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# **League Handbook**

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# KickStart Youth Football League

## Season 2023/24

The League's Officers and Management Committee would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new and existing members and wish all Club Secretaries, Team Managers/Assistants, Players, Parents/Carers and Supporters an enjoyable and memorable Season.

### Introduction

KickStart Youth Football League was founded in 2002/03 by KickStart Academy. Best practice has always been the League's priority and this paid dividends in Season 2010/11 when the League became the first in Nottinghamshire to be awarded with Charter Standard League accreditation.

The League Handbook contains all the information you will need to help you run your team apart from the contact details of Club Secretaries and Team Managers, due to the introduction of the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations). These details will instead be displayed in password protected documents on our website and they will also be sent by email to all parties in need of this information (along with the passwords): -

**[www.kickstartfootball.co.uk](http://www.kickstartfootball.co.uk)**

Our website is linked with [www.thefa.com/full-time](http://www.thefa.com/full-time)) and also the website of the Nottinghamshire Football Association - [www.nottinghamshirefa.com](http://www.nottinghamshirefa.com) to assist you further.

If any questions remain un-answered please text the League Secretary/Registrar on 07889 046460 or email [anne@kickstartfootball.co.uk](mailto:anne@kickstartfootball.co.uk).

If you change your mobile and/or email address at any time during the Season please update your details in "The Whole Game" and advise your Site Manager/Administrator and also email the League Secretary. This is very important because text and email is used for all direct communication; assisted only by our Website, Facebook and Twitter.

If we don't have your up to date information, you will not be kept informed.

***Every effort has been made to ensure that  
all the information contained in this  
League Handbook is up to date.***

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# On Match Days

### **BEFORE THE GAME**

Please book in at Football Reception at least 30 minutes before your scheduled kick off time and register your attendance.

Exchange your Player Registration ID cards with the opposition Team Manager for checking at least 15 minutes before your scheduled kick off time, then return them immediately.

**PLEASE REPORT ANY QUERIES OR CONCERNS ABOUT PLAYER REGISTRATION ID CARDS TO YOUR SITE MANAGER BEFORE THE GAME STARTS BECAUSE COMPLAINTS OF THIS NATURE WILL NOT BE INVESTIGATED LATER.**

Prior to the game, participating Teams are required to line up and conduct the 'Respect' handshake.

### **DURING THE GAME**

Record your starting line-up and goal scorers in readiness for loading on to "Full Time" at <https://fulltime-admin.thefa.com/>

Make a note of the players when they enter the field of play for the first time.

### **AFTER THE GAME**

After the game, participating Teams are expected to conduct the 'Respect' handshake.

Record the final score clearly and accurately, you will receive a text to record your scores using the automated "Full Time System" Enter your score and send. If you manage more than one team you MUST use the short code along with the score i.e 1-1 SN03

Complete the 'Fair Play Award' and 'Referees Marks' on the Full Time System which will unlock the Player Statistics tab ( a full guide to completing the FA Marks and Player Statistics can be found on our website by going to [www.kickstartfootball.co.uk](http://www.kickstartfootball.co.uk).

Make sure all sections of your Statistics have been completed in full and submitted no later than Monday 7pm after the game. The match fees are £26.00 per Team for 5 v 5, £35.00 per Team for 7 v 7 and £45.00 per Team for 9 v 9.

In accordance with Rule 20 (E) a Mini Soccer Team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its team; therefore the maximum squad permitted is 10 players for 5 v 5 and 14 players for 7 v 7.

In Youth Football - 9 v 9 a Team may use up to 7 from 7 substitute Players, therefore the maximum squad permitted on match days for 9 v 9 is 16 players.

# KickStart – Season 2023/24

## A Guide To Completing Weekly Match Full Time Statistics

The screenshot shows the 'KICKSTART YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE' dashboard for the 2020-21 season. The user is logged in as Paul Griffiths. The 'Fixtures Summary' table lists two matches:

DATE AND TIME	TEAMS	SCORE	CARDS	OTHER STATS	FA MARKS	LEAGUE MARKS	REFEREE MARKS	STATUS	
Sun 06/09/20 KO: 11:15	Clipstone Colts Milan Mansfield Town F.C. Girls U11 Sun	0	0	0	0	0	0	Normal	EDIT SCORES >
Sun 13/09/20 KO: 10:00	Huthwaite Colts F.C. U11 Diamonds Clipstone Colts Milan	0	0	0	0	0	0	Normal	EDIT SCORES >

Below the table is a button labeled 'Enter results'.

The screenshot shows the 'Team Admin Result Entry' page for the match 'Huthwaite Colts F.C. U11 Diamonds v Clipstone Colts Milan - Sun 13/09/20 10:00'. The status is 'Normal'. The form includes input fields for half-time and full-time scores for both teams. A 'Statistics' button is highlighted with a red circle. Below the form is a table showing the match statistics:

TEAM	STARTED/ BENCH	GOALS	CARDS	OTHER STATS	FA MARKS	LEAGUE MARKS	REFEREE MARKS	FIXTURE NOTE
Huthwaite Colts F.C. U11 Diamonds	0 / 0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Clipstone Colts Milan	0 / 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

A 'View Match Returns' button is located at the bottom right of the statistics table.

# Statistics

FA Marks [Player Statistics ?](#)

## Results

### Marker's Team - Clipstone Colts Milan

Sun 13 Sep 2020 10:00 Huthwaite Colts F.C. U11 Diamonds v Clipstone Colts Milan

The following marks and responses are all required by the Football Association and are used for measuring and shaping the various programmes we promote and encourage.

[View guidance document](#)

Please complete questions on this page before you can enter statistics

## Official Marks

Referee: Forte, George

Overall decision making (1-40)  Judgement of major decisions (1-30)  Overall control (1-30)

Overall mark:

Reasons for mark of 60 or below:

Only required if mark is 60 or below

Assistant Referee Marks

Fletcher, Luke (0-100)  Hopkins, Michael (0-100)

Referee marks must be entered before statistics button is enabled

## Respect Marks

How would you describe the behaviour shown on the pitch today? Think about players from both teams towards each other and match officials

- Behaviour was positive and consistent with Respect guidelines throughout
- There were occasional incidents of poor behaviour
- There were regular incidents of poor behaviour

How would you describe the behaviour shown around the pitch today? Please consider coaches and spectators

- Behaviour was positive and consistent with Respect guidelines throughout
- There were occasional incidents of poor behaviour
- There were regular incidents of poor behaviour

## Pitch Marks

Please rate the pitch - considered feedback on the quality of facilities will assist the Football Association and Football Foundation in their investment decisions for the future.

Pitch Type?

Grass  3G Astroturf  Indoor  Other

Pitch Mark?

Very Poor  Poor  Satisfactory  Good  Excellent

### Statistics

FA Marks **Player Statistics**

Results

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#### Official Marks

Referee: Forte, George

40 Overall decision making (1-40) 30 Judgement of major decisions (1-30) 30 Overall control (1-30)

Overall mark: 100

Reasons for mark of 60 or below:

Text area for reasons for mark of 60 or below.

Only required if mark is 60 or below

#### Assistant Referee Marks

100 Fletcher, Luke (0-100) 100 Hopkins, Michael (0-100)

### Statistics

FA Marks League Team Marks **Player Statistics**

Results

#### Team Sheet Wizard - Step 1 - Player Stats - Clipstone Colts Milan

SUN 13 SEP 2020 10:00 Huthwaite Colts F.C. U11 Diamonds -v- Clipstone Colts Milan

Switch to Quick Stat Entry

Switch to Simple View

Load starters from the fixture: SUN 06 SEP 2020 11:15

PLAYER SQUAD NUMBER STARTER BENCH UNUSED BENCH

### Statistics

FA Marks League Team Marks **Player Statistics**

Results

#### Quick Stat Entry - Clipstone Colts Milan

SUN 13 SEP 2020 10:00 Huthwaite Colts F.C. U11 Diamonds v Clipstone Colts Milan

Switch to Team Sheet Wizard

	STARTED	BENCH USED	BENCH UNUSED	CAPTAIN	GOAL	OWN GOAL	CONCEDED	PENALTY	YELLOW CARD	SIN BIN	SECOND	YELLOW CARD	RED CARD
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Player	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Player	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Player	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Update Stats For Players Back

# KickStart Youth Football League

## Referee's Mark

### **Please award marks out of 100 for your Referee**

If you have any complaints about the performance of a Referee or any incidents occurring involving your Referee or you score your Referee 60 points or below, your Club Secretary must send a report to the League Secretary, copied to the Referees Secretary, within 2 days of the Competition Match (excluding Sunday), in order for the matter to be investigated. You can also add notes into the Box provided to log the incident with Full Time

## A Guide to marking Referees

The mark awarded to a Referee by a Club must be based on the overall performance. It is **most** important that the mark is awarded fairly and not based upon isolated incidents or previous matches. The Referees mark should be determined by the table below, which should act as a guide. Please see notes below for help in making your decision on the Referees mark. Please remember any Club marking a Referee with a mark of 60 or below must provide a letter or email with the reasons as to why by Tuesday 9pm after the game. The purpose of this is to assist the League in improving the Referees performance and will be acted upon. So please ensure the comments are as accurate as possible, and not just that the Referee was poor.

### A few points to help you decide on the Referees mark

- How well did the Referee control the game?
- Were all laws applied correctly?
- Were all incidents dealt with correctly?
- Was the Referee well positioned to see all incidents?
- Did the Referee stay alert and concentrate throughout the game?
- How well did the Referee communicate with the players during the game?
- Was the Referee confident when making decisions?
- Did the Referee look the part? Correct full Referee kit (please note that tracksuit bottoms and jumpers/skins under the Referees kit are permitted by the League in bleak weather).
- Was the Referee mobile in movement during the game or were they static?
- Did the Referee use a good and clear whistle tone during the game or did the players struggle to hear the Referee?

### Final thoughts before marking the Referee

- Don't mark the Referee down unfairly because your Team was unlucky and lost the game.
- Judge the performance over the whole game and not on the one decision you didn't get.

Please send all observations on Referees good or bad to: Anne Griffiths at [anne@kickstartfootball.co.uk](mailto:anne@kickstartfootball.co.uk) and Referees Secretaries at [referees@kickstartfootball.co.uk](mailto:referees@kickstartfootball.co.uk)



# Registrations, Transfers & De-Registrations

## **HOW TO REGISTER A NEW AND EXISTING PLAYER**

All new and existing players must be registered on the Whole Game Player Registration system as voted on and agreed by the membership. To register players you need to visit [www.wholegame.thefa.com](http://www.wholegame.thefa.com) and log in with your email or FAN number and password. If you have forgotten your FAN number or password visit [www.thefa.com/account/requestpasswordreset](http://www.thefa.com/account/requestpasswordreset).

See the document guide 'Registering Players on the WGS Player Registration system on the KickStart website under 'Documents & Forms' then under the 'Documents' heading to assist you with the process.

Within the process it is a requirement of the League that all Club Secretaries and/or any person designated as a Player Registration Officer to the WGS Player Registration system, will need to verify that they have seen at least one document attesting to a players' date of birth which must be in the form of either a birth certificate, passport or medical card. It is also a requirement of the League that a current passport size photograph must be attached to the Whole Game Player Registration portal for all players in every age group this Season. Please see 'Player Photo Guidance' on the KickStart website for a full guide to player photo requirements.

Please note that a minimum of 5 players for 5 v 5, 7 players for 7 v 7 and 9 players for 9 v 9 must be registered on the WGS Player Registration system on or before 31st July 2023. Player ID cards will continue to be produced despite KickStart joining the WGS Player Registration system.

The deadline for registering a player onto the WGS Player Registration system on a week to week basis once the Season has commenced is by 9.00 pm on the Thursday preceding the playing Sunday. This is necessary to allow enough time for the registration to be approved by the League Registrar and the Player ID card to be printed. PAYMENT IN THE SUM OF £3.00 PER PLAYER WILL BE PAYABLE ON COLLECTION OF PLAYER ID CARDS. Player ID cards will be available for collection from Football Reception at the start of the Season and on a weekly basis as and when a new player is registered.

## **HOW TO TRANSFER A PLAYER**

'Transferring a player' Guidelines using the WGS Player Registration system can be found on the KickStart website at [www.kickstartfootball.co.uk](http://www.kickstartfootball.co.uk) under 'Documents & Forms' Then under the 'Documents' heading. This should provide all the information

you require to assist you with the process of transferring players on the WGS Player Registration system. The last day to register a new player or transfer a player is 16th March 2024.

### **WHEN BOTH CLUBS AGREE TO THE TRANSFER**

The 7 days written notice of approach may be waived if both Clubs are in agreement with the transfer. If a player that the Club wishes to add is already registered with another Club in the current season and that Club has teams that play on the same day, a 'Notice of Approach' must be submitted. An additional pop-up will allow the Club to confirm that the other Club has waived notice. This option should only be selected if direct communication has been made with the current parent club and they have allowed an approach to be made. In all other circumstances, the approaching club must abide by the FA rule and serve a 7 day notice period to the parent club secretary and copied in to the league secretary.

Once a notice of approach has been sent, the player will be marked as 'Transfer Requested'. Any notice of approach submissions will be stored in the Transfers section whilst awaiting the end of 7 day period. If a player has yet to be registered in the current season, or if they are registered to a Club that doesn't have any teams that play on the same day as the approaching Club, no notice of approach will be required as per standard practice. Once the 7 day period for a notice of approach has been served, the player record in the Transfers section will include a button allowing the "Start Transfer". This will submit the request to the current parent club and send them a notification that the transfer needs to be processed. The current parent club will have the option to 'Approve Transfer' or 'Reject'. Approving the transfer will remove the request from both clubs and place the player into the Players section of the new club. Once players have been added to the Club, it is then possible to request player consent for registration and submit these registrations through to the league for approval. If done before the deadline of 9.00pm on the Thursday, the player should have their playing card available at KickStart Football Reception on the Sunday and be allowed to play. PAYMENT IN THE SUM OF £5.00 PER PLAYER WILL BE PAYABLE ON COLLECTION OF PLAYER ID CARDS.

### **WHEN A CLUB HOLDING THE REGISTRATION DOES NOT AGREE TO THE TRANSFER**

Clubs wishing to transfer a player from another Club must give them 7 days' notice of intent of approach as per FA Rule C2(a). This must be completed by Club Secretaries on the WGS Player Registration System. Clubs may approach the player from the 8th day of the date of the submission of intent. If the player wishes to transfer, once consent has been obtained the player can be assigned to the team and registration submitted to the league.

Please note that there are no existing reasons which may be brought into the process which would prohibit a youth football player from transferring.

## **HOW TO DE-REGISTER A PLAYER**

To de-register a player, all you need to do is return the players registration ID card to your Football Reception or to the League Secretary/Registrar direct, then using “The Whole Game” System team administrators must go in to the players record and select “CANCEL REGISTRATION” thus the player(s) will be removed from your team. There is no charge for this process.

Following the above, the league will cancel the registration of the player(s) to enable the Secretary/Player Registration Officer for the club to detach the player where required using the WGS Player Registration system. Details on the above can be found on the KickStart website at [www.kickstartfootball.co.uk](http://www.kickstartfootball.co.uk) under ‘Documents & Forms’ Then under the ‘Documents’ heading.

## **Important Points of Reference**

Age on 31 August of the Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Age on 31 August of the Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format
6	Under 7	5 v 5	10	Under 11	9 v 9
				Under 12	
7	Under 8	5 v 5	11	Under 12	9 v 9
	Under 9	7 v 7		Under 13	11 v 11
8	Under 9	7 v 7	12	Under 13	11 v 11
	Under 10			Under 14	
9	Under 10	7 v 7			
	Under 11	9 v 9			

Age Group	Ball Size	Half Duration	Maximum Format	Minimum Number of Players	Maximum Number of Substitutes	Rolling Substitutes Allowed	Distance from Dead-Ball (yards)
<b>U7</b>	3	20	5v5	4	5	Yes	5
<b>U8</b>	3	20	5v5	4	5	Yes	5
<b>U9</b>	3	25	7v7	5	7	Yes	5
<b>U10</b>	3	25	7v7	5	7	Yes	5
<b>U11</b>	4	30	9v9	6	7	Yes	7
<b>U12</b>	4	30	9v9	6	7	Yes	7

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Offside Rule</b>	<b>Retreat Line</b>	<b>2nd Throw-In Attempt Allowed</b>	<b>Under-Arm Throw-In Allowed</b>	<b>All Free Kicks Direct</b>	<b>Goal Scored Directly from kick-off</b>
<b>U7</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>U8</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
<b>U9</b>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>U10</b>	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>U11</b>	Yes	No	Match Official's Discretion	No	No	Yes
<b>U12</b>	Yes	No	Match Official's Discretion	No	No	Yes

In age groups U7s - U10s for offences that would normally result in a dropped ball or indirect free kick within the penalty area under normal rules, the restart of play will be from the penalty area line, parallel with the goal line, at the nearest point to the offence.

# Respect



**Respect is the collective responsibility of everyone involved in football to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place.**

We never want the passion or emotion removing from the game, but if we all work together we can channel it in the right direction and provide an action packed environment full of positivity which everyone can enjoy and benefit from.

## **On and off the field; you will: -**

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Understand that the actions of your club members (supporters) is your responsibility. Ensure they stay behind the respect line and never go behind either goal area
- Be sporting - applaud good play whichever team produces it
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Ensure your club members (spectators) do not try and give the players instructions - that is your job and players will only get confused
- Shake hands with the opposition at the end of the game, regardless of the score

## **When working with players; you will: -**

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what you expect of players and what they can expect from you
- Make sure your language is appropriate for the age you are coaching
- Let the players play the game. Don't play it for them
- Give each player a reasonable amount of playing time
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all instructions are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. league officials, welfare officers) in each player's best interests

# Bad Weather Cancellations

Occasionally it may be necessary to cancel games due to pitch conditions or bad weather. If this is the case please follow the procedure below: -

## **If the weather looks bleak or there has been heavy rain all week or there is frost or snow on the ground**

1. Check to see if you have received a text message or an email from your League Headquarters, Site Manager or Administrator.
2. Visit our Website [www.kickstartfootball.co.uk](http://www.kickstartfootball.co.uk), Facebook or see Full Time
3. If you have not received a cancellation message and there is no posting on the 'Home' page of our Website, Facebook or Full Time but you are still in doubt, please ring your Site Manager or Site Administrator (as listed below); but not until 9.00 am on the playing Sunday morning for the 10.00 am kick offs, 9.30 am for 11.00/11.15 am kick offs and 10.30 am for all later games, which gives you at least an hour and a half to contact your parents.

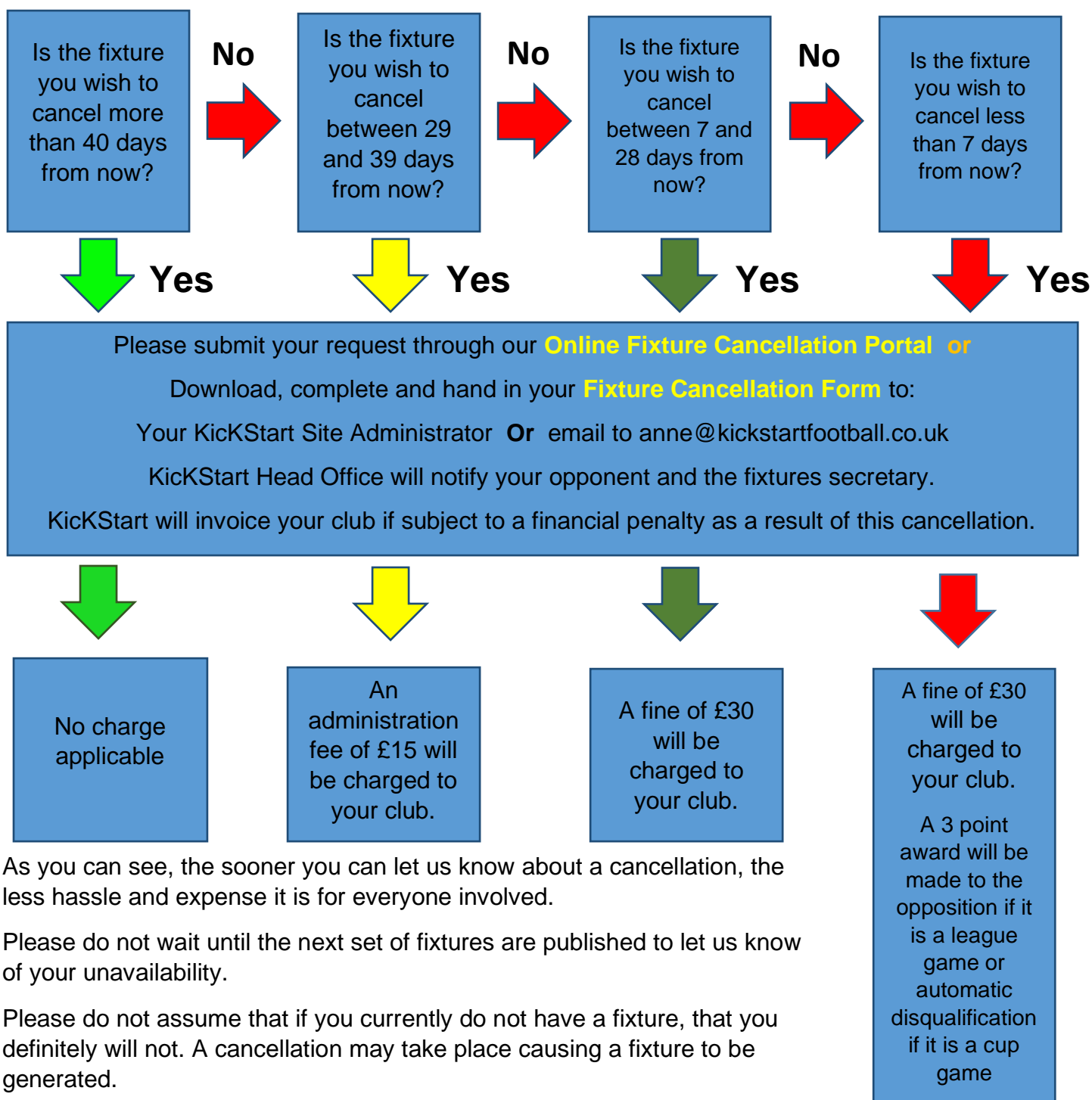
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**The League will give you as much notice as possible, where possible, of any cancellations caused by bad weather, but it is ultimately the responsibility of Team Managers' to find out if matches are cancelled and advise Players' and Parents/Carers accordingly.**

**Please advise your Parents/Carers not to ring the League personally - we would appreciate one phone call per team only please.**

# Cancelling/Postponing a Match

The League understands that sometimes this can be unavoidable, but if the matter arises please follow the procedure below: -



As you can see, the sooner you can let us know about a cancellation, the less hassle and expense it is for everyone involved.

Please do not wait until the next set of fixtures are published to let us know of your unavailability.

Please do not assume that if you currently do not have a fixture, that you definitely will not. A cancellation may take place causing a fixture to be generated.

## PLEASE NOTE

Check your fixtures regularly, DO NOT print out a list of fixtures to hand out to your Players' Parents/Carers. Fixtures are subject to change up to Friday evening, although this is rare. If a fixture has changed with less than seven days until the fixture, you will receive a text notification from the Fixtures Secretary. The above is for all league organised games except for those in a competitive/trophy event where the games cannot be rescheduled and rule 20 (E) (i) will apply

# Fixture Cancellation Request Form

Club Name		Team Name	
Age Group		Date not available	
Opposition Team Name			

I, the undersigned, understand that the cancellation requested above may be subject to a financial penalty as detailed in Regulation 6 of the League Rules.

As per the League Rules, all fines and administration charges must be paid in full within 14 days or further financial penalties may be added (also detailed in Schedule A of the League Rules).

The above is not relevant if the fine or administration charge is presented with this form.

I also understand that if the above team is entering a Tournament that is out of our parent County FA, we have sought permission from the League prior to entering. A form is available on our website and from the County FA for completion.

I am aware that it is my responsibility to notify the opposition if the fixture I am cancelling is less than seven days from the date below. I also understand that if I have not notified the opposition, I will be liable to reimburse them any expenses incurred whilst attending a fixture that will not be played through no fault of their own.

Name		Signature	
Date		Amount Enclosed if applicable	

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## KickStart Use Only

Date Received		Amount Received if applicable	
Date Fixtures Secretary Notified			



# Venue Rules & Information

ALCOHOL, SMOKING or VAPING is NOT allowed on any touchline in the interests of Health & Safety and Safeguarding Children.

FUND-RAISING on match days by the **HOME** team (as per your 'Team Sheet') is permitted on all KickStart venues, providing it involves spectators surrounding your pitch; supporting your game only.

PHOTOGRAPHY or FILMING is permitted on all KickStart venues providing the League is in receipt of a signed consent form from your Club and you ask your opposition Team Manager on the day if they have got any objections. Please ensure all your supporters are aware of this in the interests of Safeguarding Children.

PARENTS/CARERS & SPECTATORS must remain behind the 'Designated Spectator Areas' at all times, which may be in the form of ropes, cones or lines marked on the ground. This is to help support teams in a more responsible manner and in accordance with the 'Respect Programme'.

## **MANOR PARK SPORTS COMPLEX**

**Ley Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 8JX**

### **All grass pitches**

Football Reception is located in the changing room block which is adjacent to the car park.

Car parking is available on site.

Changing rooms with showers are available if required. See your Site Administrator

Toilets are situated in the changing room block.

Hot and cold food and drinks and confectionery can be purchased on site.

Dogs are allowed but must be on a lead at all times.

## **CLIPSTONE FC LIDO GROUND**

**Clipstone Rd East, Clipstone Village, NG21 9AB**

### **All grass pitches**

Football Reception is located in the Cafe

Car parking is available on site.

Changing rooms with showers are available if required. See your Site Administrator

Toilets are situated in the Café / Main ground.

Hot and cold food and drinks and confectionery can be purchased on site.

A licensed bar is available in the Centre during licensing hours.

Dogs are allowed but must be on a lead at all times.

# Venue Rules & Information

## **QUEEN ELIZABETH'S ACADEMY**

**150 Chesterfield Road South, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 7AP**

### **All grass pitches**

Football Reception is located in the Pavillion.

Car parking is available on site.

Changing rooms with showers are available if required. See your Site Administrator for more details.

Toilets are situated in the Pavillion.

Hot and cold food and drinks and confectionery can be purchased on site.

No Smoking, No Vaping and No dogs allowed on site.

## **SAMWORTH ACADEMY**

**Sherwood Hall Rd, Mansfield, Notts. NG18 2DY**

### **All grass pitches**

Football Reception is located in the Pavillion.

Car parking is available on site. Large vans use Service Road Only

Changing rooms with showers are available if required. See your Site Administrator for more details.

Toilets are situated in the Pavillion.

Hot and cold food and drinks and confectionery can be purchased on site.

No Smoking, No Vaping and No dogs allowed on site.

## **SUMMIT CENTRE**

**Pavilion Road, Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts. NG17 7LL**

### **All grass pitches**

Football Reception is located inside Summit Centre.

Car parking is available on site.

Changing rooms with showers are available if required. See your Site Administrator for more details.

Toilets are situated in the changing room block.

Hot and cold food and drinks and confectionery can be purchased in the Centre.

A licensed bar is available in the Centre during licensing hours.

Dogs are allowed but must be on a lead at all times.

# PLAYING DATES - SEASON 2023/24

Week	Month	Date	Week	Month	Date
1	SEPTEMBER	3 <sup>rd</sup>	20	JANUARY	14 <sup>th</sup>
2		10 <sup>th</sup>	21		21 <sup>st</sup>
3		17 <sup>th</sup>	22		28 <sup>th</sup>
4		24 <sup>th</sup>	23	FEBRUARY	4 <sup>th</sup>
5	OCTOBER	1 <sup>st</sup>	24		11 <sup>th</sup>
6		8 <sup>th</sup>	25		18 <sup>th</sup>
7		15 <sup>th</sup>	26		25 <sup>th</sup>
8		22 <sup>nd</sup>	27	MARCH	3 <sup>rd</sup>
9		29 <sup>th</sup>	28		10 <sup>th</sup>
10	NOVEMBER	5 <sup>th</sup>	29		17 <sup>th</sup>
11		12 <sup>th</sup>	30		24 <sup>th</sup>
12		19 <sup>th</sup>	31	EASTER SUNDAY NO GAMES	31 <sup>st</sup>
13		26 <sup>th</sup>	32	APRIL	7 <sup>th</sup>
14	DECEMBER	3 <sup>rd</sup>	33		14 <sup>th</sup>
15		10 <sup>th</sup>	34		21 <sup>st</sup>
16		17 <sup>th</sup>	35		28 <sup>th</sup>
17	XMAS – NO GAMES	24 <sup>th</sup>	36	MAY	5 <sup>th</sup>
18	NEW YEAR – NO GAMES	31 <sup>st</sup>	37		12 <sup>th</sup>
19	JANUARY	7 <sup>th</sup>	38		19 <sup>th</sup>
					26 <sup>th</sup>

Organised games will be arranged every Sunday of the Playing Season (weather permitting) except for those outlined above. The Under 7's – 11's will play 'non result driven' games and some permitted competitive games in accordance with The FA Strategy. See Rule 20 (A) in League Rules.

# Queries or Complaints

Remember you are not alone playing in the KickStart League. You have a Site Manager and an Administrator with you on site who are there to provide help or support at any time. If the behaviour of anyone causes you concern, or you think this behaviour or any incident(s) may become the subject of a complaint later, please ask for assistance to try and resolve the matter there and then. If this cannot be resolved, see Rule 7 'Protests, Claims, Complaints, Appeals' in the Standard Code of Rules and follow the complaints procedure.

## **Complaints regarding Player Registrations**

If there appears to be an issue after checking the player registration ID cards and/or team sheet before the game, this must be dealt with before the game starts. Your Site Manager will be able to support you with this. Please note, any complaints made after the game has started will not be investigated.

Any other issues, queries or complaints concerning player registrations must be referred to the League Secretary/Registrar.

## **Complaints regarding Referees**

If you have any complaints about the performance of a Referee or any incidents occurring involving your Referee, please **DO NOT** address this directly with him/her on the match day.

Ensure you score your Referee 60 points or below on the Full Time system and advise your Club Secretary to send a report to the League Secretary, copied to the Referees Secretary. This report must be sent in writing (by letter or email) within 2 days of the match (excluding Sundays), in order for the matter to be investigated.

## **Complaints regarding Team Managers, Coaches or Spectators**

If you have cause to complain about the behaviour of Team Managers, Coaches or Spectators, ensure you score the relevant members accordingly on the Full Time system and advise your Club Secretary to send a report to the League Secretary. This report must be sent in writing (by letter or email) within 2 days of the match (excluding Sundays), in order for the matter to be investigated.

## **Complaints regarding 'Respect'**

If you have any complaints regarding non-adherence to the 'Respect' programme, a report must be submitted in writing detailing which parts of the 'Respect' programme you consider have been breached.

This report must be sent from your Club Secretary in writing (by letter or email) within 2 days of the match (excluding Sundays), in order for the matter to be investigated.

**Please note that if the complaint involves a child welfare issue, this must be reported to your Club's Child Welfare Officer who will liaise with the League's Welfare Officer.**

# Useful Contacts

League Chairman	Paul Griffiths	07882 267686	paul@kickstartfootball.co.uk	
League Secretary	Anne Griffiths	07889 046460	anne@kickstartfootball.co.uk	
League Treasurer	Richard Clarey	07850 051986	richard@kickstartfootball.co.uk	
Fixtures Secretary	Paul Griffiths	07882 267686	paul@kickstartfootball.co.uk	
League Registrar	Anne Griffiths	07889 046460	anne@kickstartfootball.co.uk	
Welfare Officer	Paul Griffiths	07882 267686	lwo@kickstartfootball.co.uk	
Referees Secretary	James Green	07741 269905	referees@kickstartfootball.co.uk	
Jr Referee Secretary	Kyle Griffiths	07462 929302	referees@kickstartfootball.co.uk	
Respect Coordinator	Richard Clarey	07850 051986	richard@kickstartfootball.co.uk	
Webmaster	Paul Griffiths	07882 267686	paul@kickstartfootball.co.uk	

Site Manager	Dave Peake	07532 035053		Manor Park Sports Complex NG19 8JX
Site Administrator	Owen Hardwick	07532 035053		

Site Manager	Kev Reader	07970 883428		Queen Elizabeth's Academy NG19 7AP
Site Administrator	Rhian			

Site Manager	Mark Moulson	07799 625535		Samworth Academy NG18 2DY
Site Administrator	Lukas Moulson			

Site Manager	Kyle Griffiths	07462 929302	referees@kickstartfootball.co.uk	Lido Ground NG21 9AB
Site Administrator	Neve Flinton			

# Registered Teams

Team	Team	Team	Team
Mansfield Athletic U7	Robin Hood Colts U8 Reds	Mansfield Town F.C. (U8)	DJFC U10
Beaufort United U7 Beaufort Blue	Clipstone Colts U8 Bayern	Chesterfield Town U9 Juniors	New Tupton Ivanhoe U10 Orange
Beaufort United U7 White	Clipstone Colts U8 Juventus	Chesterfield Town U9	Ashfield Athletic U10
Clipstone Colts U7 Inter	Mansfield Athletic U8	Clipstone Colts U9 Lyon	Mansfield Town U9 Blue
G3A U7 Marseille	Bolsover Town Juniors U8	Meden Vale Colts U9 Reds	Robin Hood Colts U10
Hollingwood FC U7	Mansfield Town (U7)	Walesby Juniors United U9	Clipstone Colts Marseille U11
Rainworth Pythons U7	A.S. Plant U8 Cobras	Kirkby Colts U9	Clipstone Colts U10 Barca
Sleetmoor United U7 Lions	Chesterfield FC Youth U8	Ripley Town U9	Ollerton Town FC U10
Blidworth Bengals U7 Orange	Quarrydale United U7	Mansfield Town F.C. Youth U9 Yellow	Ripley Minotaurs FC U10
Clipstone Colts U7 Ajax	Robin Hood Colts U8 Whites	Mansfield Town U9 Blue	DL Football Coaching U11 Lionesses
Newton & Blackwell FC U7	Walesby Juniors U8	Matlock Town Juniors AFC U9	Mansfield Town Girls U10
Quarrydale United U7	Rainworth Pythons U8	Clay Cross Town Bulldogs U9	Mansfield Town U10 Blue
Robin Hood Colts U7	Clipstone Colts U8 Frankfurt	Meden Vale Colts U9 Gold	Walesby F.C. Juniors U10
Tibshelf Tigers Orange U7	Kirkby Colts U8	Meden Vale Colts U9 Green	Beaufort United U10 Blue
Blidworth Bengals U7	New Tupton Ivanhoe U8 Black	New Tupton Ivanhoe U9 Gold	Clipstone Colts U10 Dortmund
Clipstone Colts U7 Napoli	Meden Vale Colts U8 Gold	Rainworth Pythons U9	Kirkby Colts U10 Blacks
Kirkby Colts Black U7	Meden Vale Colts F.C. U8 Reds	Walesby Juniors Athletic U9	
Kirkby Colts Red U7		Walesby Juniors U9	
Meden Vale Colts U7 Gold			
Quarrydale United U7 Rangers			
Walesby Juniors U7			
Meden Vale Colts U7 Reds			

Team	Team	Team
Quarrydale United U11 United	Meden Vale Colts U11 Gold	Walesby Juniors U12
Ashfield Athletic U11	New Tupton Ivanhoe U11 Orange	Clipstone Colts U12 Lazio
Bagthorpe Athletic U11 Reds	Robin Hood Colts U11 Red	Clipstone Colts U12 Dynamo
Bagthorpe Athletic U11	South Normanton Athletic U11	A.S. Plant U12 Phoenix
Clipstone Colts U11 Valencia	Mansfield Town Girls U11	Rainworth MW FC U12
Clipstone Colts U12 Fiorentina	Mansfield Town Yellow (U10)	Mansfield Athletic U12 Blues
Kirkby Colts U11	Ollerton Town Community FC U11	Ripley Town U12
Mansfield Athletic U11	Robin Hood Colts U11 Black	Clipstone Colts U12 Atletico
		Clipstone Colts U13 Valentina
		Walesby Juniors Yellow U12

# **KickStart Youth Football League**

## **Standard Code of Rules – 2023/24**

STANDARD CODE OF RULES FOR MINI SOCCER AND YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for Mini Soccer and Youth Football Competitions (the “Standard Code”). The Standard Code is mandatory for all Mini Soccer and Youth Football Competitions. Competitions seeking sanction must draft their Rules in conformity with the Standard Code, using the same numbering and standard headings. The mandatory rules are printed in normal text and the optional rules in italics. It should be noted that in many cases rules are so printed because they are alternatives and the procedure to apply should be retained and the others omitted. In all cases where a [ ] is shown the necessary name, address, number or wording to complete that rule must be inserted. Competitions may add to the core of the Standard Code, which is mandatory, providing the additions are approved by the Sanctioning Authority and do not conflict with the mandatory rules or any relevant principles and policies established by The FA. Guidance from the Sanctioning Authority should be sought in advance if there is any doubt as to the acceptability of additional rules.

### DEFINITIONS

1. (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 Kickstart Youth Football 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.

“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.

“Player Registration System” means The FA system to register players as determined by The FA from time to time.

“Playing Season” means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

“Rules” means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

“Sanctioning Authority” means The FA the Nottinghamshire County Football Association Limited.

“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as defined in The FA rules.

“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 team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.

“The FA” means The Football Association Limited.

“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

### COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION

2.

(A) The Competition will be known as Kickstart Youth Football 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 80 Clubs Teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

(C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be 25 mile radius.

(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. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.

(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 12 in number.

(H) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).

(ii) 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.

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

(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 FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(L) At the AGM or a 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.

CLUB NAME

3. 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.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

4. (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary

by 31st July and must be accompanied by an entry fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a SGM or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.

(B) The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club/Team (where a Club has more than one Team in membership of the

Competition) and shall be payable on or before 31st August in each year.

(C) A Deposit of £50 shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club/Team (where a Club provides more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable on or before 31st August in each year. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid.

(E) If requested by the Competition, Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 1st September 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.

(F) An all-female team can apply to the Competition to play an age group down in a mixed gender competition, subject to rule 8A(iii)&(iv) and provided the team has obtained approval from its Sanctioning Authority.

#### MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

5. (A) The Management Committee shall comprise of the Officers of the Competition and 4 members who shall all be elected at the AGM.

(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 1st April 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 Clubs, not later than 31st May 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 calendar months shall pass between each meeting.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) 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 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 Officers and sent to the Secretary.

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

#### POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

6. (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.

(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 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 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H) and 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 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 at a hearing before the Management Committee.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within 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 £100 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.

(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 7 days.

(F) 50% of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or 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 14 days of the date of notification of the decision.

Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

(J) 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.

(K) 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.

(L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

#### PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

7. (A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a subcommittee 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 2 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 to be shared by the parties.

(D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received 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 £50 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 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.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8. (A) The AGM shall be held not later than 31st July in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 50% 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.

(iv) Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.

(v) Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.

(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.

(B) A copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 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 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.

(D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 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 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 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, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a club (See Rule 8.G).

(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.

#### SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

9. (A). Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.

(B). The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.

(C). 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.

(D). Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

(E). Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(F). Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs. but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a club (see Rule 9.D).

#### AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

10. 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. "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 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:

(i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club chairman and secretary; or

(ii) 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 Nottinghamshire County Football Association 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.

#### CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

11. (A) Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition must do so at least 2 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.

(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 £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

#### EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAM. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

12. (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 (2/3) 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 (2/3) 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.

#### TROPHY

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

"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 trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before 1st March. 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."

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

(B) At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

#### ALTERATION TO RULES

14. 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. except in exceptional circumstances and approved by Sanctioning Authority and The FA.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 1st February in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 15th February and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 22nd February. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

#### FINANCE

15. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.

(B) All expenditure in excess of £100 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end on 15th May.

(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.

## INSURANCE

16. (A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) 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. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## DISSOLUTION

17. (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

### QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

18. (A) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

1. Registered through the FA Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition.

For any players registered on the day of a match, a Club Officer must email the Competition with details of the registration 72 hours prior to the scheduled kick off time in order for the player to be eligible to play in that match. The Player shall not play again in any subsequent match in the Competition until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration system and is in possession of the approval from the Competition. A maximum of 10 Players may be registered in this manner

Any registration that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed and the player classed as unregistered. If a Club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via the Player Registration System, the registration will not be processed.

For Clubs registering Players under Rule 18 (A) 2 registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players via the Player Registration System Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process. The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player's proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate

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

(B) (i) Contract Players are not permitted in 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. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(ii) A Player registered with a Premier League or English Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with a FA Girls' Regional Talent Club may play in this Competition subject to the FA Programme for Excellence (Female)

Regulations.

(iii) Each Team must have the following number of Players registered 30 days before the start of each Playing Season:

FORMAT MINIMUM NUMBER

5v5 - 5

7v7 -7

9v9 -9

11v11 -11

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

C) A child who has not attained the age of 6 shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match of any kind.

The relevant age for each Player is determined by his or her age as at midnight on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season i.e. children who are aged 6 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season (together with those who attain the age of 6 during the Playing Season) will be classed as Under 7 Players for that Playing Season. Children who are aged 7 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season will be classed as Under 8 Players for that Playing Season, and so on.

Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above his or her chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under 7 age group, and may not play in the Under 8 age group, for that Playing Season. Girls in all female teams may also be permitted to play an age group down in accordance with Rule 4(F). The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, subject to Rule 4(F), along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
6	Under 7	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 8		30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	
7	Under 8	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 9	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	
8	Under 9	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 10		50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
9	Under 10	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 11	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
10	Under 11	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 12		70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	
11	Under 12	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
12	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 14		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
13	Under 14	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 15		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	
	Under 15		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	



	Under 16	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
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 asset out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered, if applicable.

(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 Club subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below.

(ii) In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one 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 Club provided that:

- a. The Team(s) in which the Player plays in 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:-

Play for more than one Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.

Having registered for one 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.

Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through the Player Registration System for registration that the Player had will fully 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 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 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

(H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. 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 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 1 days after receipt of such transfer. In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

(I) A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after [date] except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(J) 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.

In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C).

(K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (Registrations) 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. 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).

(L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played [ ] Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.

(M) A Team shall not include more than [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] Players who has/have taken part in [ ] or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played. For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is /are [ ].

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

(N) (i) Subject to Rule 18(N)(ii), any Club found to have played an 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 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 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).

(The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education):-

(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 15 as at midnight on 31 August in the relevant Playing Season, shall not be permitted to play in a Competition Match during that Playing Season where any other Player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.

(P) If a Club wishes to cancel a Player's registration within the Competition, it must make a request via The FA's electronic player registration system giving the reasons for the request. The Competition may either approve or decline the request.

If a Player's registration is cancelled he/she will not be eligible to play in the Competition for a period of 7 days from the date of cancellation.

#### CLUB COLOURS

19. Every team must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 31st July who shall decide as to their suitability.

Any team 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 7 days before the Competition Match. If, in the opinion of the referee, two 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.

Shirts must all be numbered differently, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Names of Youth Players shall not appear on the shirts, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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

20. (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 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).

Overhead netting is allowed for 5v5 and 7v7 mini soccer if the overhead netting height is at a minimum of 6m. No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 affiliated matches.

Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are ideally removed for affiliated matches but if they cannot be removed then discretion is given to the match official to restart the match in accordance of the laws of the game.

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

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 quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer)	Maximum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer only)	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	5	10	10	20	40	60	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)

Under 9 and Under 10	10	12.5	20	25	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	N/A	N/A	20	30	80	120	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)
Under 12	N/A	N/A	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 and Under 14	N/A	N/A	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 15 and Under 16	N/A	N/A	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 and Under 18	N/A	N/A	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table

Competition Matches for age groups from U7 to U10 can be played in either quarters or halves. This Competition uses halves 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.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the Competition Match with written notification given to the Competition at least 10 days prior.

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

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

(B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition Match with the consent of the (Fixtures) Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines

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

(C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 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. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
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.

(E) (i) In competitions where points are awarded, home and away 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.

(ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.

(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 Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (Fixtures) Secretary within 2 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 Team 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 or 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.

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

Where a Competition does not allow return substitutes:

For Under 17s and Under 18s – a Club may name up to [ ] (3, 4, 5, 6, 7) substitute Players of whom not more than [ ] (3, 4, 5, 6, 7) may be used.

Where a Competition does allow return substitutes:

For Under 11s - Under 18s – a Club may use up to [3 from 3 substitute Players] [4 from 4 substitute Players] [5 from 5 substitute Players] [6 from 6 substitute Players] [7 from 7 substitute Players]. A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace any Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

For Mini-Soccer – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to play as a substitute for another Player. A Team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its team in an age group. In Youth Football only, The referee shall be informed of the names and the substitute Players not later than 15 minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match. A Player who has named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.

(G) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(H) The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who may wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to

offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

#### REPORTING RESULTS

21. (A) The (Registration/Fixtures) Secretary must receive within 1 day of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) and also the referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Both teams shall use SMS / FA Full Time / FA Matchday as directed by the Competition to notify the result of each Competition Match to the league within 3 hours of the scheduled kick off time. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff

(B) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(C) The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under 11s. 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.

#### DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

22. (A) In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings may be determined by a deciding match or matches played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, or the position shared.

#### MATCH OFFICIALS

23. (A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.

(B) In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall 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.

(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.

(D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.

(E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff.

Match Officials will be paid their fees by the Kickstart League 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.

(F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus expenses. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(G) 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.

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.

(J) The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.

(K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

(L) Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.

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FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£50.00
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£150.00
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	£100.00
7 (C), 7(E)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£25.00
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£10.00 (per player)
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£10.00
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	As agreed with Sanctioning Authority
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	As agreed with Sanctioning Authority

FINES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£100.00
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£100.00
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£100.00
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£30.00
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£100.00
4(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	£100.00
5 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25.00
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£100.00
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	DOUBLE THE ORIGINAL FINE UP TO £100.00
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£100.00
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£100.00
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£25.00
11 (A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£100.00
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£100.00
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£25.00
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£100.00
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£100.00
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£40.00
18 (B)(iii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE PLAYING SEASON COMMENCING	£25.00
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£25.00
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£100.00
18(M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£100
18 (N)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£100.00
18 (O)(i)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£50.00
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00 (per shirt, up to an aggregate maximum of £30)
19	DELAYING KICK OFF TO DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£30
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£30.00
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£100.00
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£50.00
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£100.00
20 (E) (i) & (iii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£100.00
20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£10.00
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