

STANDARD CODE OF RULES - Season 2008-2009

2009-2010

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| 1 | NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION |
| 2 | ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT |
| B | <p>The Annual Subscription, payable on or before 15th July in each year, shall be as follows:</p> <p>For 11-a-side football £45.00 per team</p> <p>For Mini-Soccer £17.50 per team for Under 7's and Under 8's £22.50 per team for Under 9's £27.50 per team for Under 10's £30.00 per team for Under 11's £30.00 per team for Under 12's</p> <p>For Girls Football £25.00 per team for Under 9's & 10's £30.00 per team for Under 11's £30.00 per team for Under 12's £45.00 per team for 11-a-side teams</p> <p>The Subscription rate for the post Christmas competitions, payable on or before 15th January in each year, shall be as follows:</p> <p>For under 11 sides changing from mini-soccer to 11-a-side football £NIL per team</p> <p>For Mini-Soccer £12.00 per team for Under 7's and Under 8's £15.00 per team for Under 9's £18.50 per team for Under 10's £20.00 per team for Under 11's</p> <p>For Girls Football £15.00 per team for Under 9's £18.50 per team for Under 10's £20.00 per team for Under 11's £20.00 per team for Under 12's £30.00 per team for 11-a-side teams</p> |
| F | <p>The Annual Subscription, payable on or before 15th July in each year, shall be as follows:</p> <p>For 11-a-side football £45.00 £50.00 per team</p> <p>For Mini-Soccer Alliance teams (individual teams) £17.50 £20.00 per team for Under 7's and Under 8's £22.50 £25.00 per team for Under 9's £27.50 £30.00 per team for Under 10's £30.00 £33.00 per team for Under 11's £30.00 £33.00 per team for Under 12's</p> <p>For Mini-Soccer Premier Division £35.00 per team for all age groups.</p> <p>For Girls Football £25.00 £30.00 per team for Under 9's & 10's £30.00 £33.00 per team for Under 11's £30.00 £33.00 per team for Under 12's £45.00 £50.00 per team for 11-a-side teams</p> <p>The Subscription rate for the post Christmas competitions, payable on or before 15th January in each year, shall be as follows:</p> <p>For under 11 sides changing from mini-soccer to 11-a-side football £NIL per team</p> <p>For Mini-Soccer £12.00 £15.00 per team for Under 7's and Under 8's £15.00 £18.00 per team for Under 9's £18.50 £21.00 per team for Under 10's £20.00 £24.00 per team for Under 11's</p> <p>For Girls Football £15.00 £21.00 per team for Under 9's £18.50 £21.00 per team for Under 10's £20.00 £24.00 per team for Under 11's £20.00 £24.00 per team for Under 12's £30.00 per team for 11-a-side teams</p> |
| F | <p>Each Club shall pay a Fines Deposit, to be used to settle any fines imposed under the Rules of the Competition by the Management Committee, as follows:</p> <p>For Mini-Soccer £50.00 for each club Add £10 for each team.</p> <p>For 11-a-side football £50.00 for each club Add £30 for each team.</p> <p>For Girls football £50.00 for each club Add £10 for each team.</p> |

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| | | <u>The Fines Deposit shall also be utilised to adjust the balance of any club due to the number of player registrations (Rule 8 refers).</u> |
| E | All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Secretary. | |
| 5 | POWERS OF MANAGEMENT | |
| A | The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. | The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. <i>The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification.</i> <u>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 Football Association or affiliated Association.</u> |
| D | The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules. Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty, any Club, Official or Player alleged to be in breach of a Competition Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before the Management Committee. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules. | The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules. Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Club Official (limited to Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) or Player alleged to be in breach of a Competition Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before the Management Committee. <u>Financial penalties can only be imposed if included within the set penalties for breaches of Competition Rules.</u> All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules <u>by the appropriate Association.</u> |
| M | | <u>Competitions who organise Mini Soccer for teams playing U7 and U8 football may not, with the exception of Rules 6, 11d, 14 and 19 fine clubs for breaches of League Rules.</u> |
| N | | <u>Clubs should not submit any posted items by registered, recorded or special delivery mail which requires a signature, as there will not always be a recipient to be able to sign for the post.</u> <u>In the event of any Officer retrieving post of insufficient or specialist issue, as outlined above, then a fine of £10 will be levied in order to cover the Officer's expenses, plus any postage payments that may be required.</u> |
| 8 | QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS | |
| B | A registered youth playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has: Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink or ballpoint pen, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the Registration Secretary at least 3 days prior to playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate any known serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the player's parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the Club or Competition. The registration document must incorporate proof of the player's date of birth i.e. a photocopy of the birth certificate or, in cases where the birth certificate is not available a photocopy of the player's passport or other official document issued by a Government Agency attesting to the player's date of birth. Any forms received without proof of date of birth will be returned to the Clubs as | A registered youth playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has: Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink or ballpoint pen, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the Registration Secretary at least 3 days prior to playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate any known serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the player's parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the Club or Competition. The registration document must incorporate proof of the player's date of birth i.e. a photocopy of the birth certificate or, in cases where the birth certificate is not available a photocopy of the player's passport or other official document issued by a Government Agency attesting to the player's date of birth. Any forms received without proof of date of birth will be returned to the Clubs as |

incorrect and the Club fined £5 per incorrect form. For players registered with the Competition during the preceding two seasons, this information does not have to be re-submitted.

The qualification dates for the Competition shall be as follows:

Mini-Soccer

Under 7 - the player must have attained the age of 6 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season but must be under the age of 7 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 8 - the player must be under the age of 8 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

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

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

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

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

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

To play in a KO Cup game or a game where points are awarded, or results collected, a player must have achieved the age of eight on or before 31st August.

Youth Football

Under 11 - the player must have attained the age of 10 but must be under the age of 11 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

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

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

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

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

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

Under 17 - the player must be under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 18 - the player must be under the age of 18 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player under the age of 16 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more. (The above qualification dates are subject to the provisions contained within FA Rule C.4(a)(vi)).

All players must be registered by 2200 Thursday prior to the weekend fixture and by midnight Saturday prior to a mid-week fixture. The only exception to this rule being

incorrect and the Club fined £5 per incorrect form. For players registered with the Competition during the preceding two seasons, this information does not have to be re-submitted.

The qualification dates for the Competition shall be as follows:

Mini-Soccer

Under 7 - the player must have attained the age of 6 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season but must be under the age of 7 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 8 - the player must be under the age of 8 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

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

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

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

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

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

To play in a KO Cup game or a game where points are awarded, or results collected, a player must have achieved the age of eight on or before 31st August.

Youth Football

Under 11 - the player must have attained the age of 10 but must be under the age of 11 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

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

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

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

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

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

Under 17 - the player must be under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 18 - the player must be under the age of 18 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player under the age of ~~16~~ **15** as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more. (The above qualification dates are subject to the provisions contained within FA Rule ~~C.4(a)(vi)~~ **C.4(a)**).

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| | for the opening weekend of the season when registrations must be with the Registration Secretary 10 days before the opening fixture. Registrations received after this date will deem the players concerned unavailable for the opening weekend for the relevant age group. | for the opening weekend of the season when registrations must be with the Registration Secretary 10 days before the opening fixture. Registrations received after this date will deem the players concerned unavailable for the opening weekend for the relevant age group. |
| | | <u>The registration document, for all age groups, must incorporate two current passport-size (45mm x 35mm) photograph of the player seeking registration together with proof of the player's date of birth. The photographs shall be identical and each shall have the name of the player printed on the rear of each photograph. One of these photographs shall be retained by the Registration Secretary for reference and for checking purposes.</u> |
| | | <u>All photocards shall be provided by the Registration Secretary to the clubs. All photographs shall include a "franking" element, either stamp or part of the signature of authority, to prevent misuse.</u> |
| | | <u>A player is not registered until the Club receives the photocard from the Registration Secretary.</u> |
| | | <u>Any player at a fixture without a photocard shall not be able to take part in the fixture.</u> |
| | | <u>In the event of a team not having any photocards with them, then the non-defaulting team shall decide on whether to play the game as a friendly fixture.</u> |
| E | Registration forms shall be obtained from the Registration Secretary on prepayment of £NIL per form. Photocopied forms will not be accepted. Each batch of registration forms must be sent to the Registration Secretary together with a first class stamped self-addressed envelope. Where a batch of registration forms are not accompanied by a SAE of sufficient value, this will result in the defaulting Club being fined £10 per batch. Failure to correctly complete the Registration Form and/or failure to provide proof of date of birth where applicable will result in a £5 fine per form. It is the responsibility of the Club Secretary to ensure registration counterfoils are correct and have been returned to the club by the Registration Secretary. The Registration Secretary will return forms to Clubs in the self-addressed envelope showing the first day the player can play. | <u>A fee of £1 shall be paid for each player registered.</u> Registration forms shall be obtained from the Registration Secretary on prepayment of £NIL per form. Photocopied forms will not be accepted. Each batch of registration forms must be sent to the Registration Secretary together with a first class stamped self-addressed envelope. Where a batch of registration forms are not accompanied by a SAE of sufficient value, this will result in the defaulting Club being fined £10 per batch. Failure to correctly complete the Registration Form and/or failure to provide proof of date of birth where applicable will result in a £5 fine per form. It is the responsibility of the Club Secretary to ensure registration counterfoils are correct and have been returned to the club by the Registration Secretary. The Registration Secretary will return forms to Clubs in the self-addressed envelope showing the first day the player can play. |
| H | <p>(i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player.</p> <p>(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, except those under the age of 18, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).</p> <p>(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct and to disqualify the player in question from participating in all games in the Competition. (Subject to Rule 16). Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition.</p> | <p>(i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player.</p> <p>(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, except those under the age of 18, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).</p> <p>(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to <u>make application to</u> refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (Subject to Rule 16) <u>subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association.</u> Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. <u>Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered with.</u></p> |

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| | (Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute.) | (Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute <u>and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football Association.) 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 a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.</u> |
| L | A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registration Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one season only. | A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registration Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one season only. <u>In the event of a player without a written contract 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 player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void. In order to play in the League again either for his original Club or for another Club it will be necessary for him to be re-registered as required by this Rule</u> |
| P | (The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full-time secondary education): (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Leagues). (iii) Children under 15 shall not play in a team involving players who are more than 2 years older. To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16. (Note: For players under the age of 18 the provisions contained in Football Association Rules will apply.) | |
| Q | Any Club wishing to de-register a player may only do so in writing to the Registration Secretary stating the player's name, Club and age group in which he played. Such de-registration will only take effect from the date upon which the Registration Secretary receives such written notice. | Any Club wishing to de-register a player may only do so in writing to the Registration Secretary stating the player's name, Club and age group in which he played. Such de-registration will only take effect from the date upon which the Registration Secretary receives such written notice <u>including the player registration card. In the event that the player is being de-registered temporarily (due to injury or overseas family appointment) then this should be highlighted to the Registration Secretary. When re-registering the player, the original player ID card shall be re-used and there will be no charge for re-registration of the player in these circumstances.</u> |
| S | | <u>In the event of teams submitting correctly filled out and completed registration forms for 11 players in an 11-a-side team and 7 players for any mini-soccer team before the 15 August, then the Club Fines Deposit shall be credited with a fee of £10 for 11-a-side and £5 for mini-soccer teams.</u> |

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| 9 | CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME |
| B | <p>All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, the Laws of Mini-Soccer as set down by The Football Association. Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.</p> <p>The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.</p> <p>Match Duration shall be as set out below:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">For Mini-Soccer - The maximum duration of play shall be as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">For Under 7 and Under 8 age groups, 10 minutes each way and For Under 9, Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12 age groups, 15 minutes each way.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">The maximum playing time in any one day for Under 7 and Under 8 age groups is 40 minutes; for Under 9, Under 10 is 60 minutes; for under 11 and under 12 is 100 minutes.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">For Youth and Girls Football - The duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time:</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">For Under 9 and Under 10, 25 minutes each half;</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">For Under 11 and Under 12, 30 minutes each half;</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">For Under 13 and Under 14, 35 minutes each half;</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">For Under 15 and Under 16, 40 minutes each half;</p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;">For Under 17 and Under 18, 45 minutes each half.</p> <p>The minimum time for any game will not be less than 20 minutes each half for players in the Under 14 age group and below and 25 minutes each half for all other age groups.</p> <p>The kick off times for the Competition shall be determined by the home side to suit pitch availability. However, no game shall be imposed on the away side that would involve them leaving prior to 0800 on the morning of the game, allowing for normal journey conditions and a 30 minute warm-up period. Teams may agree to early kick off times, but the away team shall advise the Fixtures Secretary in the event of an early kick off time not being acceptable to the away side.</p> <p>Where the game duration is less than the standard stated above, the fact shall be reported on the match return form by each team, including the reason for the shortening of the game, which shall be arranged in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.</p> <p>No player under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August in any season shall be permitted to play more than one game or, in the event the Competition allows the playing of a doubleheader, i.e: two separate matches, 100 minutes per day in this Competition.</p> <p>Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.</p> <p>The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable.</p> |

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| | <p>The size of football to be used shall be: For Mini-Soccer, size 3 for players in the Under 7 and 8 age categories; size 4 for Under 9's, 10's, 11's and 12's. For Youth & Girls Football - size 4 for those playing Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups; size 5 for all other age groups. Goal nets must be used and pitches must have corner flags. Failure to provide goal nets or corner flags will result in a £5 fine.</p> | <p>The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. The size of football to be used shall be: For Mini-Soccer, size 3 for players in the Under 7 and 8 age categories; size 4 for Under 9's, 10's, 11's and 12's. For Youth & Girls Football - size 4 for those playing Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups; size 5 for all other age groups. Goal nets must be used and pitches must have corner flags. Failure to provide goal nets or corner flags will result in a £5 fine.</p> |
| E | <p>Except for Mini-Soccer Alliance games, every Club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the Competition. (Note: The intention of this Rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another game or to boost the strength of another or lower team. It is not intended that Clubs must field higher team players in lower teams when the higher team has no engagement. If, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the Rule is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account for its/their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine, despite the fact that Rule 8 has not been infringed.) In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than eleven players they may be fined £nil for each missing player. Matches will not be commenced where the difference of numbers of players in starting line-ups is more than 2. 11-a-side matches will be abandoned in the event that any side is reduced to less than seven players.</p> | <p>Except for Mini-Soccer Alliance games, every Club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the Competition. (Note: The intention of this Rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another game or to boost the strength of another or lower team. It is not intended that Clubs must field higher team players in lower teams when the higher team has no engagement. If, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the Rule is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account for its/their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine, despite the fact that Rule 8 has not been infringed.) In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than eleven players they may be fined £nil for each missing player. Matches will not be commenced where the difference of numbers of players in starting line-ups is more than 2. 11-a-side matches will be abandoned in the event that any side is reduced to less than seven players.</p> |
| F | <p>Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict any penalty it may deem suitable. In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be determined by the Fixtures Secretary. Regardless of the reason for the postponement, the Club calling off the game shall send written confirmation to the FIXTURES SECRETARY within 6 days of the game citing the reason for the cancellation. If the game is called off as a result of insufficient players the Club has a FURTHER 14 days to provide the requisite letters. In the event of such INITIAL written confirmation not being received, a fine of £10 shall be levied for not corresponding and the match being awarded to their opponents and a fine being imposed as defined herein. A postponed or abandoned match form, which can be downloaded from the website, shall be completed by each side in the event that the game is not concluded.</p> | <p>Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict any penalty it may deem suitable. In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be determined by the Fixtures Secretary. Regardless of the reason for the postponement, the Club calling off the game shall send written confirmation to the FIXTURES SECRETARY within 6 days of the game citing the reason for the cancellation. If the game is called off as a result of insufficient players the Club has a FURTHER 14 days to provide the requisite letters. In the event of such INITIAL written confirmation not being received, a fine of £10 shall be levied for not corresponding and the match being awarded to their opponents and a fine being imposed as defined herein. A postponed or abandoned match form, which can be downloaded from the website, shall be completed by each side in the event that the game is not concluded.</p> |

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| <p>This form shall be used for ALL unfulfilled or uncompleted fixtures. The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a 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 match to the opponents and/or take what other action they may deem necessary. In cases where a match is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the appropriate Affiliated Association. The kick off times and venues of all games shall be reported to the FIXTURES SECRETARY by the home team before 2100 on the Tuesday preceding the fixture, or three days before a midweek fixture. This will be used for the allocation of referees and also to identify the time for the Officers to undertake match checks as necessary. Failure to report the kick off times shall be treated in a similar manner as the results. Late reporting shall be fined £5 for the first occurrence and multiples of £5 for subsequent late reporting, non-reporting shall be fined £10 for the first occurrence and multiples of £10 for subsequent unreported kick off times.</p> | <p>This form shall be used for ALL unfulfilled or uncompleted fixtures. <u>In the event of a fixture being called off over 36 hours in advance of the appointed kick off time, then the teams involved shall use their best endeavours to reverse the fixture to the away side if possible.</u></p> <p>The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a 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 match to the opponents and/or take what other action they may deem necessary <u>award the points for the match to the opponents.</u> In cases where a match is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the appropriate Affiliated Association <u>rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.</u></p> <p>The kick off times and venues of all games shall be reported to the FIXTURES SECRETARY by the home team before 2100 on the Tuesday <u>Monday</u> preceding the fixture, or three days before a midweek fixture. This will be used for the allocation of referees and also to identify the time for the Officers to undertake match checks as necessary. Failure to report the kick off times shall be treated in a similar manner as the results. Late reporting shall be fined £5 for the first occurrence and multiples of £5 for subsequent late reporting, non-reporting shall be fined £10 for the first occurrence and multiples of £10 for subsequent unreported kick off times.</p> |
| | <p><u>In the event of a kick off time being altered and a League appointed match Official being unable to attend the revised time and at a time after allocation that they are unable to be re-assigned, then the Official shall be entitled to half their match fee by the team causing the change of the kick-off time,</u></p> |
| J | <p><u>No ALCOHOLIC drink to be consumed on or around the touch line, goal line or dressing rooms. Failure to comply will be subject to a fine not exceeding £50.</u></p> |
| 11 | REPORTING RESULTS |
| D | <p><u>Competitions are not permitted to collect result sheets or compile any playing data for fixtures they organise for U7 and U8 Mini Soccer. They may require a Club to confirm that a set fixture has been played. A maximum fine of £5 may be imposed for a breach of this Rule.</u></p> |
| 13 | REFEREES |
| A | <p>Registered Referees for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association(s). Referees will not be appointed to Mini-Soccer Alliance games.</p> |
| | <p><u>The Home side shall be responsible for contacting the Appointed referee and confirming contact details and match arrangements with them. In the event of match details conflicting with the previous advice from the Referee Secretary, then the matter shall be referred by the referee to the Referee Secretary. Failure to contact an appointed referee shall result in a fine of £10, plus half the match fee. The half match fee shall be paid to the referee by the</u></p> |

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| | | <u>Competition. In the event of the referee attending the fixture, despite non-contact, then the half-match fee shall be waived by the Referee.</u> |
| I | The Referee shall submit a report Form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of players in each team and the time of kick-off to the Referees Secretary within two days of the match. | The Referee shall submit a report Form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of players in each team and the time of kick-off to the Referees Secretary within two days of the match. <u>The Referee form shall be provided by the home team at the fixture. The referee shall also be required to mark the sportsmanship of the players, officials and spectators for both teams.</u> <u>The Home side shall be responsible for providing a stamped addressed envelope for the Referee to return the form to the Referees Secretary. Failure to provide an envelope can result in a fine being levied of £5 for each offence.</u> |
| 19 | SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS | |
| | Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting. The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time. At least 7 days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined in accordance with Rule 6(H). Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings. All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 51% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. The Special General Meeting must be held within 28 days of the date of demand for the meeting. A third of the Competition's Officers and Club Representatives shall constitute a quorum. | Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting. The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time. At least 7 days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined in accordance with Rule 6(H). Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings. All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 51% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. The Special General Meeting must be held within 28 days of the date of demand for the meeting. A third of the Competition's Officers and Club Representatives shall constitute a quorum. <u>All amendments to Rules can only be implemented once approved by the appropriate sanctioning authority.</u> |
| 20 | ALTERATION TO RULES | |
| 23 | FULL LEAGUE MEETINGS | |
| | In addition to the Annual General Meeting, and any special General Meetings that may be called, there shall be two Full League Meetings annually. At least 14 days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send any number of delegates to all Full League Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Full League Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined the amount detailed in Rule 6(H). Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Full League Meetings. All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 51% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Any Club which does not send a representative to two consecutive FULL LEAGUE | In addition to the Annual General Meeting, and any special General Meetings that may be called, there shall be two Full League Meetings annually. At least 14 days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send any number of delegates to all Full League Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Full League Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined the amount detailed in Rule 6(H). Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Full League Meetings. All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 51% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. Any Club which does not send a representative to two consecutive FULL LEAGUE |

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| | | <u>The Full League Meeting at the start of the season shall be attended by all Clubs.</u> <u>The mid-season Full League Meetings shall be specific to the three elements of the Competition, which shall take place during January and/or February. These mid-season meetings shall be used to address the concerns of the membership regarding their specific competitions and to determine the requirements for the following season.</u> |
| 27 | MINI-SOCCER ALLIANCE | |
| | | <u>There will be two distinct competitions operated by the Mini-Soccer Alliance. The main competitions shall be all inclusive, generally with the operation of two paired teams playing another two paired teams, played simultaneously on two pitches, with each team playing two fixtures each. The second competition shall be a competitive "Premier" division, which shall be a team vs team arrangement, with a single fixture taking place – refer to 27F.</u> |
| A | Playing an unregistered player in a competitive Mini-Soccer Alliance fixture will incur a fine of up to £100 in accordance with Rule 8(O). For a non-competitive fixture the fine will be halved. | Playing an unregistered player in a competitive Mini-Soccer Alliance fixture will incur a fine of up to £100 in accordance with Rule 8(O). For a non-competitive fixture the fine will be halved. <u>For the purposes of the Competition, a pair of fixtures at each venue amount a single fixture for the purpose of fines being levied. In the event of an unregistered player, both results shall be reversed as appropriate.</u> |
| B | At each venue, all Mini-Soccer Alliance fixtures must be played simultaneously on 2 pitches. | At each venue, all Mini-Soccer Alliance fixtures must be played simultaneously on 2 pitches. <u>Where three teams are appointed to a fixture, the single team shall play each of the two teams.</u> <u>Where two teams are appointed to a fixture, then they shall play each other in a pair of fixtures. However, the teams shall also be prepared to fulfil a fixture in a foursome, in the event of a pair of teams not being available.</u> |
| C | Fixtures will be organised as set out for each age group as advised before the start of each season. Fixtures will be organised to allow each team to play as many other Clubs as possible within their age group or section. As a guide, fixtures will be organized every 3 weeks for the Under 7's and Under 8's, every 2 weeks for the Under 9's, Under 10's, Under 11's and under 12's. Under 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's and under 12's will commence in September. The Under 7's and Under 8's will not play between early December and late February and the 9's and 10's will not play matches in December/January, the Under 11's and under 12's will only do so when the format of competition requires it. The Clubs will organise a mutually agreeable kick-off time although if there is any dispute the host Club will dictate. If Clubs cannot agree a mutually convenient time the fixture will be played as instructed by the Mini-Soccer Alliance Fixture Secretary and his decision is binding on both Clubs. The host Club must give at least 10 days notice to the visiting Club of the venue and start time of the fixture. Each team will play a fixture against each team from the other Club. For the Under 10's, 11's and under 12's competitive fixtures points will be awarded as set out in Rule 12(A) but winners and runners-up will be decided on the | Fixtures will be organised as set out for each age group as advised before the start of each season. Fixtures will be organised to allow each team to play as many other Clubs as possible within their age group or section. As a guide, fixtures will be organized every 3 weeks for the Under 7's and Under 8's, every 2 weeks for the Under 9's, Under 10's, Under 11's and under 12's. Under 7's, 8's, 9's, 10's, 11's and under 12's will commence in September. The Under 7's and Under 8's will not play between early December and late February and the 9's and 10's will not play matches in December/January, the Under 11's and under 12's will only do so when the format of competition requires it. The Clubs will organise a mutually agreeable kick-off time although if there is any dispute the host Club will dictate. If Clubs cannot agree a mutually convenient time the fixture will be played as instructed by the Mini-Soccer Alliance Fixture Secretary and his decision is binding on both Clubs. The host Club must give at least 10 days notice to the visiting Club of the venue and start time of the fixture. Each team will play a fixture against each team from the other Club. For the Under 10's, 11's and under 12's competitive fixtures points will be awarded as set out in Rule 12(A) but winners and runners-up will be decided on the |

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| average number of points per game of teams of that Club paired together in the same section. | average number of points per game of teams of that Club paired together in the same section. |
| | <p><u>Fixtures for the under 7 and 8 age groups shall be cast throughout the season. Generally, fixtures will be cast for every third week throughout the season, but the home side shall consider the prevailing weather conditions on the day. This consideration shall take into account the amount of shelter available and the effect on the substitutes while waiting to enter the field of play. Postponed fixtures in these age groups do not have to be re-arranged. The fixtures will be arranged so that the divisions in these age groups are geographically based. The match form for these age groups shall be a postcard format, to return to the Mini-Soccer Alliance Secretary. Each team will be required to mark their opponents for sportsmanship. Awards for sportsmanship shall be awarded for the marks gained throughout the season.</u></p> |
| | <p><u>Fixtures for the Under 9 age group will be ability based. Generally, fixtures will be cast for alternate weeks throughout the season, except for December and January. At Christmas, the ability levels shall be re-assessed and pairs of teams, or individuals as appropriate, shall be moved between divisions. Match forms shall be returned to the Mini-Soccer Registration Secretary, including the names of all the players, the match scores and the sportsmanship marks for their opposition. The results shall be recorded by the League but will not be published in any medium. The results shall be used for the assessment of equality and ability. Postponed fixtures are expected to be re-arranged by the respective teams. Postponement forms shall be submitted to the Mini-Soccer Registration Secretary. Unfulfilled fixtures shall be referred to the Mini-Soccer Alliance sub-committee, which shall present recommendations to the Management Committee. Awards for sportsmanship shall be awarded for the marks gained throughout the season. These will be awarded for the divisional arrangements at the conclusion of the season.</u></p> |
| | <p><u>Fixtures for the Under 10 age group will be ability based. Generally, fixtures will be cast for alternate weeks throughout the season, except for December and January. At Christmas, the ability levels shall be re-assessed and pairs of teams, or individuals as appropriate, shall be moved between divisions. Teams that are promoted will be promoted with their existing goal difference, but their points total shall be multiplied by 75%. Teams that are relegated will be relegated with their existing goal difference and points intact. Match forms shall be returned to the Mini-Soccer Registration Secretary, including the names of all the players, the match scores and the sportsmanship marks for their opposition. The results shall be recorded by the League and will be published on the web-site. The results shall be used for the assessment of equality and ability. Postponed fixtures are expected to be re-arranged by the respective teams. Postponement forms shall be submitted to the Mini-Soccer Registration Secretary. Unfulfilled fixtures shall be referred to the Mini-Soccer Alliance sub-committee, which shall present recommendations to the Management Committee.</u></p> |

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| | | <u>Fixtures for the Under 11 and Under 12 age groups shall operate in a similar manner to the Under 10 fixtures, but the competition format will be dictated by the number of entrants into the Competition.</u> |
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| E | The Mini-Soccer Competitions at such age groups will be played with the following team sizes: Under 7 = 6, Under 8 = 6, Under 9 = 6, Under 10 = 7, Under 11 = 7 and Under 12 = 7. | The Mini-Soccer Competitions at such age groups will be played with the following team sizes: Under 7 = 6, Under 8 = 6, Under 9 = 6, Under 10 = 7, Under 11 = 7 and Under 12 = 7. <u>The squad size at each game (pair of fixtures) can be twice the playing size. The maximum number of players able to be registered for each team name, except those in the Elite division, is 20.</u> |
| F | When a fixture is postponed, a postponed mini-soccer match report form shall be issued to the Mini-Soccer Fixtures Secretary citing the reason for the postponement and a date for the re-scheduled game where possible. | When a fixture is postponed, a postponed mini-soccer match report form shall be issued to the Mini-Soccer Fixtures Secretary citing the reason for the postponement and a date for the re-scheduled game where possible. |
| | | <u>The operation of Fixtures for the Premier divisions will be fully competitive. Entrants for the Premier divisions can take place at under 9, under 10, under 11 and under 12 age groups, subject to the quantity of applications. Any entrants into the Premier division will not be allowed to transfer to the general Mini-Soccer Alliance competition, so would be subject to withdrawal in accordance with Rule 14(B). Fixtures shall be arranged and teams shall play each other at home and away, with each game played in accordance with the duration for Youth and Girls Football. Generally, fixtures will be cast for each playing week-end throughout the season, except for December and January. The squad shall be assigned to teams in the Premier division(s) and shall be limited to 16 players. Fourteen players are able to attend each fixture, with 7 playing at any time. Transfers and de-registrations will be allowed within the Club, in accordance with Rule 8. Match forms shall be returned to the Mini-Soccer Registration Secretary, including the names of all the players, the match scores and the sportsmanship marks for their opposition. The results shall be recorded by the League and will be published on the web-site. Postponed fixtures are expected to be re-arranged by the respective teams. Postponement forms shall be submitted to the Mini-Soccer Registration Secretary. Unfulfilled fixtures shall be referred to the Mini-Soccer Alliance sub-committee, which shall present recommendations to the Management Committee.</u> <u>Awards for sportsmanship and for divisional winners and runners-up shall be awarded for the marks/points gained throughout the season.</u> |