

# Mid Gloucestershire Mini Soccer League



**LEAGUE RULES** (Standard Code of  
Rules for Youth Competitions [Leagues])  
**Season 2016-2017**  
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## NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

### DEFINITIONS

1. (A) In these Rules:

“Affiliated Association” means an Association accorded the status of an affiliated Association under the Rules of The FA.

“AGM” shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

“Club” means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

“Competition” means the [ ] League.

“Competition Match” means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

“Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

“Deposit” means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

“Fees Tariff” means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules.

“Fines Tariff” means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules.

“Ground” means the ground on which the Club’s Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

“Management Committee” means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

“Match Officials” means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

“Mini Soccer” means those participating at ages under 7s to under 10s.

“Non Contract Player” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

“Officer” means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

“Participants” means an Affiliated Association, Competition, Club, Club Official, Intermediary, Player, Official, Match Official, Management Committee member, member or employee of an Affiliated Club and all such persons who are from time to time participating in any activity sanctioned either directly or indirectly by the Association.

“Player” means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

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

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

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

“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the Rules of The FA.

“Secretary” means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

“Team” means a team affiliated to a Club.

“Team Sheet” means a form provided by the Competition on which the names of the Players taking part in a Competition Match are listed.

“The FA” means The Football Association Limited.

“written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

“Youth Football” means those participating at ages under 11s to under 18s.

(B) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 16.

(C) The Competition will be known as [ ] (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.

(D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

(E) Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

## Name and Constitution

### 2. A.

This Competition shall be designated the Mid Gloucestershire Mini Soccer League and shall consist of no more than (50) Clubs who shall be Full Member Clubs.

The Competition will provide football in accordance with the agreed youth formats published under FA Rule C4(A). This Competition will reproduce the relevant FA Rule in its handbook and on its website to ensure clarity and compliance with Rule 8(B).

(B) All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to an affiliated County Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by an appointed date on the Form “D” to the Gloucestershire Football Association Ltd (Youth Committee). The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be within a 30 – mile radius of Stroud, Gloucestershire.

The Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Gloucestershire Football Association Ltd (Youth Committee) and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions each not exceeding 16 in number.

The competition will provide small sided football for players who have attained the age of 6 years but not the age of 13 years as at midnight on 31st August in a playing season.

### (C) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) This Competition and each Member Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination

(ii) This Competition and each Member Club does not and must not [by its rules or regulations or] in any manner whatsoever unlawfully discriminate against any person within the meaning and scope of the Equality Act 2010 or any law, enactment, order or regulation relating to discrimination (whether by age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise).

(iii) [This Competition and each Member Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise).

(iv) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate sanctioning Association for investigation.

(D) - Not currently applicable

(E) This Competition and its Clubs shall support the FA's Respect programme. As such it recognises that everyone in football has a collective responsibility to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. A Respect League values the contribution of match officials, players and spectators and ensures that they are treated with courtesy and fairness by opposing players, club officials and spectators. The League and its Clubs will seek to play fixtures in a fair, competitive but not antagonistic environment.

(F) Member Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of F.A. and County F.A. Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee of the Competition.

(G) At the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

## ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION AND DEPOSIT

3.

(A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £40 per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. The Entry Fee shall apply.

When Rule 12(B) is applied and a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be £35 per Team playing Mini-Soccer payable on or before the 10th July in each year.

At the discretion of the Management Committee Annual Subscriptions can be varied (but not increased) or waived.

(B) Each Club shall, within 14 days of election, pay a Deposit of £5.00 which shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 31st August of its Gloucestershire County Football Association Football Affiliation Number for the forthcoming Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary, in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

## MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION AND ELECTION

4.

(A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and 5 members who shall all be elected at the AGM. All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than April 30th in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nominations, in accordance with the foregoing of any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet as often as is necessary to deal with business as it arises. On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers and sent to the Secretary.

## POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

5.

(A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of the Football Association or affiliated Association.

The decision of all such Committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. B.

Subject to the permission of the Gloucestershire Football Association Ltd (Youth Committee), having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season. (See Rule 6[E]).

(C) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote thereat, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club so represented. (This shall apply to the procedure of any Sub-committee). In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(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. With the exception of Rules 5(I), 6(H), 10(A) 11 and 19 for any breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued. The respondent shall be given seven days from the date of notice to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-

(i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or

(ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or

(iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or

(iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing 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 by the appropriate Association.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.

Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Management Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £100 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances. No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

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

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right to appeal to the Board of Appeal in accordance with Rule 16.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within fourteen (14) days.

(F) Five (5) Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and three (3) Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any Subcommittee of the Competition.

(G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have the power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.

(H) A Club having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition, shall be liable to be fined or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(I) All fines and charges shall be paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of posting of the written notification. Any Club failing to do so will be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Further failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

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

(M) Leagues who organise Mini Soccer for teams playing U7, U8 and U9 football may not, with the exception of Rules 6, 10(A), 11(D), 14 and 19 fine clubs for breaches of League Rules.

(N) For those leagues defined under Rule 5(M) when a team fails to fulfil either a festival or development fixture and pitch hire costs have been incurred, the Organising Competition will be empowered to order the defaulting club to pay these costs and charge an administration fee of up to £10.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 30 Members are present and entitled to vote:

(i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding AGM.

(ii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.

(iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.

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

(v) Election of Officers and Management Committee.

(vi) Appointment of Auditors.

(vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (See Rule 20).

(viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.

(ix) Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season.

(x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.

(B) A copy of the duly audited or verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Account and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting, and to the Gloucestershire Football Association Ltd (Youth Committee).

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Account shall be sent to the Gloucestershire Football Association Ltd (Youth Committee) within fourteen (14) days of the adoption by the Annual General Meeting

(D) Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send a maximum of two (2) delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to give one (1) vote. Not less than fourteen (14) days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the season being concluded or who are not continuing Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least two-thirds of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

(G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Member Club unless the individual is also appointed to vote as a representative of a group of Associate Member Clubs.

(H) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given may be fined £1.

(I) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

## AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

7.

Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Playing Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

“We, (A), (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Chairman)/Director and (B) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Secretary/Director) of [ ] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [ ] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16.”

The agreement shall be signed by:

- (i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club Chairman and secretary; or
- (ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two directors of the Club.

Any alteration of the Chairman and /or secretary of the Club on the above agreement must be notified to the [ ] County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary.

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

## QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8.

(A)

(i) 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, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the (Registrations) Secretary 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.

Or

Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing, countersigned by his/her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the match. The Player shall not again play until the Club is in possession of the completed counterfoil. A maximum of 1 Player may be registered in this way. The registration document must incorporate any known serious medical conditions of the Player and emergency contact details of the Players' parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the Player attends within the management of the Club or Competition.

(ii) Registration forms may also be submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary by electronic mail or facsimile machine prior to the Player playing. The original document must be forwarded by post within three days of the match to the appropriate Officer.

The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with proof of the Player's date of birth.

If a Player's age is required for registration purposes a Competition must accept an original birth certificate or a photocopy. In cases where the birth certificate is not available a Competition is required to accept a photocopy of the Player's passport or other official document issued by a Government Agency attesting to the Player's date of birth.

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

(B)

(i) Contract Players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

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

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

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5v5	5
7v7	7
9v9	9
11v11	11

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

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

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

Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above his or her chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under 7 age group, and may not play in the Under 8 age group, for that Playing Season.

The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
6	Under 7	5v5	30x20	27.45 x 18.3	40x30	36.3 x 27.45	12x6	3
	Under 8		30x20	27.45 x 18.3	40x30	36.3 x 27.45	12x6	3
7	Under 8	5v5	30x20	27.45 x 18.3	40x30	36.3 x 27.45	12x6	3
	Under 9	7v7	50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	3
8	Under 9	7v7	50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	3
	Under 10		50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	4
9	Under 10	7v7	50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	4
	Under 11	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
10	Under 11	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
	Under 12		70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4

11	Under 12	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
	Under 13	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
12	Under 13	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4

(D) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered, if applicable.

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration.

(F) It shall be deemed a breach of these Rules for a Player to:-

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except for the purpose of a transfer.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the Player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

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

(G)

(i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player, the exercise of such power being without prejudice to the Management Committee's ability to fine a Club at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall also have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct, such refusal or cancellation being subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority. Where the Management Committee does not have enough information to enable it to make a decision pursuant to the above power, it may apply, in its absolute discretion, to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA for further information.

Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.

(iv) For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall only be taken against a Player in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

(H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C 2(a) when a Club wishes to register a Player who is already registered with another Club it shall submit a transfer form to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the Club for which the Player is registered. Should this Club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the Player concerned within 7 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 7 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the Player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or [ ] days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

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

(J) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 8(C).

(K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (Registrations) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.

In the event of a Non Contract Player changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition his registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 8(B)(i).

(L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A)) unless the Player has played [ ] league games for that Team in this Competition in the current Playing Season.

(M) (i) Subject to Rule 8(M)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a match or matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

(ii) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 8(M)(i) only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.

(iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible player in accordance with Rule 8(M)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:

- (a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed;
- (b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
- (c) Order that such match or matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

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

(N)(i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the head teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).

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

## CLUB COLOURS AND CLUB NAME

9.

(A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> August who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players and the referee. No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least two (2) days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the home team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change shall be fined £1.00 .

The Secretary of the Competition may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit.

B.

Any Club wishing to change its name and/or colours must obtain permission from its affiliated County Football Association and from the Management Committee.

PLAYING SEASON, CONDITIONS OF PLAY,

TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS AND SUBSTITUTES

10.

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the commencing and concluding dates for the ensuing season which shall be in accordance with Football Association Rules. No club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date. Original fixtures arranged by the secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than 1st August, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date determined by the Annual General Meeting.

(B) 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 ground in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If though 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.

The Management Committee shall have the 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 fixture on another ground.

Football Turf Pitches (3G Artificial Pitches) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches. For clubs playing at Step 7 and below from season 2016/17, all Football Turf Pitches used must be on the FA's register and must be tested (by an accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register. The home Club is also responsible for advising participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 10(D).

All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the two Managers in consultation with the Referee prior to the commencement of the match and in any event shall be of two equal halves.

For Mini-Soccer – The maximum duration of play for the under 7 and under 8 age groups shall be two halves of 20 minutes each way, and for the under 9 and under 10 age groups, two halves of 25 minutes each way. The maximum playing time in any one day for the under 7 and under 8 age groups is 40 minutes, and for the under 9 and under 10 age groups is 60 minutes in all competitions.

For Youth football – The maximum duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time. For under 11 and under 12, 30 minutes each half; for under 13 35 minutes each half.

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.

No player participating in an under 11 or under 12 division 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 double-header, i.e. two separate matches, 80 minutes per day in all competitions. For under 13 to under 16 divisions, no player may play more than 100 minutes per day in all competitions and for under 17 and under 18 divisions, not more than 120 minutes per day in all competitions.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall/may be fined a sum not exceeding or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.



Age Group	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events / festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 7 and Under 8	10	20	40	60	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
Under 9 and Under 10	20	30	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	20	30	80	120	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)
Under 12	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 and Under 14	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table

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

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

A size 3 ball will be used for age groups U7 to U9.

A size 4 ball will be used for age groups U10 to U14. A size 5 ball will be used for all other age groups. Goal nets must be used.

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

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

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

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5v5	4
7v7	5
9v9	7
11v11	7

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

The Secretary of the home Club must give notice in writing of full particulars of the

location of and access to the ground and time of kick-off to the match officials and the Secretary if the opposing Club at least seven (7) clear days prior to the playing of the match. The away Club shall seek and acknowledge receipt of such particulars.

Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of £1.00.

(E) 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. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

Any Club with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfill its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence, where team precedence is applicable:- First Team, Reserve Team, A Team. Clubs in breach of this requirement shall be fined a sum not exceeding £5 or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict a fine.

Notice of postponement of any match must be given without delay by the postponing Club. Such notice must be given 48 hours prior by the Club to the Results Secretary, Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Apart from the weather or school commitments causing a postponement only 1 postponement is permitted per team, any team failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who will impose a 3 point deduction, any changes to the initial fixtures schedule must be submitted to the management committee before the end of September, in exceptional circumstances the management committee have the authority to waive the 3 point deduction when evidence allows.

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 mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Secretary within fourteen (14) days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date.

The Management Committee shall review all abandoned matches and in a case where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, 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 consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the appropriate County Football Association. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

(G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 substitutes for Under 8's, 7 substitutes for Under 9's, 10's and U11 (7v7), 9 substitutes for U11 (9v9), U12's and U13's

For mini-soccer any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. Entry on to the field of play will only allowed during stoppage of play. A player who has been replaced may return to the play as a substitute for another player. A team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its team in an age group.

The Referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than ten (10) minutes before the start of the match.

Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during stoppage of play. A player who has been replaced may return to the play as a substitute for another player

(H) The half time interval shall be five (5) minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

(I) The Competition shall require all players and club officials to have signed the FA's RespectCodes of Conduct and produce these if so requested by the Management Committee.

Prior to each match the participating teams and officials shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake and/or participating teams to offer 'three cheers' and handshakes to the opposing team after the match.

The participating clubs taking part in the fixture shall identify a team captain designated with a captain's armband who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her team mates. If the participating players are considered to be too young to take on this role a member of the team coaching staff should provide this support.

Each home club shall make arrangements for the provision of designated areas for spectators. This area can be marked by an additional painted line, the use of cones, a roped off area or use of a temporary spectator barrier. The area for spectators should start two metres from the touchline on both sides of the pitch. Each area should run the full length of the pitch. It is recognised, however, that the alignment of some public pitches does not allow for this arrangement in which case other appropriate arrangements should be made.

## REPORTING RESULTS

11.

(A) The Results secretary must receive within five days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner (online or results card). This must include the forename and surname of the team players (in block letters) and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5 and the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide. Fines will be sent to club secretaries on a monthly basis failure of a club to pay such fines within three weeks of the date stamp on the invoice will result in a club suspension from the league until such invoices have been paid.

(B) The home team shall telephone, text or e-mail the result of each match to the Results Secretary within 48 hours of the match completion. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5 and the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

(C) The Match result notification, correctly completed shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. The Management Committee shall have the power to take such action as they deem suitable against a Club which submits an incomplete form or inaccurate information.

(D) Leagues are permitted to collect but not publish results for fixtures for U7, U8, U9, U10 & U11 Mini Soccer and U11 Youth Soccer. They may require a Club to confirm that as set fixture has been played. A maximum fine of £5 may be imposed for a breach of this rule.

## DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

12.

(A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with four (4) points to be awarded for a win and two (2) points for a drawn match and one (1) point will be awarded for a loss. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

The final League position is determined on a points basis only. In the event of two or more teams being equal on points team, then play-off games will decide final positions. With all games being played, no games will be awarded by default. (see also Rule 22b)

Under 8's, Under 9's, Under 10's & Under 11's leagues are on a non competitive friendly basis, with marks being awarded for only for sportsmanship and the opposition player of the match.

For deciding matches, in the event of the scores in a special championship match played under conditions determined by the Management Committee being level at the end of the 10 minutes extra time shall be played in two equal periods of 5 minutes. Should one of the teams score during the period of extra time the match will be considered as finished and the team scoring the goal declared the winner. If no goal is scored during extra time the winners will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Board Decision contained in the Laws of Association Football.

(C) In the event of a team not completing all of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table.

## REFEREES

13.

(A) Registered Referees for all matches shall be appointed in the manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association.

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee, or where the competition has been unable to appoint a Referee, the Clubs shall agree in writing upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. Club managers may referee games but are not permitted to coach players from either side whilst they have taken the role of referee.

(C) The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any matches.

(D) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the representative of that body is the sole arbitrator and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play. Where the home club considers conditions to be adverse it is empowered to call in a registered referee who may decide the ground is unfit and shall notify the Secretary of the Competition in writing the reasons for the postponement. The home club must then immediately notify the match officials and the visiting Club of the postponement.

(E) Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to charge standard class public transport expenses or private car expenses of 32p per mile together with the following match fees:

Referee's Fee: £15, Registered Referees appointed by the Management Committee as Assistant Referee Fee: £8, subject to any limits laid down by the sanctioning Association.

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses before the match. F. In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus expenses only.

Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses.

(G) A Referee not keeping his engagement, and failing to give satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may be reported to the County Football Association with which he is registered.

(K) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

## CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

14.

(A) After 31st December in the current Season a Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each Season or be liable to a fine not exceeding £1.00.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the arrangements of the fixtures for the following season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £1.00 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5 (B).

(C) In addition to the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 5(1), in the event of a member Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee are empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

(D) In the event of a Member Club which is an un-incorporated association withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition.

In the event that any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of twenty - one (21) days then such obligation shall be met by the then current Club Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age. Until a Member's pro-rata obligation is discharged in full the Member shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition, which may apply to the Club's Parent County Association for a suspension order.

## PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

15.

(A)

(1) All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee.

(2) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts and other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match. Any Club lodging such a protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

(B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decided that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged in duplicate with the Secretary within seven (7) days (excluding Sunday) of the match occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

(C) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 16.

(D) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum of £5.00. This may be forfeited in whole or part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing the case. The Competition shall have the power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or to order that the cost to be shared by the parties.

(E) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard. (i) All parties must have received 14\_days' notice of the Hearing should they be instructed to attend. (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then they should forward a deposit of £10 and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

(F) When dealing with a protest or complaint the Management Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.



## APPEALS

16.

Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff, which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):

- (i) Invite submissions by the parties involved;
- (ii) Convene a hearing to hear the appeal;
- (iii) Permit new evidence; or
- (iv) Impose deadlines as are appropriate.

Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.

No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct..

## EXCLUSION OF CLUB OR TEAM MISCONDUCT, CLUBS OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS

17.

(A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19. Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further Membership which must be supported by more than two-thirds of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.

(B) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provision of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club or team of Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by two-thirds of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either breach of the rules, other than field offences or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clause (A) and (B) of this Rule.

## TROPHY: LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED AND AWARDS.

18.

(A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-

“We A [name] and B [name], the Chairman and Secretary of [ ] FC(Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of [ ] Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before [ ]. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

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

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

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

19. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) 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 a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Each member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

Any continuing member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

## ALTERATION TO RULES

20. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Association, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to the Rule relating to the qualification of Players shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

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

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) [ ] days prior to the date of the meeting.

## FINANCE

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

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

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end on [ ].

(D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be *audited/verified* annually by some suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

## INSURANCE

22. All Clubs must have public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

## DISSOLUTION

- 23.(A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a Special General Meeting by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant Special General Meeting.
- (B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.
- (C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:
- (i) Any surplus assets, save for a Trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Association.
  - (ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a Trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Association may decide.

## FEES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
3 (A)	ENTRY FEE	£40.00
3 (B)	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£0
3 (C)	DEPOSIT	£0
8 (D)	REGISTRATION FORM	£1.50 (per Player)
8 (H)	TRANSFER FORM	£1.50
13 (E)	REFEREE FEES	As agreed with Sanctioning Authority
13 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	As agreed with Sanctioning Authority
15 (C),16	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£10
2 (B)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	Suspension
2 (D)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£10
2 (E)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£10
3 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£0
3 (E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	Suspension
4 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	League Committee Decision
5 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	League Committee Decision
5 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN 14 DAYS OF NOTICE	League Committee Decision
6 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	n/a
7	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	League Committee Decision
8 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	League Committee Decision
8 (B)(iii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	Temporary Suspension
8 (F)	SIGNING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	Temporary Suspension
8 (G) (ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	Temporary Suspension
8(M)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	Loss of points

8 (N)(i)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	League Committee Decision
9 (A),10 (A)	DELAYING KICK OFF/NO NETS/ NO CORNER FLAGS	£0
9(A)	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00 total
9 (B)	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	League Committee Decision
10 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	League Committee Decision
10 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	League Committee Decision
10 (D)	FAILURE TO HAVE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT WILL CONSTITUTE A TEAM	League Committee Decision
10 (E) (i) & (iii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	League Committee Decision
10 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£0
11 (A) & 11 (C)	LATE TEAM SHEET	League Committee Decision
11 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	League Committee Decision
11(D)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE	League Committee Decision
11(E)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE	League Committee Decision
13 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	n/a
13 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	League Committee Decision
13 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	League Committee Decision
13 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	League Committee Decision
14 (A)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE	League Committee Decision
14 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE OR COMPLETE FIXTURES	League Committee Decision
18 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	League Committee Decision
19	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING	League Committee Decision
22	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£10

## Mid Glos Mini Soccer League Addition Rules

### 23a

Spectators must be behind a respect tape (2m from touchline) Managers to be located on the opposite side of the pitch to spectators

Where possible technical areas should be marked out for coaches and managers, in accordance with FA pitch marking guidelines.

No-one should stand behind the goal except in exceptional circumstances.

### 23b

In accordance with rule 12a, any team found by the League committee failing to complete 50% of it's scheduled matches by the start of the second half of the season following the Christmas break, may be deducted 4 points by the management committee.

Attention is brought to Rule 10F ...

".....Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict a fine.

Notice of postponement of any match must be given without delay by the postponing Club. Such notice must be given 48 hours prior by the Club to the Results Secretary, Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Apart from the weather or school commitments causing a postponement only 1 postponement is permitted per team, any team failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who will impose a 3 point deduction, any changes to the initial fixtures schedule must be submitted to the management committee before the end of September, in exceptional circumstances the management committee have the authority to waive the 3 point deduction when evidence allows.

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 mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Secretary within fourteen (14) days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date."

## Child Protection

1. Any act, statement, conduct or other matter which harms a child or children, or poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children, shall constitute behavior which is improper and brings the game into disrepute.
2. In these Regulations the expression "Offence" shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.
3. Upon receipt by The Association of:
  - 3.1 notification that an individual has been charged with an Offence; or
  - 3.2 notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police, Social Services or any other authority relating to an Offence; or
  - 3.3 any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children then The Association shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
4. In reaching its determination as to whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made The Association shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:
  - 4.1 whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm;
  - 4.2 whether the matters are of a serious nature;
  - 4.3 whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority to proceed unimpeded.
5. The period of an order referred to in 3 above shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge under the Rules of The Association or any Offence is decided or brought to an end.
6. Where an order is imposed on an individual under regulation 3 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.
7. Where a person is convicted, or is made the subject of a caution in respect of an Offence, that shall constitute a breach of the Rules of The Association and The Association shall have the power to order the suspension of the person from all or any specific football activity for such a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
8. For the purpose of these Regulations, The Association shall act through its Council or any Committee or Sub-Committee thereof, including the Board.
9. Notification in writing of an order referred to above shall be given to the person concerned and/or any Club with which he is associated as soon as reasonably practicable.
10. Clubs must provide proof of an FA CRB check for the Chairman, Secretary and Club Welfare Officer of their club, in addition to this all teams must provide proof of an FA CRB check for all managers managing teams participating in the Mid-Glos Mini-Soccer League. Teams that fail to provide this will be suspended from the League until proof is supplied.