

RULES OF THE SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

Name of Cup

1. The Cup shall be called "Northumberland Football Association Senior Cup".

Cup Ownership

2. The Cup shall be the property of Northumberland Football Association and shall not become the absolute property of any Club. When the winning Club shall have been ascertained, the Association shall deliver the Cup to such Club, on their subscribing to a document signed by two members of and representing the said Club and individually and collectively shall be responsible for its return to the Association on or before the First day in March in the ensuing year in good order and condition. A fine as determined from time to time by the Council shall be imposed upon any Club which fails to carry out these conditions.

Medals/Trophies

3. In addition to the Cup, the Association shall present 16 Medals/Trophies to players and substitutes in the Final Tie. If circumstances permit a Medal/Trophy will be presented to each Club Secretary and Manager. When a player taking part in the Final Tie is ordered to leave the field of play for misconduct, the Medal/Trophy to which the player would be entitled may be withheld at the discretion of the Council.

Control of the Competition

4. The entire control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Council. The Council shall have power to formulate the Rules of the Competition and to alter or add to the Rules as they, from time to time, deem expedient. The Council shall appoint a Cup Committee to control the Competition on their behalf and to give decisions on matters arising out of the competition which, within the Rules laid down by the Council, shall be deemed decisions of the Council. In any matter not specifically mentioned in these Rules the Cup Committee shall have the power to take such action and impose such penalties as it deems necessary.

Organisation of the Competition

5. Invitations to play in the Senior Challenge Cup shall be open to all Clubs with a Football Association Ground Grading of 'G' or better. The Cup shall be competed for annually. Teams will be placed in the appropriate Cup Competition and notified before the 1 September in each year and each Club shall pay an entry fee as determined from time to time by the Council. The Senior Cup takes precedence over League Fixtures except the Premier, Football League and the FA Cup, FA Trophy, FA Vase Competitions.

The Draw

6. (i) The Clubs shall be drawn in couples. These couples shall compete, and the winners shall be drawn and shall compete in the same manner and this shall be continued until the end of the Competition, when the winning Club shall hold the Cup.

(ii) Immediately after each draw is made, notice shall be given to each Club of the name of its opponents and the date and hour when the tie shall be played. All ties in each round shall be played on dates and such hours as the Council may determine.

Grounds for Ties and Replays other than the Final Tie

7. In each Tie the game shall be played on the ground of the Club drawn first, unless otherwise mutually arranged, and the consent of the Association Chief Executive obtained. When a first match results in a draw after extra time it must be replayed on a date set by the Council on the ground of the Club second drawn. A Club whose home ground is not available or unfit on two dates set for the playing of the match shall provide a suitable ground within a radius of 5 miles of their regular playing ground or play the match on the away drawn club ground. If this ground is not available on the new date set for the playing of the match then it will revert to the home drawn club and continue in this later sequence until it is played. Any change of venue or time of kick off must be agreed with the Association Chief Executive. Delete last line of current Rules.

Club Colours

8. Where the colours (shirts, shorts or stockings) of two competing Clubs are similar, the home Club must change.

Colours must not clash with the black and white outfit worn by the Match Officials. Black or Dark Blue are NOT acceptable. If the colours of the two competing clubs in the Final Tie are similar then both Clubs will change colours.

Players shirts shall be clearly numbered on the back in accordance with the Official Team Sheet. If this Rule is not observed then the defaulting Club will be fined a sum as determined from time to time by the Council.

Duration of Matches

9. The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes. The half - time interval shall be 15 minutes which may only be altered with the consent of the match referee. If after 90 minutes the match has resulted in a draw, extra time of 15 minutes each way will be played in all Rounds. If in the opinion of the Referee, prevailing circumstances would not permit the match to be finished, 10 minutes each way will be played. In this case the Referee shall decide at the end of full time and prior to the commencement of extra time and notify both teams. Kick Off will be 7.30pm unless both clubs agree to alter same. The Council will set the date and Kick Off time in Final Ties.

When a replayed match has resulted in a draw after extra time has been played, the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Football Association Board.

When a Final Tie has resulted in a draw after extra time has been played, the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Football Association Board.

When a first match has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of 90 minutes and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the same ground on a date set by the Council. If extra time has not been commenced or a match has been abandoned during extra time and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the ground of the Club second drawn on a date set by the Council. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and their decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. Any late kick off must be reported by the Referee to the Association and the Council shall have the power to impose a fine.

Reporting Results

10. The Secretary of each Club shall send notice of the result on the Match Report Form supplied, with the Surnames and full Christian names of the players competing and the Referees Report Form to the Chief Executive of the Association so that it is received within 4 days of the match, Sundays not included. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule or submitting an incorrect Match and Referees Report form shall be subject to a fine as determined from time to time by the Council and on default of payment shall be struck out of the Competition. The Secretaries of Clubs drawn at home must telephone the result to the Results Secretary as shown on the match instruction sheet.

Provision for Final Tie

11. The Council shall have the authority to select and use any ground for the final tie and shall have direct control of all the arrangements.

Provision Concerning Qualification of Players

12. The competing teams shall consist of 11 players, each bona-fide members of their respective Clubs and representing the full playing strength of such Clubs, and no person shall be allowed to play for any Club until they have been a registered member of their Club by 12 noon on the day previous to the time fixed for the playing of the match.

No player will be eligible to play in a match until they have achieved the age of 16.

In the case of postponed, drawn or replayed matches only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible at the time fixed for

playing the tie. A registered member is one who has either, in the case of a player under written contract, registered with the Football Association or, in the case of a player without a written contract, registered with a League in which their Club competes. It is the competing clubs responsibility to ensure that the players shall be duly qualified in accordance with the Rules of the Association. A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing Club, but the members of each respective team may be changed during the series of matches. Only players eligible to play in the Semi-Finals shall be eligible to play in the Final except that, a Goalkeeper can be signed to play in a Final providing Medical Evidenec is provided in relation to any Goalkeepers registered with the Club. A player who has been suspended may play in postponed, drawn or replayed ties after the term of his suspension has expired. A maximum of up to 3 substitutes may be used in any match by each side from up to 5.

A substitute who is not used is entitled to play for another Club in the same Season.

Each Club shall provide a list of players taking part in the game (including the names of substitutes) to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the Referee at least 30 minutes before the kick off.

Any Club failing to do so will be fined the sum of £25.00. Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury after the submission of the Official Team Sheet to the Referee before the kick off, he may be replaced, provided that the Referee and a representative of their opponents are informed before the commencement of the match.

Any professional Club attaining Premier or Football League status may be represented by a selected team from their bona-fide members in accordance with this rule.

If a person knows a player is suspended they must bring the matter to the notice of the opponent before the kick off.

Validity of Players Qualifications

13. If the Council have any doubt as to the qualifications of any player taking part in this Competition, they shall have power to call upon such player, or the Club to which they belong, or for which they played, to prove that they are qualified according to the Rules, and failing satisfactory proof the Council may disqualify such player, and may remove the Club from the Competition and impose such other penalty as they may think fit.

Disqualification

14. The Council shall have the power to disqualify any competing Club, or player, or players of any competing Club, who may be proved to be guilty of any breaching of the Association Rules.

Provisions concerning Referees and Assistant Referees

15. The Council shall appoint registered Referees/Assistant

Referees in all ties who shall not be associated to either of the competing Clubs. In the event of the appointed Referee/Assistant Referee not being in attendance at the time of kick off, the two Clubs shall agree to a substitute who shall be considered duly qualified for the time being only until the arrival of the appointed Official. The Referee shall have the power as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and, in other respects, the duties of the Referee and Assistant Referees shall be as defined in the Laws of the Game.

(ii) The fees and expenses of all match officials will be as determined from time to time by the Council.

Black uniforms must be worn at all times.

Provisions Relating to Protests

16. (i) All questions relating to the qualification of Competitors, or interpretation of the Rules, or any dispute or protest whatever shall be referred to the Council, whose decision shall be final and binding on both Clubs.

(ii) Every protest must be made in writing and must contain the particulars of the grounds upon which it is founded. A copy of the protest must be lodged with The Association accompanied by a fee to be determined from time to time by the Council and within 2 days of the match to which it relates (Sundays not included). The fee shall be forfeited to The Association in the event of the protest not being sustained.

(iii) The Council may order any Club engaged in a dispute or protest to pay such sum as considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred.

(iv) Any protest relating to the ground, goal posts or bars or other appurtenances of the game shall not be entertained by the Council unless an objection has been lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match, and before the official time of the kick off. The Referee shall require the responsible Club to correct the cause of the objection, if this is possible without unduly delaying the progress of the match.

(v) When an objection has been lodged with the Referee, a protest must be made to The Association and neither objection nor protest shall be withdrawn, except by leave of the Council.

(vi) The Chief Executive of the Association shall send a copy of the protest and particulars to the Club protested against.

(vii) Each Club may support its case by witnesses.

(viii) If a Member of Council is connected with a Club concerned in a dispute or protest, they shall not sit on the Council while the dispute or protest is being considered.

(ix) A Club summoned to attend a hearing of a dispute or protest may be represented by 1 or more of its members. A Barrister

or Solicitor may represent a Club of which he/she is a member at the time of the alleged offence but otherwise only with prior consent of Council. Any person summoned to attend a Hearing of a dispute or protest must attend personally and shall not be legally represented except with the prior written consent of the Council.

Proceeds of Matches

17. In all Rounds prior to the Final the minimum Entrance Charge will be £4.00 Adults and £2.00 Senior Citizens and Children. Ten percent of the gross gate receipts (less VAT), minimum of £20.00, shall be paid to Northumberland Football Association. After payment of expenses the gate receipts shall then be approximately divided immediately after the match and a full statement and settlement shall be made to opponents and Northumberland Football Association within 14 days of the match. In cases where receipts are not sufficient to cover the match expenses the loss should be divided equally. In the Final Tie the Association shall take all and pay all.

Payment of Expenses

18. Expenses referred to are :- Police/Stewards Charges, Floodlighting, Gate Attendants, First Aid Helpers, Match Officials charges, and Travelling Expenses for the visiting Club which must not exceed £3.00 per coach mile or a maximum of five cars at 40p per mile on a direct route from the Clubs Headquarters to the ground. Postcodes should be used where possible. Refreshments are not chargeable as expenses.

Technical Areas

19. A Technical area should be marked out as defined in the Laws of the Game. The number of Clubs players and Officials seated on team benches, if available, should not exceed eight. Only two persons have the authority to convey instructions to the players during the match. These persons shall be the Team Manager or Team Coach.

Artificial Grass Pitches

20. Artificial Grass Pitches may be used in the Competition provided that it is of a type approved by FIFA and has been properly maintained.

The Club using the artificial grass pitch shall advise their opponents at least seven days before the match of limitations or recommendations on the types of boot or stud that may be used on the surface.

RULES OF THE SENIOR BENEVOLENT BOWL

The Rules shall be similar to the Senior Cup with the following exceptions and additions.

1. No player shall be eligible to play in this Competition who has played during the same season in the Association Senior Challenge Cup.
2. The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes. The half - time interval shall be 10 minutes that may only be altered with the consent of the match referee. If after 90 minutes the match has resulted in a draw, extra time of 15 minutes each way will be played in all Rounds. If in the opinion of the Referee, prevailing circumstances would not permit the match to be finished, 10 minutes each way will be played. In this case the Referee shall decide at the end of full time and prior to the commencement of extra time and notify both teams. Kick Off times will be decided by the Council.

When a match has resulted in a draw after extra time has been played, the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Football Association Board.

3. In all Rounds prior to the Final Tie 10% of the gross gate receipts (less VAT), minimum of £20.00, shall be paid to Northumberland Football Association within 14 days of the match. If this minimum is not realised then each Club will contribute an equal share to make up the required payment.
4. Prior to the Final Tie the Away Club is to be responsible for its own travelling expenses with the Home Club responsible for the fees and travelling expenses of the match officials.
5. The pitch shall be enclosed by a barrier, rope or other suitable fence.

RULES OF THE MINOR CUP

All Saturday Clubs affiliated to The Association must enter the Minor Cup unless to play in the Senior Cup or Senior Benevolent Bowl. Exemptions will be considered subject to the approval of Council and upon payment of an exemption fee.

The Rules shall be similar to those of the Senior Cup with the following exceptions and alterations:-

1. No player shall be eligible to play in the Competition who has played in the Northumberland Football Association Senior Cup Competition or the Senior Benevolent Bowl in the same season.
2. A bona-fide Second Team of Clubs competing for the Senior Cup or the Senior Benevolent Bowl or Minor Cup is eligible to compete.
3. The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes. The half - time interval shall be 10 minutes that may only be altered with the

consent of the match referee. If after 90 minutes the match has resulted in a draw, extra time of 15 minutes each way will be played in all Rounds. If in the opinion of the Referee, prevailing circumstances would not permit the match to be finished, 10 minutes each way will be played. In this case the Referee shall decide at the end of full time and prior to the commencement of extra time and notify both teams.

When a match has resulted in a draw after extra time has been played, the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Football Association Board.

4. Prior to the Final Tie the Away Club is to be responsible for its own travelling expenses with the home Club responsible for the fees and travelling expenses of match officials. No Cash Statement needs to be returned to the Association Office.
5. In Semi-Final Ties the pitch shall be enclosed by a barrier, rope or other suitable fence.
6. All kick off times shall be decided by Council.

RULES OF THE SUNDAY CUP

Entry shall be limited to Clubs by invitation of the Council. Rules shall be similar to those for the Minor Cup with the following exceptions and alterations:-

1. Minor Cup Rule one does not apply.
2. All kick off times shall be decided by Council.

RULES OF THE SUNDAY MINOR CUP

Rules shall be similar to those for the Minor Cup with the following exceptions and alterations:-

1. Minor Cup Rule one does not apply.
2. All kick off times shall be decided by Council.
3. No player shall be eligible to play in the Competition who has played in the Northumberland Sunday Cup Competition in the same season.

RULES OF THE WOMAN'S CUP

The Competition shall be open to all Women's Clubs affiliated to the Association. Rules shall be similar to the Minor Cup

RULES OF THE JUNIOR CUP

The Competition shall be open to all u18 Saturday Clubs affiliated to the appropriate Youth Division of Northumberland Football

Association. Rules shall be similar to the Minor Cup with the following exceptions and additions.

1. Minor Cup Rule one does not apply.
2. Only those players are eligible to take part who have not reached the age of 18 years as at midnight on 31 August of the current season.
3. Players shirts do not need to be numbered on the back.

RULES OF THE SUNDAY JUNIOR CUP

The Competition shall be open to all u18 Sunday Clubs affiliated to the appropriate Youth Division of Northumberland Football Association. Rules shall be similar to the Minor Cup with the following exceptions and additions.

1. Minor Cup Rule one does not apply.
2. Only those players are eligible to take part who have not reached the age of **18 years** as at midnight on 31 August of the current season.
3. Players shirts do not need to be numbered on the back.

RULES OF THE RANGERS CUP

The Competition shall be open to all u16 Clubs affiliated to the appropriate Youth Division of Northumberland Football Association. Rules shall be similar to the Minor Cup with the following exceptions and additions.

1. Minor Cup Rule one does not apply.
2. Only those players are eligible to take part who have not reached the age of 16 years as at midnight on 31 August of the current season.
3. Players shall not be allowed to compete in an age group lower than that in which they have played during the current season.
4. The duration of each match shall be 80 minutes. The half - time interval shall be 10 minutes that may only be altered with the consent of the match referee. If after 80 minutes the match has resulted in a draw, extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played in all Rounds. If in the opinion of the Referee, prevailing circumstances would not permit the match to be finished, 5 minutes each way will be played. In this case the Referee shall decide at the end of full time and prior to the commencement of extra time and notify both teams.

When a match has resulted in a draw after extra time has been played, the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Football Association Board.

When a first match has been postponed or abandoned before the

completion of 80 minutes and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the same ground on a date set by the Council. If extra time has not been commenced or a match has been abandoned during extra time and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the ground of the Club second drawn on a date set by the Council. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and their decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. Any late kick off must be reported by the Referee to the Association and the Council shall have the power to impose a fine.

5. In each Tie the game shall be played on the ground of the Club drawn first, unless otherwise mutually arranged, and the consent of the Association Chief Executive obtained. A Club whose home ground is not available or unfit on the date set for the playing of the match shall play the match on the away drawn club ground. If this ground is not available then it will revert to the home drawn club and continue in the above arrangement until it is played. Any change of venue or time of kick off must be agreed with the Association Chief Executive.

6. A maximum of up to 5 substitutes may be named in any match by each side. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury after the submission of the Official Team Sheet to the Referee before the kick off, he may be replaced, provided that the Referee and a representative of their opponents are informed before the commencement of the match.

A substitute who is not used is entitled to play for another Club in the same Season.

7. Up to and including the Semi-Final Tie the Secretary of the home Club shall send notice of the result on the Match Report Form supplied, with the Surnames and full Christian names of the players of both teams competing to the Chief Executive of the Association so that it is received within 4 days of the match, Sundays not included. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule or submitting an incorrect Match Report form shall be subject to a fine as determined from time to time by the Council and on default of payment shall be struck out of the Competition. The Secretaries of Clubs drawn at home must telephone the result to the Results Secretary as shown on the match instruction sheet.

8. Players shirts do not need to be numbered on the back.

RULES OF THE COLTS CUP

The Competition shall be open to all u14 Clubs affiliated to the appropriate Youth Division of Northumberland Football Association. Rules shall be similar to the Minor Cup with the following exceptions and additions.

1. Only those players are eligible to take part who have not reached the age of 14 years as at midnight on 31 August of the current season.
2. Players shall not be allowed to compete in an age group lower than that in which they have played during the current season.
3. The duration of each match shall be 70 minutes. The half - time interval shall be 10 minutes that may only be altered with the consent of the match referee. If after 70 minutes the match has resulted in a draw, extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played in all Rounds. If in the opinion of the Referee, prevailing circumstances would not permit the match to be finished, 5 minutes each way will be played. In this case the Referee shall decide at the end of full time and prior to the commencement of extra time and notify both teams.

When a match has resulted in a draw after extra time has been played, the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Football Association Board.

4. In each Tie the game shall be played on the ground of the Club drawn first, unless otherwise mutually arranged, and the consent of the Association Chief Executive obtained. A Club whose home ground is not available or unfit on the date set for the playing of the match shall play the match on the away drawn club ground. If this ground is not available then it will revert to the home drawn club and continue in the above arrangement until it is played. Any change of venue or time of kick off must be agreed with the Association Chief Executive.

When a first match has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of 70 minutes and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the same ground on a date set by the Council. If extra time has not been commenced or a match has been abandoned during extra time and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the ground of the Club second drawn on a date set by the Council. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and their decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. Any late kick off must be reported by the Referee to the Association and the Council shall have the power to impose a fine.

6. A maximum of up to 5 substitutes may be named in any match by each side. A player who has been substituted himself

becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury after the submission of the Official Team Sheet to the Referee before the kick off, he may be replaced, provided that the Referee and a representative of their opponents are informed before the commencement of the match.

A substitute who is not used is entitled to play for another Club in the same Season.

7. Up to and including the Semi-Final Tie the Secretary of the home Club shall send notice of the result on the Match Report Form supplied, with the Surnames and full Christian names of the players of both teams competing to the Chief Executive of the Association so that it is received within 4 days of the match, Sundays not included. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule or submitting an incorrect Match Report form shall be subject to a fine as determined from time to time by the Council and on default of payment shall be struck out of the Competition. The Secretaries of Clubs drawn at home must telephone the result to the Results Secretary as shown on the match instruction sheet.

8. Players shirts do not need to be numbered on the back.

9. A size 4 Match Ball will be used.

RULES OF THE TESCO CUP

The Competition shall be open to all u13 Clubs affiliated to the appropriate Youth Division of The Northumberland Football Association. Rules shall be similar to the Minor Cup with the following exceptions and additions.

1. Only those players are eligible to take part who have not reached the age of 13 years as at midnight on 31 August of the current season.

2. Players shall not be allowed to compete in an age group lower than that in which they have played during the current season.

3. The duration of each match shall be 70 minutes. The half - time interval shall be 10 minutes that may only be altered with the consent of the match referee. If after 70 minutes the match has resulted in a draw, extra time of 10 minutes each way will be played in all Rounds. If in the opinion of the Referee, prevailing circumstances would not permit the match to be finished, 5 minutes each way will be played. In this case the Referee shall decide at the end of full time and prior to the commencement of extra time and notify both teams.

When a match has resulted in a draw after extra time has been

played, the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Football Association Board.

When a first match has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of 70 minutes and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the same ground on a date set by the Council. If extra time has not been commenced or a match has been abandoned during extra time and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the ground of the Club second drawn on a date set by the Council. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and their decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. Any late kick off must be reported by the Referee to the Association and the Council shall have the power to impose a fine.

5. In each Tie the game shall be played on the ground of the Club drawn first, unless otherwise mutually arranged, and the consent of the Association Chief Executive obtained. A Club whose home ground is not available or unfit on the date set for the playing of the match shall play the match on the away drawn club ground. If this ground is not available then it will revert to the home drawn club and continue in the above arrangement until it is played. Any change of venue or time of kick off must be agreed with the Association Chief Executive.

6. A maximum of up to 5 substitutes may be named in any match by each side. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury after the submission of the Official Team Sheet to the Referee before the kick off, he may be replaced, provided that the Referee and a representative of their opponents are informed before the commencement of the match.

A substitute who is not used is entitled to play for another Club in the same Season.

7. Up to and including the Semi-Final Tie the Secretary of the home Club shall send notice of the result on the Match Report Form supplied, with the Surnames and full Christian names of the players of both teams competing to the Chief Executive of the Association so that it is received within 4 days of the match, Sundays not included. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule or submitting an incorrect Match Report form shall be subject to a fine as determined from time to time by the Council and on default of payment shall be struck out of the Competition. The Secretaries of Clubs drawn at home must telephone the result to the Results Secretary as shown on the match

instruction sheet.

8. Players shirts do not need to be numbered on the back.
9. A size 4 Match Ball will be used.

RULES OF THE CUBS CUP

The Competition shall be open to all u12 Clubs affiliated to the appropriate Youth Division of The Northumberland Football Association. Rules shall be similar to the Minor Cup with the following exceptions and additions.

1. Only those players are eligible to take part who have not reached the age of 12 years as at midnight on 31 August of the current season.
2. Players shall not be allowed to compete in an age group lower than that in which they have played during the current season.
3. The duration of each match shall be 60 minutes. The half - time interval shall be 10 minutes that may only be altered with the consent of the match referee. If after 60 minutes the match has resulted in a draw, extra time of 5 minutes each way will be played in all Rounds. If in the opinion of the Referee, prevailing circumstances would not permit the match to be finished, 5 minutes each way will be played. In this case the Referee shall decide at the end of full time and prior to the commencement of extra time and notify both teams.

When a match has resulted in a draw after extra time has been played, the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Football Association Board.

When a first match has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of 60 minutes and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the same ground on a date set by the Council. If extra time has not been commenced or a match has been abandoned during extra time and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the ground of the Club second drawn on a date set by the Council. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and their decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. Any late kick off must be reported by the Referee to the Association and the Council shall have the power to impose a fine.

5. In each Tie the game shall be played on the ground of the Club drawn first, unless otherwise mutually arranged, and the consent of the Association Chief Executive obtained. A Club whose home ground is not available or unfit on the date set for the playing of the match shall play the match on the away drawn club ground. If this ground is not available then it will revert to the home drawn club and continue in the above arrangement until it is played. Any change of venue or time of kick off must be agreed with the Association

Chief Executive.

6. A maximum of up to 5 substitutes may be named in any match by each side. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury after the submission of the Official Team Sheet to the Referee before the kick off, he may be replaced, provided that the Referee and a representative of their opponents are informed before the commencement of the match.

A substitute who is not used is entitled to play for another Club in the same Season.

7. Up to and including the Semi-Final Tie the Secretary of the home Club shall send notice of the result on the Match Report Form supplied, with the Surnames and full Christian names of the players of both teams competing to the Chief Executive of the Association so that it is received within 4 days of the match, Sundays not included. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule or submitting an incorrect Match Report form shall be subject to a fine as determined from time to time by the Council and on default of payment shall be struck out of the Competition. The Secretaries of Clubs drawn at home must telephone the result to the Results Secretary as shown on the match instruction sheet.

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