

RULES OF CUP COMPETITIONS OF THE COMBINATION

- 1 Each age division from under 9 to under 18 shall have its own cup competition.
- 2 Subject to these rules the league rules apply.
- 3 The draw for the first rounds of the cup competitions shall be made at the Management Committee meeting in August with subsequent draws at the relevant committee meetings.
- 4 The decision of the management committee relating to dates and venues of matches shall be binding on all teams.
- 5 The management committee shall endeavour to provide neutral grounds for the semi-final and final ties.
- 6 Where the management committee is unable to provide a neutral ground, the match shall be played on the ground of the team coming first in the draw. In the event of the team coming out of the draw first not being able to stage the match on the scheduled date, the game shall be played on the ground of the team having been drawn out second. In the event of this team also not being able to stage the match on the scheduled date, the management committee shall decide when and where the match shall be played.
- 7 The management committee shall endeavour to facilitate the official appointment of as many referees and assistant referees for cup matches as possible. Otherwise Rule 13 shall apply.
- 8 Expenses relating to all cup matches (with the exception of the final tie) shall be borne equally by both clubs.
- 9 The combination shall meet all match expenses of the final ties and shall take the proceeds of any gate or programme monies involved.
- 10 A player may not play for a team if he has played in a previous round for another team in the same age group competition in the same season.
- 11 No player may play in any semi-final or final tie unless he has been registered for his team prior to 1st March in each year, and has played in at least two league matches for his team in this combination.
- 12 Teams found guilty of playing ineligible players in a cup match shall be expelled from the competition and the match awarded to their opponents, subject to Rule 8
- 13 In the event of a team failing to fulfil a cup-tie on the date decided, it shall forfeit the match to its opponents and be liable to such a fine as the management committee shall decide.
- 14 Cup matches shall kick off between 10.30 am and 2.00 pm, to be determined by the home team.
- 15 Both sides shall provide a match ball for cup matches. The referee shall decide the ball to be used for the match.
- 16 A cup or trophy shall be awarded to the winning team in a cup final tie.
- 17 In addition to the cup or trophy the combination may award 14 mementoes to players of the winning team. Up to six additional mementoes may be purchased by the winning team through the combination for players who play did not play in the final tie but who played in a previous round or rounds. The names of such players shall be supplied to the management committee with any such request.
- 18 The management committee may withhold a memento from a player dismissed from the field of play during a cup final.
- 19 In the event of a draw at the end of normal time in any cup match, including the final tie, extra time of ten minutes each way shall be played. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time, the match shall be decided by the taking of penalties as laid down in the Laws of Association Football.