

SURREY YOUTH LEAGUE

2020-2021 SEASON

1.	DEFINITIONS	
(A)	In these Rules:-	
	"Affiliated Association"	means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of The FA.
	"AGM"	shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.
	"Club"	means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition.
	"Competition"	means the Surrey Youth League.
	"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.
	"Deposit"	means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.
	"Fees Tariff"	means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting 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 Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.
	"Goal Difference"	There is no provision for Goal Difference in this competition and it shall have no bearing in the Competition. It is not recognised as a deciding factor in determining the outcome of any Division or Championship.
	"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.
	"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 dates 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.
	"Prawn Sandwich" ("PS")	means the Prawn Sandwich administration system and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by the Competition from time to time.
	"Rules"	means these rules under which the Competition is administered.
	"Sanctioning Authority"	means the Surrey County Football Association Limited.
	"Scholarship"	means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the rules of The FA.
	"Season"	means the period of time between an AGM and the subsequent AGM.

	"Secretary"	means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.
	"SGM"	means a Special General Meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.
	"Team"	means a Team affiliated to a Club including where a Club provides more than ONE (1) 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 Competition will be known as the Surrey Youth League (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. 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.	
(B)	This Competition shall consist of not more than ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) Clubs and/or ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED (1200) Teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority.	
(C)	(i)	The geographical area covered by the Competition for EXISTING Clubs shall be within the parameters set by the Management Committee. Existing Clubs must play within the area unless special dispensation is granted in advance in writing by the Management Committee. All home matches must be played at the nominated venue as listed on Prawn Sandwich unless Competition dispensation is granted. Clubs who fail to comply with this Rule may be denied Competition Matches at this venue and the Club dealt with as the Management Committee deem fit. If in doubt we ask that the Club speak to the Competition at the earliest opportunity to seek clarification and application for the dispensation.
	(ii)	The geographical area covered by the Competition for NEW Clubs shall be within the parameters set by the Management Committee.
(D)	The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.	
(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 Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.	
(F)	The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions ("the Standard Code") determined by The FA from time to time.	
(G)	All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in Divisions, each not exceeding FOURTEEN (14) in number	
(H)	Inclusivity & 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)	This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising 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.
	(iv)	Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
(I)	(i)	The Competition embraces all aspects of the Respect Programme utilising best practice, education and potential sanctioning as defined in the FA Respect Codes of Conducts for Players, Spectators, Managers and Officials. The Competition will utilise the Standard Code of Youth Rules as adopted by the Competition and further will use the Charter Standard League Respect Tool Kit Publication.
	(ii)	Clubs will be required to ensure that a Parent or Official Carer for EVERY player in the Competition, signs the FA Respect Codes of Conduct as published on the Competition's Web Site upon applying for membership to a Club. These Codes of Conduct must be retained by the Club and produced if so requested by the Management Committee.
	(iii)	It will be deemed best practice for all spectators NOT to stand behind the opposition assistant referee (Linesman). If this means that spectators have to move at/before kick-off and/ or at Half Time then they must do so
	(iv)	Respect Marshalls are to be appointed by Teams for each Competition Match. Their primary role is to act as a liaison point for the Referee to conduct pre-match & post-match briefings / debriefings and if required as a point of contact during the Competition Match to explain to their own Team's supporters that a Referee's threshold of disrespect has been breached and that everyone should calm down and that they will now be reported. Respect Marshalls are not to enter into any confrontation with opposing Team supporters or management, but they can report Respect issues to the Competition. Respect Marshalls will need to be clearly identifiable to the Referee
	(v)	Respect Marshalls will be asked to complete a simple online form to report Respect breaches, or nil return.
	(vi)	Clubs will be required to appoint Respect Marshalls for all Competition Matches involving U7 – U18 football inclusive. This is per Team. At each Competition Match there will be two Respect Marshalls, one from each Team. If no Respect Marshall is available then the responsibility falls back to the Team Manager to act in this capacity, as they would normally outside of the Scheme.
	(vii)	If it is reported to the Competition by the Referee that a Team failed to supply a Respect Marshall then the Competition Respect Manager will in the first instance ask for an explanation and issue formal notification that it has been noted. Subsequent failures to supply a Respect Marshall will result in the Club being called to a Competition Management Meeting to further explain their position. The Competition will deal with this under the Powers of Management in the Rules.
	(viii)	Referees will be required to report disrespect shown to them and to any disrespect shown towards assistant referees, qualified or otherwise. The

		process on the pitch is to stop the Competition Match, call the Respect Marshalls to them and inform them of the spectator, group of spectators or Manager that has (have) breached Respect levels. Respect Marshalls then act as above. The Referee makes reference in his notebook of the time of the incident and the nature of the Respect breach.
	(ix)	Post-Match debrief with Respect Marshalls can identify individuals and names provided where possible.
	(x)	Referees will be required on their Match Result Card (Prawn Sandwich online form) to indicate Respect breaches.
	(xi)	The Competition Respect Manager on receiving a Respect breach will inform the Club that action needs to be taken in line with the Codes of Conduct, Education and Sanction. The Competition and Sanctioning Authority will develop with the Clubs a process of various educational sanctions that can/must be applied.
	(xii)	The Clubs will then have to report back within 10 days of the Notice of Respect Breach being issued, as to what action was taken. Along with supplying any proof of this action, online Respect Certificates, copies of written warnings etc.
	(xiii)	Failure of Clubs to respond and provide evidence will result in the Competition following steps available in the Charter Standard League Respect Tool Kit, which may lead to Teams having fixtures withheld on the grounds that the Competition are not satisfied that a safe and fun environment could be assured in which the Players could participate.
	(xiv)	An accumulation of Respect Breaches by Clubs or Teams will be dealt with by the Management Committee as per main Competition.
	(xv)	The Competition shall require all Participants to have signed the FA's Respect Codes of Conduct and produce these if so requested by the Management Committee.
	(xvi)	Prior to each Competition Match the participating Teams and Club Officers shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake and/or participating Teams to offer "three cheers" and handshakes to the opposing Team after the Competition Match.
	(xvii)	Each home Club shall make arrangements for the provision of designated areas for spectators. This area can be marked by a roped off area or by use of a temporary spectator barrier. The area for spectators should ideally be on one side of the pitch and the other used for coaches / substitutes etc. Ideally this would be 1-2 metres from the touchline. It is recognised, however, that the alignment of some pitches does not allow for this arrangement in which case exemption must be sought from the Management Committee prior to the commencement of the Playing Season. Failure to comply with these provisions may incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff or otherwise be dealt with as the Management Committee see fit.
	(xviii)	The Management Committee view the good reputation of the Competition as paramount and therefore the Management Committee shall have the authority to convene a meeting and require a Club, Club Official or individual to attend that meeting to answer and to deal with allegations of breaches of the Respect Programme Codes of Conduct.
	(xix)	Club / Team Respect Programme Marks will be submitted by each Team as part of the Result Card notification marking of the opponents. The Club / Team Respect Programme Marks will be monitored throughout the Season by the Management Committee. A low mark is an indication that a Club / Team has fallen below the acceptable standard of the Competition. Therefore a Club / Team whose mark is deemed to be in this category may be required to attend

		a Disciplinary Sub-Committee Meeting (see Rule 6 Powers of Management) or may receive written notice of their mark with a warning that, should it not improve, they will be requested to attend a Meeting of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee to answer for their record.
(J)		All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.
(K)		Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing at a particular age group in the Competition in any other competition (with the exception of a total of ONE (1) County FA or FA Competition) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. NOTE this includes ANY football format e.g. Futsal etc. Club Secretaries are responsible for informing the Competition which Teams have been entered into which County Cup Competition by 31st July in each year. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
(L)		At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the Divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.
(M)		As an FA Charter Standard League this Competition requires all its Clubs to have achieved FA Charter Standard status or be regarded by their Parent County FA as being in a position whereby they have a realistic chance of achieving it. The Management Committee will review the FA Charter Standard status of all member Clubs and those who have not achieved FA Charter Standard status by 30th March in each year or who are regarded by their Parent County FA as not being in a position whereby they have a realistic chance of achieving it by the 20th day of May in each year may have their Application for the forthcoming season rejected and will not be considered for re-election to the Competition for the forthcoming season.
(N)		The Competition has the right to decline Applications for Membership to this Competition to a new Club if it does not have FA Charter Standard status and it fails to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Management Committee a commitment to achieving the award and / or the Club is regarded by its Parent County FA as being a Club in a position whereby they have a realistic chance of achieving it.
(O)		Applications will NOT be accepted from Clubs who have no toilet facilities, changing facilities, access to playing fields of sufficient size and quality to hold matches for this Competition, or where the facilities do not meet the standards required by the Management Committee.
3.	CLUB NAME	
		Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
4.	ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT	
(A)		<p>Applications by existing Clubs for admission to the Competition must be made in writing to the Secretary not later than 30th April to guarantee the current divisional placing of each Team.</p> <p>NOTE: In respect of a new Team Application from another existing Club the Management Committee has the right to refuse the Application of that Team depending on its discipline record or previous history and / or in the absence of a structured action plan to ensure no repeat.</p> <p>The entry of an additional Team(s) after 30th April from the same existing Club must be made prior to the AGM. The divisional placing of that Team cannot be guaranteed and will be accepted subject to the same conditions in the Note above.</p> <p>All Applications must be accompanied by the correct Entry Fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election at the AGM otherwise the Application will be disregarded.</p> <p>All Entry Fees shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Team and shall be payable on or before 1st September in each year.</p> <p>Annual Subscriptions for additional Teams in the U9 – U18 age group received after the AGM will incur a further supplement in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Team. Applications for new Clubs will not be considered after 30th April.</p>
(B)		NOT ADOPTED
(C)		A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit (if required) has been paid.

(D)	Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 1st September in each year of its Sanctioning Authority Affiliation Number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
5.	MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION
(A)	The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition.
(B)	Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than 31st May in each year. All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of TWO (2) Clubs, not later than 30th April in each year. Names of the candidates for election 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.
(C)	The Management Committee shall meet as and when required, save that no more than THREE (3) calendar months shall pass between each meeting. On receiving a requisition signed by TWO-THIRDS (2/3rds) of the Members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.
(D)	Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed through their Club Secretaries or Chairs to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.
(E)	All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Club Secretary or Chairs and sent to the Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
6.	POWERS OF MANAGEMENT
(A)	The Management 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 Management Committee for ratification. The Management 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. The Management Committee may appoint a Disciplinary Sub-Committee with powers to determine and deal with disputes or complaints regarding interpretation of Competition Rules, the behaviour of Clubs and alleged misconduct regarding activities connected to the Competition. It will consist of the Disciplinary Secretary plus a minimum of TWO (2) and up to a maximum of FIVE (5) further members of the Management Committee. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall elect a Chairman for each of its hearings and meetings. All decisions of the Disciplinary Sub-Committees shall be ratified by the Management Committee. The Management Committee may appoint a Sub-Committee to interview Officers of all new Clubs applying to the Competition including Clubs who were previous members of the Competition but whose membership has lapsed. Attendance at this Sub-Committee Meeting for such new Clubs will be obligatory. It will consist of either the General Secretary, Chair or Treasurer plus a minimum of TWO (2) and up to a maximum of FIVE (5) further members of the Management Committee. The Sub-Committee may require evidence of authorisation of the Club to apply to the Competition by production of the Club Minute Book, Membership and financial arrangements. Where appointed, the Sub-Committee shall assess all entries and report to the Management Committee. The Management Committee shall appoint an Executive Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, General Secretary and TWO (2) Members of the Management Committee. It shall have the full powers of the Management Committee and will only be convened for matters of urgency which have to be resolved prior to a Management Committee Meeting or Special General Meeting. The decisions of the Executive Sub-Committee shall be reported to the Management Committee. The cost of any venue and any expenses incurred by the Competition or Management Committee Officers attending any such Meeting may be borne in part by Club(s) involved at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(B)	Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the Season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.
(C)	Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have ONE (1) 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 Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.
(D)	The Management 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 TWENTY EIGHT (28) days of the Competition being notified. With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H) & 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given SEVEN (7) 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 Management 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 Management Committee; or
(iii)	Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management 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 Management Committee.
	Where the Club charged fails to respond within SEVEN (7) days, the Management 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 Management 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 ONE HUNDRED POUNDS (£100.00) 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.
(E)	All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within FOURTEEN (14) days.
(F)	FIVE (5) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee and THREE (3) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any Sub-Committee thereof.
(G)	The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill, in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.
(H)	A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
(I)	Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within FOURTEEN (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 FOURTEEN (14) days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.
(J)	Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fees and charges due to the Competition must be paid within FOURTEEN (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 fee including the additional fine within a further FOURTEEN (14) days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fees and fines are paid. In the case of a Player Registration Fee or Player Transfer Fee remaining unpaid after FOURTEEN (14) days the Management Committee will have the power to cancel the registration of the Player or Players relative to that Fee.
(K)	A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or Competition Match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.
(L)	The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season.
(M)	The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee shall be transacted by electronic mail. Clubs applying for membership of the Competition must provide a valid and active e-mail address for the receipt of Competition correspondence. It is the responsibility of each Club to update any changes to such e-mail address on the Competition's website as soon as practicable throughout the Season. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
(N)	Clubs must update any changes of their Club Officers (including Club Welfare Officer) on the Competition's website. Any Club failing to do so will be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
(O)	Any document or Notice served under these Rules will be served personally or by first class post, registered post, facsimile transmission or e-mail. In the absence of proof to the contrary, any document or Notice served by first class post or by registered post shall be deemed to have been served on the third day after the date of posting or, in the case of any document or Notice served by facsimile transmission or e-mail, it will be deemed to have been served on that day.
(P)	The Secretary shall have the power on behalf of the Management Committee to convene a Meeting of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee and request the attendance of a Club, Club Officer, Player, Participant or Individual who has been formally charged. Any Club Officer, Player, Participant or Individual having been given SEVEN (7) days' notice to attend a Disciplinary Sub-Committee Meeting and failing to attend may have the matter heard in their absence and fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff or otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.
(Q)	The Management Committee will consider an accumulation of cautions and/or sending offs attributable to a Club / Team as conduct of an unacceptable level and will have the power to instruct the Disciplinary Secretary to request the attendance of any such formally charged Club, Team, Club Officer, Participant or Player to attend a meeting of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee or a meeting convened by the General Secretary for that purpose. Any Club Officer, Player, Participant or Individual having been given SEVEN (7) days' notice to attend a Disciplinary Sub-Committee Meeting and failing to attend may have the matter heard in their absence and fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff or otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine. At such a meeting the Management Committee will have the power to consider the disciplinary record, overall behaviour and previous conduct of the Club / Team. The Club / Team will have the opportunity to offer an explanation for the record and outline measures for future improvement. Subject to Rule 7 (APPEAL).
(R)	The Disciplinary Sub-Committee will have the power to consider the Respect Programme Marks, disciplinary record, overall behaviour and previous conduct of the Club / Team. The Club / Team will have the opportunity to offer an explanation for the poor record and outline measures for future improvement. The individual mark awarded by each Team will be deemed as confidential and will not be divulged under any circumstances. Any Club, Team, Club Officer, Participant or Player having been given SEVEN (7) days' notice of such a Meeting and failing to attend may have the matter heard in their absence and may be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

	The Disciplinary Sub-Committee will have the power to recommend to the AGM that any such Club / Team which has failed to satisfactorily answer for their record and/or failed to make a satisfactory plan for future improvement may be considered for non-election into the Competition for the forthcoming Season.	
(S)	There shall not be more than THREE (3) persons elected to the Management Committee who have connections with the same Club.	
7.	PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS	
(A)	(i)	All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management 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 Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.
(B)	Except in cases where the Management 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 Secretary within SEVEN (7) 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 Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.	
(C)	No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This 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 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 SEVEN (7) days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.	
	(i)	All parties must have received SEVEN (7) 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 FIFTY POUNDS (£50.00) and indicate such when forwarding the written response.
(E)	The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.	
(F)	Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within FOURTEEN (14) 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 Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority 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 Management Committee.	
(G)	No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.	
8.	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
(A)	The AGM shall be held not later than the end of June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least FIFTY PER CENT (50%) of Members are present and entitled to vote:-	
	(i)	To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding AGM;

	(ii)	To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts;
	(iii)	Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee);
	(iv)	Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Playing Season;
	(v)	Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee;
	(vi)	Appointment of auditors;
	(vii)	Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14);
	(viii)	Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition;
	(ix)	Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season;
	(x)	Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM. Due notice shall be defined as having been sent to the Secretary in writing at least FOURTEEN (14) days prior to the AGM.
(B)		A copy of the duly audited/verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least SEVEN (7) days prior to the meeting together with any proposed Rule changes.
(C)		A signed copy of the duly audited/verified Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within FOURTEEN (14) days of its adoption by the AGM.
(D)		Each Club shall be empowered to send TWO (2) delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to ONE (1) vote only. SEVEN (7) days' notice shall be given of any AGM.
(E)		Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing 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. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.
(F)		All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least FIFTY PER CENT (50%) of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.
(G)		No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than ONE (1) Club.
(H)		Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
(I)		Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.
(J)		Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.
9.	SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS	
	<p>Upon receiving a requisition signed by TWO THIRDS (2/3rds) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.</p> <p>The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.</p> <p>At least SEVEN (7) days' notice shall be given of a Meeting under this Rule, together with an Agenda of the business to be transacted at such Meeting.</p> <p>Each Club shall be empowered to send TWO (2) delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to ONE (1) vote only.</p> <p>Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.</p>	
10.	AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED	
	<p>Each Club shall complete and sign the following Agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.</p> <p>"We, (A), (name) [] of (address) [] (Chairman)/Director and (B) (name) [] of (address) [] (Secretary/Director) of [] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to</p>	

	those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.” The Agreement shall be signed by:-	
	•	Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club Chairman and Secretary; or
	•	Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two Directors of the Club.
	Any alteration of the Chairman and /or Secretary of the Club on the above Agreement must be notified to the County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
11.	CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB	
(A)	Any Club intending or having a provisional intention to withdraw a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing at least THIRTY (30) days before the AGM. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
(B)	The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its Teams from the Competition after the Annual General Meeting. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding ONE HUNDRED POUNDS (£100.00) per Team.	
(C)	Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of FIFTY POUNDS (£50.00), the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.	
(D)	The Membership for the ensuing Season having been decided at the AGM or SGM held for that purpose the Competition 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.	
(E)	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, providing that the playing membership is at least SEVENTY FIVE PER CENT (75%) of the previous Season’s registered players.	
(F)	A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its Teams from the Competition after the AGM for the forthcoming Playing Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 6(B).	
(G)	The Management Committee can advise non-inclusion of Clubs or individual teams to Members at the AGM.	
12.	EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS, MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	
(A)	At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to:-	
	(i)	remove a member of the Management Committee from office;
	(ii)	exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of which must be supported by more than TWO THIRDS (2/3rds) of those present and voting
	Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.	
(B)	At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club or Team whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than TWO THIRDS (2/3rds) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.	
(C)	Any Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and/or (B) of this Rule.	

13. TROPHY							
(A)	<p>The following Agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of any Cup or Shield:- Trophies must be returned to the Competition in good order and correctly engraved with the details of the winning Club and be in a clean and presentable state. They must be returned to those Officers as directed by the Secretary by the last day of February in the Playing Season. Where a Club fails to return the cups or trophies by the due date they shall receive a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. A Club failing to return any cup or trophy will be responsible for the full replacement cost of such cup or trophy in addition to the above-mentioned sanctions.</p>						
	<p>“We A [name]and B [name], the Chairman and Secretary of [] FC(Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of[]Cup or Shield, 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 Shield to the Competition Secretary on or before []. 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.”</p>						
	<p>Failure to return a correctly completed agreement by the last day of June will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>						
(B)	<p>At the close of each Competition awards may be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">11 v 11</td> <td style="text-align: center;">16 Awards</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">9 v 9</td> <td style="text-align: center;">13 Awards</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Mini Soccer (i.e. U9 & U10)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10 Awards</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	11 v 11	16 Awards	9 v 9	13 Awards	Mini Soccer (i.e. U9 & U10)	10 Awards
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(C)	<p>Non-attendance of a Trophy Ceremony without giving a satisfactory explanation in writing to the Secretary within TWENTY EIGHT (28) days of the Trophy Ceremony will result in a Club receiving a charge for breach of Competition Rules and the Club may forfeit their right to the trophies or awards. Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>						
(D)	<p>In addition a Team attending with less than EIGHT (8) players for 11v11, SEVEN (7) players for 9v9 shall be deemed not to have attended for the purposes of this Rule and will be subject to the same penalties.</p>						
(E)	<p>Clubs must return Cups / Shields by the last day in February as directed by the Secretary. The Cups / Shields must have been suitably engraved with the details of the winning Club and be in a clean and presentable state. Failure to return the Cups / Shields by the due date will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Cups / Shields must be returned to the Competition in good order and correctly engraved. Failure to do so will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>						
(F)	<p>A Club failing to return any Cup / Shield will be responsible for the full replacement cost of such Cup / Shield in addition to the above-mentioned fines.</p>						
(G)	<p>Any Club / Team not continuing in the Competition for the following season, having won any cup or trophy in the preceding season must return the same fully engraved and in a clean and presentable state before the next Competition AGM.</p>						
14. ALTERATION TO RULES							
	<p>Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season. Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 1st April in each year. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs by e-mail prior to the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of SEVENTY FIVE PER CENT (75%) of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.</p>						
15. FINANCE							
(A)	<p>The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.</p>						

(B)	All expenditure in excess of ONE THOUSAND POUNDS (£1,000.00) shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least TWO (2) Officers nominated by the Management Committee.	
(C)	The financial year of the Competition will end on the last day of February.	
(D)	The Books, or a certified Balance Sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited/verified annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.	
16.	INSURANCE	
(A)	All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least TEN MILLION POUNDS (£10,000,000.00) at all times.	
(B)	All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority.	
	Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
17.	DISSOLUTION	
(A)	Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a SGM by a majority of THREE QUARTERS (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.	
(B)	In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.	
(C)	The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:-	
	(i)	Any surplus assets, save for a Trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Authority.
	(ii)	If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a Trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide.
	MATCH RELATED RULES	
18.	QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS	
(A)	A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has been registered correctly and been approved via PS.	
	If a Club attempts to register a player via PS but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via PS, the registration will not be processed.	
	NOTE:	The Player's name on PS must be exactly as it appears on the Player's Birth Certificate or Passport.
	NOTE:	A Player remains ineligible to play in the Competition until the registration process has been complied with and the Player appears on the PS Team Sheet. Registration will not be deemed complete until it has been approved by the Registration Secretary and the Player appears on the PS Team Sheet. For the avoidance of doubt, merely submitting a registration on PS and generating Parent / Legal Guardian consent is not deemed as completing the process. Any Player competing in a Competition Match in such circumstances will be deemed as unregistered or ineligible. No registration approvals will be effected by the Registration Secretary between 12.00 p.m.(noon) on Friday and 9.00 a.m. on Monday.
	Failure to comply with any part of this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
(B)	(i)	Contract Players are not permitted in this Competition 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. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate.

	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) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club / Team for each Player registered or transferred. Player Registration Fees including Transfer Fees will be invoiced to Clubs periodically throughout the Season. Failure to pay the Invoice within FOURTEEN (14) days of issue may result in the Player Registration to which the Invoice relates being cancelled. Any Player Registration cancelled in such circumstances effectively means that the Player WILL NOT be permitted to play in ANY Competition Match until such time as the fee and any associated fine has been paid and the Registration Secretary has re-approved the Player Registration. Any Competition Matches not played as a result of a lack of players due to this Rule 18(D) will attract such penalties as that particular Rule may attract.

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes taking into account the following:-

	(i)	A Player shall not be permitted to register for more than ONE (1) Club subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E) (iii) below.
	(ii)	In the event of a Player having a registration submitted for more than ONE (1) Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18(E)(iii) below.
	(iii)	A Player is only permitted to register for more than ONE (1) Club provided that:-
	(a)	the Team(s) in which the Player plays are not in the same age group; or
	(b)	except for the purpose of a transfer
		and the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C).

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

	(i)	Play for more than ONE (1) Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred or in conjunction with Rule 18 J
	(ii)	Having registered for ONE (1) Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except if the provisions set out in Rule 18 (E) (iii) apply
	(iii)	Submit a registration via Prawn Sandwich that the Player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete

	Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
(G)	(i)	The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rule 18(G) (ii) and (iii) below.
	(ii)	The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player, the exercise of such power being without prejudice to the Management Committee's ability to fine a Club at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).
	(iii)	The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. Where the Management Committee does not have enough information to enable it to make a decision pursuant to the above power, it may apply, in its absolute discretion, to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA for further information. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.
	(iv)	For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G) (iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of TWELVE (12) months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.
	(Note: Action under Rule 18(G) (iii) shall only be taken against a Player in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVE (112) days' suspension, or TEN (10) matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of TWO (2) years or less from the date of the first offence.	
(H)	Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2 (a) (FA Regulations Concerning Approaches to Non Contract Players SEE NOTE BELOW) when a Club wishes to register a Player who is already registered with another Club it shall submit a transfer request in a format as determined by the Competition to the Registration Secretary. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the Club for which the Player is registered. Should this Club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the Player concerned within THREE (3) days of receipt of the notification. NOTE: The THREE (3) days begins on the date when the Registration Secretary sends the transfer request notification to the Club the Player is transferring from. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within THREE (3) days, the Registration Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player. The player shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club following the approval by the Registration Secretary whereupon the Player will appear on the new Club's Team Sheet. In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision. The fee for such a transfer is set out in the Fees Tariff and must be paid in compliance with Rule 18D.	
	A Player whose registration for a Club is cancelled or transferred for any reason whatsoever cannot, without the consent of the Management Committee, return to their original Club until a minimum of FOURTEEN (14) days has elapsed from the date of the cancellation or transfer.	
	<i>NOTE – Reminder of FA Regulations mentioned above – Players Without Written Contracts C2 (a) Regulations Concerning Approaches</i>	

			<p>(i) Competitions sanctioned by The Association under Regulation 3 of the “Regulations for the Sanction and Control of Competitions” may make their own regulations for the approach of Players between Clubs of the Competition;</p> <p>(ii) during the current season any Club wishing to approach a Player known to be registered with or having played for any other Club must give to the secretary of each such Club, seven days’ formal written notice of the intention to approach the Player; Formal written notice of approach need be given by:- (A) a Saturday Club only to all Saturday Clubs; (B) a Sunday Club only to all Sunday Clubs; and (C) a midweek Club only to all midweek Clubs;</p> <p>(iii) the written notice must be sent by special delivery or recorded post, or a written acknowledgment otherwise obtained from the secretary or chairman of the Club approached. Facsimile or e-mail transmission may be used provided a receipt of acknowledgment is also obtained;</p> <p>(iv) following the date of posting of the written notice of approach, or receipt of an acknowledgment: (A) the Player may be registered on or after the eighth day; and (B) the Player must have been registered on or before the 21st day;</p> <p>(v) the approaching Club: (A) may not approach the same Player a second time in the same playing season; (B) may approach only one (1) Player at a Club at any time subject to Rule C2(a)(ix) below; (C) may not approach another Player at the same Club within 28 days of an earlier notice of approach or acknowledgment;</p> <p>(vi) if an approach is made by a Player to another Club during the current season, that Club shall give the Club(s), for which the Player is known to be registered or has played, seven days’ notice of approach as set out in Rule C2(a)(i) to (v) above before registering the Player;</p> <p>(vii) a Club which is the subject of a complaint alleging failure to give notice in accordance with this Rule may be subject to a charge of Misconduct pursuant to FA Rule E1(b);</p> <p>(viii) a Club proved to have breached the provisions of this Rule may have its current registration of the Player cancelled and be subject to such other penalty as The Association or appropriate Affiliated Association deems appropriate, in accordance with relevant regulations of The Association from time to time in force; and</p> <p>(ix) during the current season a maximum of two Players may be approached in the manner described above if invited to trial at a licensed academy or “Centre of Excellence” of The Association, The FA Premier League or The Football League.</p> <p><i>*A current season runs from 1st July to the following 31st May</i></p>
(I)			<p>A Player may not be registered for a Club or Team after the last day of March nor transferred to another Club / Team in the Competition after the last day of February except by special permission of the Management Committee. NOTE Special permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Shortage of players through injury, unavailability or de-registration alone or collectively would not necessarily constitute exceptional.</p>
(J)			<p>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 Management Committee.</p>
	Under 12 to Under 18	(i)	<p>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 (1) Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C) but must be registered to that Team within the provisions of Rule 18(A) (i).</p>
		(ii)	<p>A Player must be registered to a specific team and if their Club has multiple teams at that age group, the player cannot play for another team without effecting a transfer. An inter-Club transfer does not attract a fee.</p>

	Under 8 to Under 11	A Player need not be registered to a specific team and can play in any team at the age group to which they are eligible and registered for their Member Club.
(K)	<p>A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registration Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of an Officer of the Club at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.</p> <p>In the event of a Non Contract Player changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition his registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18(B)(i).</p>	
(L)	NOT ADOPTED.	
(M)	NOT ADOPTED.	
(N)	(i)	Subject to Rule 18(N)(ii), any Club found to have played an unregistered or ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of TWELVE (12) points, and have levied upon it a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
	(ii)	The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N) (i) only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.
	(iii)	Where a Club is found to have played an unregistered or ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:-
		(a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; or
		(b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
		(c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).
<i>(The following Clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education but does not apply to Under 17/Under 18 football):-</i>		
(O)	(i)	Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
	(ii)	The availability of children must be cleared with their Head Teacher (except for Sunday League Competitions).
	(iii)	A child under the age of FIFTEEN (15) as at midnight on 31 August in a 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 (2) years or more.
(P)	<p>A Player desiring not to play for their Team or a Team not wishing to use the services of a Player again, and not subject of misconduct, may submit Notice of De-Registration signed by the Club Secretary to the Registration Secretary by e-mail. A Player being de-registered shall not play for the relinquishing Team on or after the date the De-Registration is submitted. Any Team requiring official Notice of De-Registration from the Registration Secretary must specifically request the same by e-mail. No De-Registered Player may re-Register after the last day of February. A De-Registered Player wishing to play for another Club / Team within the Competition will be treated as a transfer. PLEASE NOTE that such Player may be Cup tied and the PS Team Sheet will reflect this. Players from Teams that disband following the commencement of the Playing Season are automatically de-registered unless an internal Transfer to a Team at the same Club is effected within SEVEN (7) days of the Competition receiving notification that the Team has disbanded. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>	

(Q) The production, security and accuracy of the PS Team Sheet is the responsibility of the Club to which the Player is registered. The PS Team Sheet must be in a satisfactory condition suitable for purpose and must, at every Competition Match, accurately reflect the squad registered on the day of the Competition Match. The PS Team Sheet must be reproduced to reflect any new Player Registration, any Player Transfer (in or out) and any Player De-Registration. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

19. CLUB COLOURS

(A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 31st August who shall decide as to their suitability.
 Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management 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 FIVE (5) days before the Competition Match.
 If, in the opinion of the referee, TWO (2) Teams have the same or similar colours, the home 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?
 All Shirts must be numbered (but the numbering of the goalkeeper's shirt is optional), failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
 The Secretary may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit.

(B) Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.

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

(A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, and 9v9 football, the Rules as set down by The FA. 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 Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a Competition Match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.
 The Management 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.
 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. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every THREE (3) 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 20(C).
 All Competition Matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the TWO (2) Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the Competition Match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.
 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 7 and Under 8	10	20	40	60	Development focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
	Under 9 and Under 10	20	25	60	90	Development focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
	Under 11	20	30	80	120	Development focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)
	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

For round robin/trophy events, the maximum duration of play per half cannot be exceeded, but the minimum duration of play per half may be adjusted.

For trophy events, the Competition may award mementos.

With the exception of Competition Matches arranged by the Management Committee any kick off prior to 10.00am or after 2.00pm on Sundays must be mutually agreed by both Teams and the Match Officials. Once the kick-off time has been notified to the opposing Team, it cannot be changed by more than ONE (1) hour except by mutual consent or by order of the Management Committee. Any Competition Match not played as a consequence will be treated as an unplayed fixture.

Referees must order Competition Matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

If the appointed kick off is delayed by the absence of ONE (1) Team, the referee and the opposing Team are required to remain in the vicinity of the pitch until THIRTY (30) minutes has elapsed after which it will be treated as an unplayed fixture. Both Clubs and the referee shall report the facts to the Competition as required under League Rules.

If the Management Committee consider a delayed kick off to be the result of a deliberate act by any Club / Team, the Club shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

The home Team must provide properly secured goal nets, corner posts and flags, set of linesman's flags and at least TWO (2) 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.

Each Team shall provide adequate First Aid equipment at every Competition Match.

A Team not complying with any part of this Rule shall be fined in accordance of the Fines Tariff.

(B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed, priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. NOTE: This is limited to a total of ONE (1) FA **OR** County FA Competition per Playing Season. All other matches must be

	considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition Match with the consent of the Age Group Fixture Secretary.		
	Any Clubs that are aware that their pitches are not available in September, April or May due to Council Permit restrictions or ground availability issues must inform the Secretary as soon as this is known by the Club and in any event by 1 st August for fixtures up to the 31 st December and by 1 st January for fixtures up to the third week of May. This is to help Fixture Secretaries where possible to plan home & away matches allowing for these factors. Any Clubs stating that pitches are not available in September, April or May that have not so advised the Secretary and where the reverse fixture has already taken place will be reported to the Management Committee who may at their discretion order the Competition Match to be played on the opponent's home ground or a neutral ground at the defaulting Club's expense where applicable and actual costs have been incurred. The Management Committee may also at its discretion where the circumstances warrant it award the points for the match to opponents of the defaulting Club. In cases where both Clubs are deemed at fault the Management Committee may render the Competition Match null & void.		
	Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.		
(C)	<p>In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition FIVE (5) clear days' notice of the Competition Match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).</p> <p>Where there are no free Sundays remaining in the Playing Season and there remain Competition Matches to be played the Fixture Secretary may order Competition Matches to be played on days other than Sundays, provided that FIVE (5) days' notice is given or may order the playing of TWO (2) Competition Matches between the TWO (2) Clubs / Teams on the same day ("double header"). These will be of shorter duration of TWO (2) equal halves, only to be played if the home and away Competition Matches remain as unplayed. The Fixture Secretary will decide upon which ground the TWO (2) Competition Matches shall be played.</p> <p>Note: If the date for a Competition Match is set to other than Sunday by the Fixture Secretary, this date may be changed upon agreement of both Teams concerned with the consent of the Fixture Secretary. However where that Competition Match is not played because Teams cannot reach agreement the Management Committee may render the match null & void or award the match to either Team as they deem fit in the circumstances.</p> <p>A "Double Header" will be of shorter duration of TWO (2) equal halves, only to be played if the home and away fixtures remain as unplayed. The Fixture Secretary will decide upon which ground the TWO (2) Competition Matches shall be played.</p> <p>For clarification, a "double header" is TWO (2) separate Competition Matches of equal halves. For the purposes of recording the result, the first Competition Match will be considered the home Team's "home" Competition Match and the second Competition Match will be considered the away Team's "home" Competition Match. The minimum playing time for each Competition Match is defined in Competition Rules. Any Competition appointed Referee will be deemed as covering both Competition Matches otherwise Teams will agree upon a referee as per Competition Rules with both Teams sharing the cost of the referee as per Rule 23.</p> <p>Any Club failing to comply with the Rules relating to Double Header Competition Matches will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and/or otherwise be dealt with as the Management Committee deem fit.</p>		
(D)	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 FIVE (5) clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. The away Club shall acknowledge receipt of such particulars to the home Club within 24 hours of receipt of the same. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.		
(E)	The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:-		
		FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
		5v5	4
		7v7	5
		9v9	6
		11v11	7
	Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff		

At the Under 7, 8, 9 & 10 development age groups, Teams who have less than the full number of Players for their format are encouraged to follow The FA's Power Play Rule (see below) The spirit of this Rule is to allow for a better experience for Players and to facilitate development.

POWER PLAY RULE

THIS IS ENCOURAGED IN ALL 5v5 & 7v7 COMPETITION MATCHES

PP 1 During a Competition Match, when the goal difference reaches FOUR (4), the losing Team may field ONE (1) additional Player. If the goal difference reaches SIX (6), the losing Team may field ONE (1) further additional Player (taking the total up to TWO (2) additional Players).

PP 2 At the point the goal difference falls to FIVE (5) the losing Team must withdraw ONE (1) of their additional Players. This does not need to be ONE (1) of the Players who was introduced as an Additional Player.

PP 3 At the point the goal difference falls to THREE (3) the losing Team must withdraw their final additional Player. This does not need to be ONE (1) of the Players who was introduced as an Additional Player.

PP 4 Please refer to the example below:-

Team	Score		Team	Procedure	5v5	7v7
Red	3	0	Blue	No Change	5v5	7v7
Red	4	0	Blue	Blue Team introduce ONE (1) additional Player	5v6	7v8
Red	4	1	Blue	Blue Team remove ONE (1) additional Player	5v5	7v7
Red	5	1	Blue	Blue Team introduce ONE (1) additional Player	5v6	7v8
Red	6	1	Blue	No Change	5v6	7v8
Red	7	1	Blue	Blue Team introduce ONE (1) further additional Player	5v7	7v9
Red	7	2	Blue	Blue Team remove ONE (1) additional Player	5v6	7v8
Red	7	3	Blue	No Change	5v6	7v8
Red	7	4	Blue	Blue Team remove ONE (1) further additional Player	5v5	7v7

(F) (i) In Competitions where points are awarded, home and away Competition Matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have the power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

NOTE: All Clubs / Teams will be deemed to be available to play every Sunday both for AM and PM kick offs. There will be no such thing as a friendly or unofficial match to take the place of appointed Competition Matches.

(ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a Competition Match or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the Fixture Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, an Officer of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.
A Match Result Card must be submitted.
Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(iii) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the TWO (2) Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Age Group Fixture Secretary within SEVEN (7) days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the

		Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management 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.																					
	(iv)	The Management 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 Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of ONE (1) Team and/or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams and their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management 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 18(N) (i) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the Competition Match must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.																					
(G)	A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match.																						
	5v5	any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. A Team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its maximum number of players at this format. i.e.5v5 = 10 maximum																					
	7v7	a Club may use up to THREE (3) substitutes from THREE (3) substitute Players at any time with the permission of the referee.																					
	9v9	a Club may use up to FOUR (4) substitutes from FOUR (4) substitute Players at any time with the permission of the referee.																					
	11v11	a Club may use up to FIVE (5) substitutes from FIVE (5) substitute Players at any time with the permission of the referee.																					
<p>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.</p> <p>Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play.</p> <p>A Player who has been replaced may return to the play as a substitute for another Player.</p> <p>The maximum number of players permitted to be registered to each team must not exceed the following:-</p>																							
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		Under 15	11v11	22 Players	
		Under 16	11v11	22 Players	
		Under 18	11v11	30 Players	
	<p>In Youth Football only (Under 12-Under 18), the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than immediately before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in the Competition Match.</p> <p>A Player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually participate in that Competition Match shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.</p>				
(H)	The half time interval shall be of FIVE (5) minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed FIFTEEN (15) minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.				
(I)	All 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 his/her teammates. If the participating Players are considered to be too young to take on this role a member of the team coaching staff should provide this support. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.				
(J)	<p>Immediately prior to the commencement of the Competition Match a senior Officer of each Team must be in possession of the PS Team Sheet of his/her Team and substitutes to be used at each Competition Match. The PS Team Sheet must be exchanged with the opposition's senior Officer prior to kick-off and remain in the possession of the opposing Team for the duration of the Competition Match. Before the kick-off of any Competition Match all Teams must line up in order that the PS Team Sheet may be inspected by the senior Officer from the opposing Team (except where this task is carried out by a Management Committee Officer). Any Team that fails to correctly check the eligibility of Players through this process will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE that it is ESSENTIAL that this procedure is followed at EVERY Competition Match regardless of familiarity with the opposition. Failure to comply is a SERIOUS breach of Competition Rules and a Team will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>				
(K)	In the event that the PS Team Sheet is not produced, the OPPOSING team's Senior Official MUST , prior to kick off, witness the completion of the Team Check Form (available for download from the Competition's website) by the Team who do not have the Player Registration ID Cards available. The following process must be strictly followed:-				
	(i)	Each Player, including all substitutes, MUST print their own name and sign the Form;			
	(ii)	No Player information can be completed before or during the witnessing of this by anyone other than the Player(s);			
	(iii)	The completed Form MUST then be fully completed by the OPPOSING team's Senior Officer (witness) and any comments must be made in the comment box, including any doubts about Player authenticity. This Form MUST be sent by the OPPOSING team to the Registration Secretary within THREE (3) days of the date of the Competition Match.			
	Any Team (whether the Team without Player Registration ID Cards OR the opposition Team witnessing the Form) that fails to comply with any of the above processes shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Any Team that fails to produce the PS Team Sheet or refuses/fails to complete or witness and submit the Team Check Form as required in this Rule shall be charged with bringing the League into disrepute.				
(L)	Upon request by a Management Committee Officer, all PS Team Sheet(s) relevant to a Competition Match must be made available for inspection. Any Team failing to do so without good cause will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff and reported to the Management Committee.				
(M)	Applications for leave of absence from the Competition for such reasons as Easter Tours etc. must be made by e-mail to the (Fixtures) Secretary provided that a minimum of TWENTY SEVEN (27) days' notice has been given				

	for such Application. The granting of 'Leave of Absence' is at the discretion of the Management Committee and will only be permitted to a Club / Team on TWO (2) separate occasions in any one Season.	
(N)	<p>Teams must make every effort to fulfil their Competition Match on the day of the Competition Match. Where the home Team is unable to supply a venue to fulfil its appointed Competition Match, no matter what the reason, they shall inform the Age Group Fixture Secretary as soon as possible and MUST offer their opponents the opportunity to play the Competition Match at the opponent's Ground or at an alternative venue. The opponents must have the opportunity to organise a pitch provided that travelling time and a minimum of THIRTY (30) minutes of warm up are taken into consideration when announcing a new kick off time (which must be before 2pm on day of the Competition Match). If the opponents are advised of a change on the day of the Competition Match, the opponents have THIRTY (30) minutes to organise a pitch. If a pitch is organised, both Teams need to agree a referee or an appointed person as per Rule 23 to act as a referee. Note: The emphasis is to make sure the Competition Match is played on the day of the Competition Match and we expect all Teams to make sure that if there is any reason why the Competition Match may not be played at any time, the opposition must be informed.</p> <p>In these circumstances, if the Competition Match is reversed and neither Team have played each other, it will be classed as the opponent's home fixture.</p> <p>We do not expect Clubs to cancel the Competition Match with their own Players etc until after this avenue has been explored and both Teams agree the Competition Match cannot be reversed. Communication between the Teams is key to this and the Competition will take into account any suspected deliberate lack of communication (unanswered phones texts emails etc) when deciding on the outcome of the Competition Match. Competition Matches not played in these circumstances will be referred to the Management Committee who may at their discretion award the points to either Team or order the Competition Match to be replayed depending on the circumstances.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will be dealt with as an unplayed Competition Match.</p>	
(O)	A Club who having TWO (2) or more Players from ONE (1) Team selected for a County or School Representative Match may apply for a postponement of League or Cup Competition Matches. The interest of the Competition will always be paramount and any decision of the Management Committee shall be final.	
(P)	Where breaches of Rule 20(E) are found proved the following criteria will be used to determine the appropriate level of punishment:-	
	(i)	Clubs who are unable to fulfil a Competition Match with less than SEVEN (7) days' notice will be referred via the Fixture Secretary to the General Secretary of the League on an Unplayed Fixture Form. For the avoidance of doubt, there must be at least SIX (6) clear days between the date the notice is given and the date the Competition Match was scheduled, e.g. if the Competition Match is scheduled for next Sunday, the notice must have been provided prior to midnight on the previous Sunday.
	(ii)	Clubs who are unable to fulfil a Competition Match having notified the relevant parties prior to 8.00 pm on Tuesday preceding the Competition Match will incur no fine. The points for the Competition Match may be awarded to the opponents of the Team causing the unfulfilled Competition Match at the discretion of the Management Committee.
	(iii)	Clubs who are unable to fulfil a Competition Match that notify the relevant parties later than 8.00 pm on Tuesday preceding the Competition Match will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and the points for the Competition Match may be awarded to the opponents of the Team causing the postponement at the discretion of the Management Committee.
	(iv)	Unless there are exceptional circumstances, Clubs who are unable to fulfil a Competition Match that advise the relevant parties AFTER 12 noon on the day preceding the Competition Match will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines

		Tariff and the points for the Competition Match shall be awarded to the opponents of the Team causing the postponement.
	Shortage of Players through illness, injury or suspension will not be an acceptable reason for failing to fulfil a Competition Match.	
(Q)	Club Secretaries MUST immediately inform the Secretary of any Club suspension imposed by The FA or any County Football Association. Any Club in breach of this Rule will be reported to the Management Committee. Any Competition Match which is unfulfilled as the result of such Club suspension not being lifted by 8pm on the Thursday preceding the Competition Match shall be awarded to the opponents.	
(R)	Any Team failing to fulfil their Competition Matches on more than THREE (3) occasions in any ONE (1) Playing Season will be treated as misconduct to be dealt with by the Management Committee who may take action they deem necessary.	
21.	REPORTING RESULTS	
(A)	The Competition must receive by 23:59 hours on the day of the Competition Match the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Match Officials and also the referee markings required by Rule 23 and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Following the issue of a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff, the Result Card as above MUST still be submitted to arrive within SEVEN (7) days of notification of the fine, failing which the Club will incur a further fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff for every SEVEN (7) days or part thereof that the Result Card is not submitted. NOTE: The prescribed manner means the submission of a fully completed Result Card onto the Competition's website.	
(B)	NOT ADOPTED	
(C)	The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to complete the Match Result Card ACCURATELY will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
(D)	The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for Competition Matches involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s & Under 10s. Any Competition failing to abide by this Rule will be dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and any Club failing to abide by this Rule will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect and publish results for Trophy Events.	
(E)	The Competition may require a Club to confirm that a set Competition Match has been played. A fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) may be imposed for a breach of this Rule.	
(F)	All County Cup & FA Cup results, abandonments or postponements must be communicated by BOTH the home and away Clubs to the relevant Fixture Secretary on the day of the match. A Team in default will be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).	
22.	DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP	
(A)	In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with THREE (3) points to be awarded for a win and ONE (1) point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.	
(B)	In the event of TWO (2) or more Teams being equal on points, Team rankings will be determined by the Management Committee by the following sequence of factors:-	
	(i)	the Team winning the most Competition Matches;
	(ii)	If Teams still remain equal, only the results of the Competition Matches played between these Teams shall be considered, ranking determined by the number of Competition Matches each Team has won or drawn;
	(iii)	If still equal, the aggregate number of goals scored in the Competition Matches only between these Teams shall be taken into consideration;

	(iv)	If the Team rankings remain equal after the foregoing, the Shield will be shared for half the holding period each.
(C)	In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its Competition Matches for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 22 a completed Competition Match shall include any Competition Match(es) which has (have) been awarded by the Management Committee.	
23.	MATCH OFFICIALS	
(A)	Registered Referees for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority. In cases where the Competition has not been able to appoint a Referee, the Home Club MUST engage the services of a registered Referee. If the Home Club is unable to appoint such a Referee they MUST notify their opponents of the facts and allow their opponents the opportunity to engage the services of their own registered Referee. Note: For the avoidance of doubt, a Referee appointed by the Competition takes precedence over any appointment made by a Club or Team.	
(B)	<p>In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs MUST agree upon a Referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. 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.</p> <p>Competition Matches that are NOT PLAYED because both or either Team(s) cannot agree a Referee as described above will be reviewed by the Management Committee who may render the Competition Match null and void or award the points for the Competition Match to either Team depending on the circumstances.</p> <p>NOTE: for the avoidance of doubt the Competition expect Competition Matches to be played and this Rule not to be used as an excuse to not play a Competition Match.</p>	
(C)	Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff being imposed on the defaulting Club. Note: The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by either of the TWO (2) competing Teams, appoint Assistant Referees. In this instance the costs should be shared by the competing Teams.	
(D)	<p>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.</p> <p>If any Competition Match is in doubt due to unfit pitches, it is the responsibility of the home Club to have the pitch inspected early on the day of the Competition Match and advise their opponents not to travel pending an inspection. The Home Club must contact the Referee to request an early inspection or contact a local Referee or their nearest Competition Officer if the appointed Referee is not available and confirm with their opponents the result of the pitch inspection. Failing to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>	
(E)	Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a Fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff.	
(F)	Match Officials will be paid their Fee by the home Club immediately after the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
(G)	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 FULL Fee from the home Team. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to ONE (1) 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.
(H)	A Referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.
(I)	Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the Referee for each Competition Match and provide the CORRECT and FULL name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition via the Competition's Match Result Card. 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.
(J)	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. Any Club/Team marking a Referee between 0 & 50 inclusive must e-mail a report giving the reasons for low marking to the League Secretary within SEVEN (7) days after the Competition Match. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
(K)	The Competition appointed or Club appointed Referee or person appointed as such to a Competition Match shall submit an electronic Report Form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team, Fair Play Marks, notification of Cautions, Sendings Off, Misconduct, RESPECT breaches and the time of kick-off to the Competition within TWO (2) days of the Competition Match. Failure to do so may result in the Referee being reported to the County FA and being advised they can no longer officiate at Competition Matches.
(L)	Match Officials shall be supplied, each Playing Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.
(M)	Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.
(N)	Clubs/Teams failing to make contact with a Competition appointed Match Official at least THREE (3) days prior to the Competition Match will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
(O)	Each Club will keep a register of Club appointed Match Officials. The onus will be on the Club to have checked that the individual is both registered and qualified as a Referee with the Football Association and has the necessary Safeguarding and CRC qualifications in place. Any complaints regarding a Club appointed Referee will be referred to the Management Committee who may order that the individual is no longer permitted to take charge of Competition Matches.
(P)	Clubs will be required to provide details of Club appointed Match Officials to the Secretary by 30th September in each Season and update the Competition as required on an ongoing basis. This is not to appoint them to Competition Matches, but in order that their details may be added to the PS Referees List to facilitate the Competition making contact with them on anything pertinent to Competition business.
24.	CUP COMPETITIONS AND DEVELOPMENT FOOTBALL TROPHY EVENTS
(A)	CONTROL OF CUP COMPETITION
	The Cup Competitions and Development Football Trophy Events will be governed by the Competition Rules where appropriate, with the addition of the following:-
	(i) The Cup Competitions shall be competed for annually on a knockout basis by all Teams within membership of the Competition.
	(ii) The Cup Competitions and Development Football Trophy Events, including the configuration, organisation and 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.
	NOTE: for the avoidance of doubt ALL Competition and Cup Rules unless specifically mentioned below will apply to all Football Development Trophy Events irrespective of the age group or classification of the event.
(B)	QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS
(i)	In any U12 –U18 Cup Competition no player may play for more than one Team in any Cup Competition in any one season. (The Challenge Cup and the Invitation Cup at all Age Groups are deemed to be one Competition.) This means, once transferred, a player will be deemed to be cup-tied if he has played in either Competition at

	any Age Group.
(ii)	In any U12 –U18 Cup Competition a Player or nominated substitute shall not be ineligible to play in the semi-final or final round of the competition unless he has played in a previous round or he has played at least TWO League and/or County Cup matches in the current season. Participants who were named substitutes in previous matches but didn't play are considered as having played for the purposes of this Rule.
(iii)	In any U12 –U18 Cup Competition A Player registered or transferred after the last day of February may not participate in a League/Invitation Cup Final.
(iv)	A player will only be permitted to play for ONE (1) team in a specific Development Football Trophy Event and will for the purpose of that specific event be effectively cup tied if they were to move to another Club or Team within the same Club for that event only. Where in some age groups a 2 nd or 3 rd Football Development Trophy Event is staged in the same Season, then the Team for which the player is registered on the first day of the Event will be the only Team they can play for in that specific Event. Note: The purpose of this rule is to prevent Clubs with multiple teams in an age group moving the best players around to enhance their chances of winning an event at the detriment of the existing team players, the development of all the players in the age group and the ethos of such Development Football Trophy Events.
(v)	Any Club found to have played an unregistered or otherwise ineligible Player in any Cup Competition Match or Development Football Trophy Event match shall be removed from that Competition and have levied upon it a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
(C)	PLAYING OF TIES & DRAWN MATCHES
(i)	In any U12-U18 Cup Competition all ties shall be played on the first-named Team's ground on a date specified by the Fixture Secretary. In the event of the first-named Team not having a ground available on the determined date, the second-named Team shall have the option of staging the Competition Match on that date and shall assume status of the home Team.
(ii)	In any knock-out or final stage of any Development Football Trophy Event match in the event of level scores at full time the match will be decided by a format as defined by the Management Committee in accordance of the Laws of the Game.
(iii)	In any U12 –U18 Cup Competition match in the event of level scores at full time the match will be decided on Penalties Kicks from the Penalty Mark subject to the Laws of the Game:-
	<p>Kicks from the Penalty Mark</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Teams take FIVE (5) kicks • The kicks are taken alternately by the Teams • If, before both Teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks are taken • If, after both Teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one Team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.
(iv)	Postponed Competition Matches shall take place as directed by the Fixture Secretary.
(v)	In the event of the Teams having the same colours, the first-named team will be required to change.
(vi)	In Finals, the admission fee, venue & kick off time will be decided by the Management Committee. All expenses will be met by the Competition and the proceeds will be retained for Competition funds.

SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF

RULE NO	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	Club Entry Fee	FREE
4 (B)	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	
	Youth Football U11 - U18	£25.00 per Team
	Mini Soccer U9 - U10	£20.00 per Team
	Mini Soccer U7 - U8	FREE
4 (B)	Late Entry Supplement (existing Clubs only after AGM)	£10.00 per Team
	PROTEST APPEAL FEES	
7 (C)	Protest Deposit	£20.00
7 (D) (ii)	Personal Hearing Deposit	£50.00
7 (F)	Appeal	£25.00
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATIONS	
	Under 7 & Under 8	FREE until 1 st December £2.00 thereafter
	Under 9 & Under 10	FREE until 30 th June £1.50 until 31 st July £2.00 thereafter
	Under 11 – Under 18	£1.50 until 31 st July £2.00 thereafter
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	
	Inter-Club	FREE
	Club to Club	£10.00 per Player
23 (E)	MATCH FEES	
	Mini-Soccer	£15.00
	U11 - U12	£20.00 (Double Header £30.00)
	U13 - U14	£25.00 (Double Header £36.00)
	U15	£30.00 (Double Header £46.00)
	U16 - U18	£35.00 (Double Header £54.00)
	Assistant Referee (9v9)	£15.00 (Double Header £20.00)
	Assistant Referee (11v11)	£22.00 (Double Header £32.00)

FINES TARIFF

RULE NO	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	Failure to Affiliate	£100.00
2 (I) (i)	Failure to Comply with FA Initiatives	£100.00
2 (I) (viii)	Failure to Provide RESPECT Barrier	£25.00
2 (K)	Unauthorised Entry of Teams into Competitions	£100.00
2 (K)	Failure to Advise which FA or County Cup Competition Entered	£25.00
3	Failure to Obtain Consent for Change of Club Name	£30.00
4 (E)	Failure to Provide Affiliation Number/Details	£100.00
5 (E)	Communications Conducted by Persons Other Than Chair / Secretary	£25.00
6 (H)	Failure to Comply with an Instruction of The Management Committee or Attend to Competition Business	£100.00
6 (I)	Failure to Pay a Fine within 14 Days	Double Original Fine
6 (J)	Failure to Pay a Fee within 14 Days	£50.00
6 (M)	Failure to Notify Change of E-Mail Address	£20.00
6 (N)	Failure to Notify Club Officer Changes	£50.00
6 (P)	Failure to Attend Disciplinary Meeting	£40.00
6 (Q)	Failure to Attend RESPECT Meeting	£40.00
6 (R)	Failure to Attend Sportsmanship Mark Meeting	£40.00
8 (H)	Failure to Attend AGM	£100.00
9	Failure to Attend SGM	£100.00
10	Failure to Submit Required Written Agreement or Notify Changes to Signatories	£25.00
11 (A)	Failure to Resign Within 30 Days of AGM	£100.00
11 (B)	Failure to Commence or Complete Competition Matches	£100.00
11 (F)	Withdrawal of Team after AGM	£100.00
13 (A)	Failure to Submit Required Written Agreement Regarding the Cup / Shield	£25.00
13 (C)	Non-Attendance at Presentation Ceremony	£50.00
13 (D)	Failure to Attend Presentation Ceremony with Minimum Number of Players	£50.00
13 (E)	Failure to Return Cup / Shield by 1 st March	£35.00
13 (E)	Failure to Engrave Cup / Shield & Failure to Clean Cup / Shield	£20.00
16 (A)	Failure to Have Required Insurance	£100.00
16 (B)	Failure to Have Required Insurance	£100.00
18 (A)	Failure to Correctly Register a Player	£50.00
18 (B) (iii)	Failure to Register Required Number of Players Prior to Commencement of Playing Season	£25.00
18 (F)	Registering or Playing For Multiple Clubs or Inaccurate Submission of a Registration	£25.00
18 (G) (ii)	Registration Irregularities	£100.00
18 (N)	Playing an Unregistered or Ineligible Player	£100.00
18 (O) (i)	Failure to Give Priority to School Activities	£50.00
18 (Q)	Failure to be in Possession of Accurate, Good Condition PS Team Sheet	£50.00
19 (A)	Failure to Number Shirts - £10.00 per Shirt	£30.00
19 (A)	Delaying Kick Off due to Not Having Change of Colours	£30.00
19 (B)	Failure to Obtain Consent for a Change of Club Colours	£30.00
20 (A)	Delaying Kick Off	£30.00
20 (A)	Lack of Appurtenances or First Aid - per item	£30.00
20 (A)	Deliberately Delaying Kick Off	£50.00

FINES TARIFF CONTINUED

RULE NO	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE	
20 (B)	Failure to Play Matches on Date Fixed	£100.00	
20 (B)	Failure to Comply with Double Header Rules	£50.00	
20 (C)	Failure to Provide or Acknowledge Details of a Competition Match	£50.00	
20 (D)	Failure to have Minimum Number of Players to Constitute a Team	£100.00	
20 (E) (ii)	Failure to Notify all Parties of Postponed/Cancelled Fixture	£30.00	
20 (E) (ii)	Failure to Complete Match Result Card for Postponed/Cancelled Fixture	£10.00	
20 (E) (iii)	Failure to Agree New Date for Postponed/Cancelled Fixture	£30.00	
20 (H)	No Captain's Armband	£10.00	
20 (I)	Failure to Exchange/Check PS Team Sheet(s)	£50.00	
20 (J)	Failure to Correctly Complete Team ID Check Form / Failure to Send to Registration Secretary	£20.00	
20 (K)	Failure to Produce PS Team Sheet(s) to Management Committee Officer	£20.00	
20 (O) (iii)	Postponement after 8.00pm Tuesday	£10.00	
20 (O) (iv)	Postponement after 12.00 NOON Saturday	£25.00	
21 (A)	Failure to Complete Match Result Card	First Offence	£5.00
	Failure to Complete Match Result Card	Subsequent Offence	£20.00
21 (C)	Failure to Accurately Complete Match Result Card		£20.00
21 (D)	Failure to Comply with Rules Regarding Publication of Results		£50.00
21 (E)	Failure to Notify County Cup Result	First Offence	£5.00
	Failure to Notify County Cup Result	Subsequent Offence	£20.00
23 (C)	Failure to Supply Club Assistant Referee		£25.00
23 (D)	Failure to Arrange Early Pitch Inspection		£25.00
23 (E)	Failure to Pay Match Officials' Fees		£25.00
23 (F)	Failure to Pay Match Officials if Match is not Played		£25.00
23 (H)	Failure to Provide Accurate Referee's Name		£20.00
23 (I)	Failure to Provide Report to Secretary for Low Marking of Referee (0-50 inc)		£20.00
23 (N)	Failure to Contact League Appointed Official 3 days prior to Competition Match		£10.00
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