrey County Football Association for the adjudication of the Board of Appeal, whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned. In the event of the Appeal being unsuccessful, the fee shall be forfeited or returned to the Club in whole or in part at the discretion of the Board of Appeal, who shall also decide by whom the cost of the appeal shall be borne.

(b) A copy of the appeal must be sent to the League General Secretary and the operation of the decision made by the League shall not be suspended pending the result of the appeal unless the Board of Appeal of the Surrey County Football Association, through its officers, order such suspension.

6. Fines or any adjudication made by the Management Committee Disciplinary Sub-Committee or fines issued by League Officers other than the General Secretary to which the Club has objection, must notify the General Secretary in duplicate within fourteen days of the notification. Objections will be put before the Disciplinary / Appeals Sub-Committee whose decision shall be binding. Should the Club's objections be considered unreasonable, the original fine shall be doubled and the Club may be liable for costs of the Sub-Committee meeting. Clubs retain the right of appeal to Surrey County FA as per Section 5 of this Clause.

CLAUSE P - BOARD OF APPEAL

An appeal must be addressed to the Surrey County Football Association to deal with cases as they arise.

CLAUSE Q - EXCLUSION OF CLUBS, MISCONDUCT, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

1. At the AGM, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda, a two thirds majority of the accredited delegates present shall have power to exclude any Club or team from further membership.
2. At the AGM or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with provision of Clause S, a two thirds majority of the accredited delegates present shall have power to exclude from further participation in the League any Club whose conduct has in their opinion been objectionable. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be debarred from voting.
3. Any club official or member proved guilty of a breach of Rule or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting and / or Management Committee Meeting may decide and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions in Clauses Q 1 & Q 2 of this Rule.

CLAUSE R - TROPHIES

1. A cup or trophy presented to a competition shall be vested into the SCWGL and remain the League's property. If a competition be discontinued for any cause the cup or trophy shall remain in the custody of the SCGL. At the close of each season, awards shall be made to winners and runners-up if the funds of the League permit.
2. A 'Sportsmanship Trophy' will be awarded within each age group of the League based on the markings given by the opposition for each match played in the League. On receipt of any trophy an agreement shall be signed by the winners of the trophy.
3. Only such Clubs and players who have fulfilled their fixtures and other obligations to the League shall be eligible to receive any of the trophies or awards mentioned above.
4. Non-attendance to a trophy ceremony, without a satisfactory explanation being supplied to the League, may result in a team / Club forfeiting their right to trophies won and incurring a fine not to exceed £50. In addition a team attending with less than 8 players (6 for mini-soccer) shall be deemed not to have attended for the purposes of this Clause and will be subject to the same penalties.
5. A 'Linesmanship Trophy' will be awarded annually to be permanently retained by the Club receiving the highest markings from the referees throughout the season in all matches in the League's competitions.
6. Provided that there are sufficient finances, official League representative teams will be awarded individual trophies to commemorate the occasion.
7. Trophies returned to the SCWGL not engraved and cleaned will incur a cost of £30.
8. Clubs must return trophies / shields by the last day in February. The trophies must be returned to a venue specified by the Management Committee. All Clubs holding a trophy / shield will be notified in writing of the venue. Failure to return the trophies / shields by this date to the specified venue will result in a fine of £35. Any team not continuing in the League having won a League or League Cup trophy in the preceding season shall be instructed by the League General Secretary to return the same forthwith fully engraved before the AGM of the new season.

CLAUSE S - SPECIAL MEETING

Upon receiving a requisition signed by two thirds of the Clubs, the General Secretary shall call a General Meeting. The Management Committee may call a General Meeting at any time when it shall consider the same is necessary. At least seven days notice shall be given of all meetings under this rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meetings.

CLAUSE T - ALTERATION OF RULES

1. Alterations shall only be made to these rules at the AGM or at a General Meeting convened for the purpose called in conformity with Clause S or by post.
2. Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the League General Secretary by 1st April in each year. Notice of the proposals together with any proposals by the Management Committee shall be circulated to the Clubs with the notice of the AGM at least seven days before the date of the meeting. Amendments may be proposed and decided at the meeting and the final proposals shall be declared carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.
3. Proposed alterations to the rules to be considered at a Special General Meeting shall be circulated with the notice of the meeting and proposed amendments may be made and voted upon at the meeting or by a postal ballot.
4. A copy of the proposed alterations to the rules to be considered at the AGM or Special General Meeting or by post shall be submitted to the Surrey County Football Association fourteen days prior to the date of the meeting.
5. Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting or postal ballot shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.

CLAUSE U - RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

Each Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing rules and agreed to abide by the decision of the Management Committee subject to Clauses O & P.

CLAUSE V - CONTINGENCIES

1. In exceptional circumstances where the viability or practicality of any division or divisions is in doubt the Management Committee may amend the form of competition prior to the commencement of the season and may deviate from these League Rules with regard to the playing of matches. The express purpose of this rule is to be able to provide competitive football for girls.
2. Any matter not provided for in the above rules shall be considered and dealt with by the Management Committee.

CLAUSE W - MINI SOCCER – FURTHER RULES

The rules of the SCWGL will apply to all teams in SCWGL mini-soccer unless expressly stated in mini-soccer rules.

1. Age of Players – will be as set out in Clause H 2 (a) of the main set of Rules.
2. Pitch Size – Pitch size will be as laid down in the FA guidelines. The pitch size for under 9, under 10, under 11 and under 12 will be between 50 to 60 yards long and 30 to 40 yards wide.
3. Penalty Area – The penalty area will be 10 yards long by 18 yards wide with a penalty mark 8 yards from the centre of the goal line.
4. Spectator Line – The League will encourage Clubs to provide a spectator line down both lengths of the pitch. The line should be 2 yards away from the line marking the field of play.
5. Goal Sizes – The goal sizes will be 4 yards by 2 yards and must be securely anchored to the ground and made of a substance approved by the FA.
6. Duration of Play – will be as set out in Clause J 5 of the main set of Rules
7. Number of Players – each team shall consist of minimum of 6 players and a maximum of 10 players, of whom seven players can be on the field of play at any one time. Substitutes allowed on a 'rolling' basis – with permission of the referee during a break in play – need not be named and may return after earlier being substituted.
8. Offside – There will be no offside in Mini Soccer.
9. Goalkeepers – Goalkeepers may handle the ball anywhere in the penalty area. The back pass law will also apply to these age groups.
10. Free Kicks – All free kicks are direct in Mini Soccer and opposing players must be at least 5 yards from where the free kick is taken. Offences committed in the players own penalty area will be penalised by a penalty kick except for technical offences by the goalkeeper i.e. handling the ball when thrown in or kicked deliberately to her by a colleague, the goalkeeper touching the ball a second time before another player has played it. For these offences a direct free kick is awarded on the edge of the penalty area at the nearest point to where the offence occurred.
11. Corner Kicks – The opposition will be a minimum of 5 yards from the ball.

12. Goal Kicks – They are taken from anywhere within the penalty area and the opponents shall be a minimum of 5 yards away from the ball.
13. Other Playing Rules – Football Association Laws apply unless otherwise stated.
14. Referees and Linesmen – The home Club shall provide a capable, fair and experienced person to referee the match. Where the League does appoint a referee then he / she will be paid as specified in Clause M 7 of the main set of Rules.
15. Match Results – The home team representative will phone the result of the fixture on the day of the match to the Results Line before 6pm. Failure to phone refer to Clause K of the main set of Rules. Result cards refer to Clause K of the main set of Rules.
16. Team Officials & Spectators – The team officials will be held responsible for the behaviour of players, supporters and any other persons involved with the fixture. Any dispute or complaint will be forwarded to the League General Secretary as per Clause O of the main set of Rules.
17. Any Cup competition will be played under the rules of the SCWGL Challenge Cup Competition

CLAUSE X – SCWGL CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

The Challenge Cup Competition will be governed by the ordinary rules of the League where appropriate, with the addition of the following:-

CLAUSE XA - CONSTITUTION, CONSTRUCTION AND MANAGEMENT

The competition including the draw for ties shall be carried out by the Management Committee and their decision shall be final on all matters, the right of appeal to the Surrey County Football Association being reserved.

CLAUSE XB - QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

1. No player may play for more than one team in the competition in any one season. (All age groups are considered to be one competition in regards to the meaning of this Rule).
2. A player or nominated substitute shall be ineligible to play in the semi final or final round of the competition unless she has played in a previous round or she has played at least TWO league matches in the current season. (Substitutes to be considered as having played).
3. A player registered after the last day of February may not participate in a League Cup Final. In re-arranged games only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible and not under suspension on the date the match was originally set, excluding replays of drawn games.

CLAUSE XC - PLAYING OF TIES AND DRAWN MATCHES

1. All ties up to but excluding the semi final shall be played on the first named Club's ground on a date specified by the Fixture Secretary.
2. In the event of the first named Club not having a ground available on the determined date, the second named Club shall have the option of staging the match on that date, and shall assume status of the home Club.
3. In semi finals the venue and the time of kick off will be decided by the Management Committee.
4. In the event of level scores at full time (including semi-finals and finals) extra time will be played at the discretion of the referee.
 - (a) For under 9 and under 10 extra time of 5 minutes each way will be played.
 - (b) For under 11 and under 12 extra time of 7 minutes each way will be played.
 - (c) For under 13 and under 14 extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played.
 - (d) For under 15 and under 16 extra time of 12 minutes each way will be played.
 - (e) For Women's Division extra time of 15 minutes each way will be played.
5. After extra time the match shall be decided on penalties as laid down in the Referees Guide.
6. Postponements shall take place on the following Sunday, unless directed otherwise by the Fixture Secretary.
7. In the event of the teams having the same colours in the Final, both teams will be required to change unless the Management Committee directs one team to change.
8. In final ties all expenses will be met by the League and all proceeds will be retained for League funds.
9. Admission fees to all cup finals will be decided by the Management Committee each season prior to the cup finals taking place.
10. Only players who have played in the current Challenge Cup competition will be eligible to receive a trophy.