

## **Rules Of The Junior Cup Competition**

(Eastern And Western Divisions)

1. The first teams of all Junior Clubs affiliated to this Association and playing in Junior Leagues must compete in this competition, together with the reserve sides of any Senior Clubs playing in a Junior Competition.

2. Every Club shall play its best available and recognised team in all competition matches.

3. All entries must be sent to the County Secretary on or before the 31st May accompanied by the entry fee of £30 or £60 if paid after the date mentioned. The fee covering registration of all players shall be £27. The fee covering transfers of players shall be £10.

3a. Clubs entering the competition must at the time of sending in their affiliation forms provide evidence that they have current Insurance cover for their players which provide a weekly benefit in cases of injury. Clubs in membership with the County Insurance Scheme will have this evidence provided direct to the Secretary of the County Association. All affiliated JUNIOR clubs must insure for Public Liability and Capital Benefits under the Policy negotiated by the C.C.F.A.

4. The Competition is to be run on a knock-out principle. Exemptions or byes as may be considered appropriate shall be granted or made at the discretion of the Council until the third round of the competition. In each round, the Council shall make the draw for the East and for the West and the County Secretary will intimate to each of the clubs the name of the Club against which it is drawn and the date on which the tie is to be played. The game shall be played on the ground of the first named club. The dates of the rounds and times of kick off shall be fixed by the Council before the commencement of each season.

Note: The first round of the Junior Cup Competition will not be played earlier than the first Saturday in October each year.

5. All matches to last 90 minutes, 45 each way, except under special circumstances of light and weather, and unless otherwise mutually agreed upon by the two Captains. In special circumstances the duration of the match, which shall not be less than 35 minutes each way, must be decided by the Referee before the

commencement of the game. If from any cause over which neither Club has control a match is not played to a conclusion, the match shall be replayed, or, in the event of any match not being played on the date arranged through the ground being declared unfit by the referee, the match shall be played on the following Saturday unless a prior date has been mutually agreed or unless otherwise decided by the Council.

6. Extra time, except under special circumstances of light and weather to be played, if necessary, ie, 15 minutes each way. In the case of a drawn match after extra-time, the tie shall be replayed on its opponents ground. All replays to be played the following Saturday unless a prior date has been mutually agreed between the Clubs or unless otherwise decided by the Council. In the replay, if the scores are still level at the end of extra-time, the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA instructions.

7. In all matches, the first charge on the gate is Referee Fees and expenses. The home club shall make all arrangements and be entitled to the net Gate and is responsible for providing the ground without charge. In the event of a dispute the decision of the Council shall be binding on both parties.

8. Glasses, glass bottles, or cans containing alcohol are NOT permitted outside of the clubhouse and must not be brought into grounds. No alcohol is to be consumed in the ground or premises during the match, except as may be governed by the terms of the club licence with regards to its own members, but notwithstanding such, no alcohol is to be taken or consumed outside the licensed clubhouse or any other authorised area during such match period or brought into the ground.

9. In case of replays being ordered for breach of Rules in rounds prior to the Divisional Finals, the first charge on the Gate shall be the Referee's expenses, then the expenses of the non offending team. Any surplus shall be paid to the non offending team.

10. Any Club failing to play on the appointed date without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure shall be struck out of the competition and be liable to any further penalty which the Council shall determine.

11. Qualification of players: The Competition shall be open to bona fide Junior players. A maximum of four players reinstated in the current Season shall be permitted in any Junior Cup team. Where a

Club reverts to Junior status from Senior status in the previous year, their registered senior players from the previous season shall be exempt from this rule if re-registering for the same club.

12. Registration of players. See County Rule 15. No player shall be registered after March 1st in any season. Clubs desirous of signing players of H.M. Forces in competitions of this Association must comply with Football Association Rule C.2 (A) as detailed in The FA Handbook, and registration forms of Service players must be endorsed by Club Secretaries to the effect that the rule has been complied with, and the permit, together with the date of application to the Service Authority shall be sent to the County Secretary for his notation. No player shall be eligible to participate in the Divisional or County Finals of the competition for any club unless he has been registered for or transferred to that Club on or before March 1st, and had played in not less than three matches for that Club during the current season in any competition in which the Club normally competes. A player who has been a registered member of a Club for the whole or current season, but has not played in the three requisite matches, may be permitted to assist that Club, in the Divisional or County Final providing that he had not played for any other Club, either friendly or competitive matches during the said season.

NOTE: Players should be warned that it is a serious offence to sign for more than one Club. Written contracts signed on a Sunday are not valid and it is an offence for a Club to induce a player to sign on that day.

13. Any player who has taken part in five or more competitive matches in a Senior competition during the preceding or current season shall be disqualified from playing in Junior Competitions except with the sanction of the Council. Any player desiring Reinstatement to Junior status must apply in his own writing to the Reinstatement Secretary stating reasons and also giving full details as to competitions and matches he has taken part in during the preceding and current season with the name of his intended Club. A player may not be reinstated to Junior status more than twice in any one season unless under exceptional circumstances. A fee of £6 which must accompany the request.

14. A registered player of a Junior club may also sign a form to play for another club in Cornwall Senior Competition provided he has obtained the sanction of the Club for which he first registered and of the CCFA. Similarly a qualified player of a Senior Club,

not having a reserve team in the Junior Cup Competition may sign for a Club participating in the Junior Cup Competition. (See County Rule 15 and Rule 13 above). The registration form of such a player must be endorsed by the Secretary of the Club for which he was first registered or be accompanied by written permission from that Club. Clubs signing endorsements as above to have first services of the player.

15. Should a player sign forms for more than one club or except as provided in Junior Cup Rule 14, he shall be guilty of misconduct and liable to be dealt with as the Council may determine. Such player shall be deemed a member of the Club for which he is first registered. It shall be the duty of all clubs to notify the Secretary in writing of any case in which this Rule is known to have been infringed. Failure to so notify shall be dealt with as the Council may determine.

16. No transfer shall take place after March 1st. Should a Club refuse to sign a transfer form the County Secretary shall have power to grant the transfer if satisfied of the player's reason or shall refer any doubtful cases for the decision of the Council.

NOTE: A transfer from one Club to another club automatically cancels all permission given by the player's original Club to play in competitions for any other Club or Clubs.

17. No player shall play for more than one Club in this competition in any one season.

18. In the case of infringements of Rules 12, 13 and 14 the match shall be awarded to the Club against whom an ineligible player is played.

19. If a Club satisfies the Council that Rule 15 has been infringed in good faith and without knowledge of a player having previously signed for another Club, the Council may order a match or matches to be replayed. If in the opinion of the Council, Rule 14 was infringed with the knowledge of a Club, the game shall be awarded to its opponents and such other punishment imposed as the Council may determine.

20. After the conclusion of each competition match, the Secretary of each club shall send to the County Secretary within three days (Sundays excluded) the official form containing a list of players participating, the result of the match certified by the Referee and a Club marking of the Referee. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule

will be fined £10. Should a Club intentionally submit a wrong or false name, such Club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and be dealt with as the Council may determine.

21. All matches shall start not later than the fixed time, 2.00pm. The Referee and Clubs shall report all cases of late starts and clubs or Referees failing to supply a satisfactory explanation shall be liable to a fine. In the event of any match not being completed in accordance with Rules 5 and 6 the Club responsible for such late start shall replay the match on its opponents ground and shall not be entitled to any share of the gate receipts, except travelling expenses. Evening and Holiday fixtures by mutual agreement.

22. The dimensions of the field of play for Junior Clubs shall be: maximum length 120 metres, minimum length 90 metres, maximum breadth 90 metres, minimum breadth 45 metres. The touch and goal lines and all other necessary lines and circles shall be clearly defined. Goal-nets must be used, and both the goal and touch lines roped off where possible. All Clubs must have technical areas, preferably around each dug out, the size of which will be determined by the ground layout. They should be clearly marked in white lining and are for the official dug-out party of Team Manager, Assistant Manager/ Coach, Physio and a maximum of five named substitutes. All shall remain in the technical area with only the Physio for treatment and the substitutes during substitution or warm-up leaving the area during play.

23. Protests and appeals must be intimated to the Referee and the Captains of the competing Clubs at the time the violation takes place (except violations covered by Rules 12, 13, 14 and 15, relative to qualifications of players) and must be lodged in duplicate within three days thereof with the County Secretary, accompanied by a deposit of £10. Any objections relative to ground, goalposts, bar or other appurtenances of the game must be lodged with the Referee before the start of the game.

24. Protests as to the eligibility of players must be lodged with the County Secretary within three days (Sundays excepted) of the alleged breach. Protests to be in duplicate and accompanied with a deposit of £10. The County Secretary shall check the team sheets and report to the Club or Clubs concerned any breaches discovered within four days of receipt of the team sheet. When a club appeals to the Council and the appeal, is as determined by Cup Rules 23 and 24, accompanied by a deposit of £10 representatives of the Club or Clubs involved shall be summoned to a meeting of the Council to

state their case when the appeal is being considered. The expenses of the representatives are to be borne by their respective clubs.

25. All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players, interpretation of rules or laws, as well as other matters in dispute, except where specifically provided for, shall be referred to the Council whose decision shall be final.

26. When the Clubs have been reduced to two in each Division, two Divisional Finals shall be played on neutral grounds to be fixed by the Council and extra time played. A set of 16 trophies to be provided for each team, Assistant Referees and a Reserve Official will be appointed. The winners shall compete for the County Junior Cup on Easter Monday each year on a neutral ground, a set of 16 trophies to be provided for each team in the final. In the Divisional Finals and Final, if a replay is necessary and the scores are level at the end of 90 minutes, extra time of 15 minutes each way will be played. If the scores are still level the ties shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as per F.I.F.A. instructions. In all these matches the Council is to make all arrangements, take all receipts and pay all expenses.

27. When the winners of the Cup shall have been ascertained by the matches as aforesaid, the Secretary of the C.C.F.A. shall hand over the Cup to such winners on their subscribing a document to the following effect. We, A.B., the Secretary of the Club and C.D., E.F., G.H., members of and representing the said Club, having been declared the winners of the Association Cup, and the same having been delivered to us by J.K., the Secretary of the Association, do hereby on behalf of 28. The Secretary of the C.C.F.A., for the time being, shall be for all intents and purposes, the legal holder of the Cup in trust for the C.C.F.A. to whom all Cups shall be returned by 31st January failing which a fine shall be incurred.

29. No Club shall, without the consent of the Council, be allowed to withdraw from the Competition and the Council shall have power to penalise any Club as they deem necessary for the infringement of this Rule.

30. In the event of two Clubs having similar playing colours the visiting team shall change. In the Divisional Finals and Final stages both Clubs shall change unless mutually agreed and confirmation of changes sent by all clubs to the County Secretary. No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark colours. Any player not wearing his Club colours shall be

subject to a fine of £10. This does not apply to the acting goalkeeper.

31. For the Divisional Finals and Final tie competing Clubs must send to each other and to the County Secretary the surnames and forenames of their intended team (together with substitutes not more than 16 in all) seven CLEAR days prior to the match subject to a fine of £10. All protests as to eligibility of players (or any other cause not provided for in these Rules) shall be lodged with the County Secretary three days prior to the match.

32. Substitute players may be used in this competition and shall be restricted to three in number chosen from a maximum of five, all of whom must be nominated to the Referee before the match.

Note: See County Rule 7.

33. The Council shall have the power to inflict fines upon Clubs in the case of breaches of the Rules, and if necessary to order matches to be replayed except where otherwise provided for.

34. From the profits of the Divisional Finals and Final Tie of the competition the council may in their absolute discretion make grants to the competing finalists.

35. The Council shall have the power to alter or add to the above rules as they from time to time may deem expedient, but such alterations shall be notified to the Clubs in membership not later than the date of the Annual General Meeting.

36. The Council shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in the Rules regulating the competition.