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JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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Season 2025 – 2026

League Council Meetings 2025 – 2026

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AGM

Tuesday 30th June 2026

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HUDDERSFIELD & DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE RULES 2025-2026

TAKEN FROM FA STANDARD CODE OF RULES FOR MINI SOCCER AND YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for Mini Soccer and Youth Football Competitions (the "Standard Code").

The Standard Code is mandatory for all Mini Soccer and Youth Football Competitions.

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.

"Club Portal" means the system used by Clubs to affiliate teams as determined by The FA from time to time;

"Competition" means the Huddersfield Junior Football 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, as set out at Schedule A.

"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, as set out at Schedule A.

"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.

"Participant" shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time.

"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 defined in The FA rules.

"Season" means the period of time between an AGM and the subsequent AGM.

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

"SGM" means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Team" means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.

"The FA" means The Football Association Limited.

"Virtual Meetings" means meetings held electronically.

"WGS" means the Whole Game System and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by The FA from time to time.

"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) 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.

NB All rule changes for 2025/26 season are in red text



GOVERNANCE RULES

COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION

- 2.(a) The Competition will be known as Huddersfield & District Junior Football League (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.
- (b) This Competition shall consist of not more than 150 Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (c) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be 27 miles from Huddersfield Town Hall.
- (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) 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 7.
- (f) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions (the "Standard Code") determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.
- (g) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, *each not exceeding 14 in number*.

- (h) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination
- (i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).
- (ii) This Competition and each 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.
- (iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.



- (i) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, England Football Accredited and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (j) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.
- (k) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing at a particular age group in the Competition in any other competition (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Clubs must indicate on the online League entry form if they are entering a District Cup Competition. The request must be submitted to the League Secretary on or before 16th July of each year. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. A Club must immediately inform the Competition of the details of any fixture(s) in any other competition in which the Club has entered, for which written consent of the Management Committee has been obtained.
- (l) At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22. After the initial AGM or SGM to decide the constitution of the divisions and changes to divisions after this will be made of the Management Committee.

ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITATION (EFA)

All Clubs in the League are required to maintain the principles and practices of The FA's EFA Policy.

CONDITIONS OF LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP

All clubs must have in place EFA Status before the start of the playing season with the following exception.

NEW CLUBS

A new club entering the League for the first time will be allowed to participate for one season without having **EFA** Status. Continuation of membership into the second season of the League will be based on Clubs commitment in applying and working towards **EFA** Status.

The Club must obtain EFA Status prior to their application for the third season with the League.

In the case of new clubs or teams wishing to enter the Huddersfield Junior Football League, the normal procedure will be for them to start in a division of their age group after consultation between the team manager and the appropriate Age Group Secretary. The Huddersfield Junior League does not enforce teams starting in the bottom division and working up.

New clubs or teams joining the Huddersfield Macron Junior Football league shall be subject to a probationary season. At the end of the first season and prior to the annual general meeting, the league committee shall review the performance of such clubs and or teams (in terms of fixture fulfilment, postponements and compliance with league administrative procedures) and make a recommendation to the annual general meeting regarding the continuing league membership of all clubs or teams under probation.

All clubs are held responsible for the behaviour and conduct of their players, officials and spectators.



CONCLUSION

The above means that no new clubs/teams will be refused entry by not having EFA status in place and they will have 2 (two) years to achieve EFA status.

Any Club that fails to maintain their EFA Status, uphold the principles of EFA or fail to apply for EFA may be expelled or refused entry into the League (Subject to Rule 4).

CLUB NAME

3. Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

- 4.(a) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary by July 16th and must be accompanied by an entry fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

The cut off point for late U12 – U18 team entries is 3 weeks into the season and no changing of divisions will be done after 3 weeks of the season for U12 to U18's

At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a SGM or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.

- (b) The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per *Club/Team* (where a Club has more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable on or before 20th August in each year.
- (c) *A Deposit of £[] shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club/Team (where a Club provides more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable on or before [] in each year. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.* This is not applicable in the HJFL League.
- (d) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid, and until they have affiliated their club and the relevant teams with the County FA.
- (e) All Clubs must ensure that all its teams participating in the Competition are recorded as affiliated on the Club Portal for the forthcoming Playing Season by the following date, 31st July. Clubs must advise the Competition Secretary in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (f) An all-female team can apply to the Competition to play an age group down in a mixed gender competition, subject to rule 8A(iii)&(iv) and provided the team has obtained approval from its Sanctioning Authority.
- (g) The competition from U7 to U18 will be organised into sections or divisions of not more



than 14 teams. For U12 to U18 no team will be allowed to move divisions after the 4th Tuesday of the season.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

5.(a) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and **a minimum of one member (but no more than 4 members)**, who shall all be elected at the AGM.

(b) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than 28 days prior to the AGM in each year.

All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than 28 days prior to the AGM in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.

(c) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required, save that no more than three calendar months shall pass between each meeting.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.

For the avoidance of doubt each Management Committee member carries one vote.

(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 Officers (Club Secretary) and sent to the League Secretary.

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



POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

6.(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 FA or Affiliated Association.

(b) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority 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.

(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 or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).



In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.

- (d) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H) and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:-

1. Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
2. Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or
3. Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
4. Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case at a hearing before the Management Committee.

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 or the 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 of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.

- (f) 4 (four) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.
- (g) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill, in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.
- (h) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.



- (i) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision.

Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine 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 Competition Match may have any reasonable 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 AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season.
- (l) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

- 7.(a) (1) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.
- (2) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or 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 Competition Match.
- (b) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within 3 (three) days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or 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 their Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
- (c) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.
- (d) 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 a minimum of 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
 - (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response.
- (e) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.
- (f) An intention to appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 7 days of the



Management Committee providing written notification of its decision.

A notice of appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 14 days of the Management Committee providing written notification of its decision, accompanied by the relevant fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority.

- (g) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 8.(a) The AGM shall be held not later than the last Tuesday in June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 51% of members are present and entitled to vote:-
1. To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM.
 2. To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts.
 3. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
 4. Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.
 5. Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.
 6. Appointment of auditors.
 7. Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14).
 8. Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
 9. Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season.
 10. 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 balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting together with any proposed Rule changes.
- (c) A signed copy of the duly audited balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.
- (d) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.
- (e) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing 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. *This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.*
- (f) All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands, or count of email or virtual responses (for Virtual Meetings), unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chair so decides.
- (g) 1 Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.



2. Any club that has submitted a valid application to join the Competition for the forthcoming season must have the opportunity to be put forward for membership and to have a vote taken on their membership application.
- (h) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a club (See Rule 8.G).
- (i) Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.
- (j) FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS will be held throughout the season which all Member Clubs MUST attend, by sending a minimum of 1 (one) representative of the Club to the meeting. The Meetings to be held bi monthly on the first (1st) Tuesday of the month, however, full details will be issued prior to the beginning of the season and will be available in the Handbook and on the website. Failure to send a representative to a meeting will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

9. A. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.
- B. The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.
- C. At least seven (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.
- D. Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.
- E. Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- F. Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a club (See Rule 9.D)

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

10. 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 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 Huddersfield & District Junior Football League 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 7."

The agreement shall be signed by:

1. Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club chairman and secretary; or
2. 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 relevant County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the League Secretary.

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

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

- 11.(a) Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition must do so at least 21 days before the AGM. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (b) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (c) Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(l), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAM, MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- 12.(a) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (i) remove a member of the Management Committee from office, (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (b) At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club or Team whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) 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 Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, 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 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 clauses (A) and/or (B) of this Rule.



TROPHY

13.(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 the Full Council Meeting in November. 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.

ALTERATION TO RULES

14. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season; except in exceptional circumstances and approved by Sanctioning Authority and The FA.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the League Secretary by 35 days prior to the AGM in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 21 days prior to the AGM and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 14 days prior to the AGM. 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 51% [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 SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

FINANCE

15.(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 £500 shall be approved by the Management Committee.
- (c) The financial year of the Competition will end on 31st May.
- (d) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be *audited/verified* annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

INSURANCE

16.(a) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.

- (b) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from



time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

Failure to comply with Rule 16(a) or 16(b) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

DISSOLUTION

- 17.(a) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.
- (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:
 2. 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 Authority.
 3. 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 Authority may decide.

MATCH RELATED RULES

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

18.(a) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

1. registered through the FA Player registration system. If a Club attempts to register a player via FA Player registration system but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via FA Player registration system, the registration will not be processed. Once a player has been submitted by the club for the registration to be processed, the Registration Secretary is afforded up to 7 days to approve said player.
2. All players registered on FA Player registration system must have a clear photo of the player attached. This **MUST** be updated every 2 years.
3. A player shall not be permitted to play in any match if their registration ID is not available for inspection prior to the game commencing. Each team is required to have their current Squad List showing players photo and verifying team registration available at matches, it should be shown to the Opposition Manager **BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF EVERY GAME**, and also made available to League and County Officials if requested to do so before the start of the game. **If teams agree not to show ID cards prior to commencement of games there will be no recourse afterwards.**
4. Clubs must report any team not making available for inspection Player ID to the League within 3 days (excluding Sundays) in accordance with rule 7.



5. Any player(s) that register for a new Club following rule 18P that have participated in any round of Cup/Trophy/Shield/Vase competition will be deemed as “cup tied” and may not be permitted to play in the same cup/trophy competition for the new Club.
6. A player can only be registered to **ONE** team in an age group in the Competition.

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

- (b) (1) 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 or Tiers 1-4 of the Women's Pyramid System.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the 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.

2. A Player registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition, except for those in the under 11 age-group and below where consent has been given by the relevant Premier League or EFL Academy (such consent can be withdrawn at any time). Trial players are not considered to be registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy for these purposes and therefore the prohibition on playing in the Competition does not apply to them. The relevant Premier League/EFL Academy remains responsible for managing the frequency of the player's playing time. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with an FA Emerging Talent Centre or an **FA Professional Game Academy** may play in this Competition subject to the FA Girls' Emerging Talent Centre Operating Criteria and **Professional Game Academy Youth Development Rules**.
3. Each Team must have the following number of Players registered 7 days before the start of each Playing Season:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5 v 5 (u7 & u8)	5
7 v 7 (u9 & u10)	7
9 v 9 (u11 & u12)	9
11 v 11 (u13 to u18)	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 their 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 their 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. For the purposes of this Rule 18(C), provisions relating to playing in specified age groups shall include participating in training as well as playing in matches 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 Aug 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	U 7	5 v 5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	U 8		30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	
7	U 8	5 v 5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	U 9	7 v 7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	
8	U 9	7 v 7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	U 10		50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	
9	U 10	7 v 7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	U 11	9 v 9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
10	U 11	9 v 9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	U 12		70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	
11	U 12	9 v 9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	U 13	11 v 11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
12	U 13	11 v 11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	U 14		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
13	U 14	11 v 11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	U 15		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
14	U 15	11 v 11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	U 16		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	
15	U 16	11 v 11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	U 17		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	U 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
16	U 17	11 v 11	100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	U 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Open Age		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	



- (d) A fee, as per the fees tariff, shall be paid by each Club/Team for each player registered, and this will be invoiced on March 1st from figures in FA Player registration system and 30% of monies collected will be put into a League hardship fund.
- (e) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes taking into account the following.
1. A Player shall not be permitted to register for more than one Club subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below.
 2. In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club in the Competition, the valid registration submitted first shall take precedence. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below.
 3. A Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club provided that: The Team(s) in which the Player plays in are not in the same age group; or except for the purpose of a transfer, and the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C).
- (f) It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Player to:-
1. Play for more than one Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.
 2. Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except if the provisions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) apply; *or where the Competition adopts rule 18.P*
 3. Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS 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) 1. The Management Committee shall accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rule 18(G)(ii) and (iii) below.
2. 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 7).
 3. The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. 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.



4. For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(g)(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 Rule 18(g)(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 C2 when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) 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 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the League 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 7 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 March 31st except by special permission of the Management Committee. These dates do not apply to U7 to U11 who may register/transfer at any time during the season but can only play in League games if it occurs after the above dates.
- (j) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of all matches in which those Players have played for the Club 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 **their** Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C).

In the case of a Club having 2 (two) teams in the same Division no interchanging of players must take place.

- (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 an Officer of the Club 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 **their** status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a club in another competition **their** registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18(b)(i).



- (l) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played 2 Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.
- (m) A Team shall not include more than 3 Players who have played in 3 or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 clear days has elapsed since they last played. 21 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant Player last played and the day when the Player intends to play again.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is Open Age Football.

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

- (n) (1) Subject to Rule 18(n)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition 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.
- 2. The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(n)(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.
- 3. Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(n)(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; and/or
 - c) Order that such Competition 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):

- (o) (1) Priority **must be given at all times** to the activities of schools and school organisations. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (2) The availability of children must be cleared with their head teacher (except for Sunday league competitions).

Postponements under this rule will only be considered if the Club are unable to field a team as a direct result of their players involvement in schools' activities.

Clubs wishing to apply for a postponement must forward their request in writing, (giving a minimum of 28 days' notice) to the League Secretary together with:

- a. Proof that the players in question have been selected for the school event
- b. Evidence that the loss of players in question would prevent the club fielding a team
- (3) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the relevant 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.



- (p) *If a Club wishes to cancel a Player's registration within the Competition, it must make a request via The FA's electronic player registration system giving the reasons for the request. The Competition may either approve or decline the request.*

If a Player's registration is cancelled, he/she will not be eligible to play in the Competition for a period of 2 days from the date of cancellation.

- (q) If any players in a team have medical or behavioural issues that could adversely affect any match the coach/manager must inform the referee and opposition coach/manager prior to the game starting.

CLUB COLOURS, SHIRTS, CLUB NAME

19. Every Club must register the colour and design of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 21st June who shall decide as to their suitability.

Any team wishing to change the colour(s) and/or design(s) of its shirt(s) and short(s) during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee in advance of making that change.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.

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 its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least 4 days before the Competition Match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the home Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick-off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Shirts must be numbered differently, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Names of Youth Players shall not appear on the shirts, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff

PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES

- 20.(a) All Competition 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 Mini-Soccer and Youth Futsal Handbook, or, for 9v9 football, The FA's Guide to 9v9 Football.

Every Club must have one (1) adequately qualified and DBS checked manager/ coach per team. The League also strongly recommends every team should have a 2nd DBS checked person per team.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a Competition Match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.



The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Matches on another ground.

Artificial Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches - <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register>. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA 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 20(C).

Overhead netting is allowed for 5v5 and 7v7 mini soccer if the overhead netting height is at a minimum of 6m. No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 affiliated matches.

Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are ideally removed for affiliated matches but if they cannot be removed then discretion is given to the match official to restart the match in accordance of the laws of the game.

All Competition Matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the Competition Match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

All pitches must be booked to accommodate the maximum playing time as stated within the FA Scory rules.



Competition Matches should be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, as detailed below.

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 focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
Under 9 and Under 10	20	25	60	90	Development focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	20	30	80	120	Development focused 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
Under 15 and Under 16	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 and Under 18	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table

Huddersfield JFL uses the maximum playing time per half as default in all games unless both teams agree to play a shorter period within the FA rules.

Competition Matches for age groups from U7 to U10 can be played in either quarters or halves; this Competition uses halves.

For round robin/trophy events, the maximum duration of play per half cannot be exceeded, but the minimum duration of play per half may be adjusted. For trophy events, the Competition may award mementos.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the Competition Match



with written notification given to the Competition at least 5 days prior.

Matches shall kick off at times stated by the home team and updated in Full Time/Matchday App; no match shall kick off prior to 9.30AM or later than 2.30PM unless both teams agree to this.

All evening games shall kick off at 6.30pm on the date given by the League, the home team can specify the day of the game within the same week the fixture is due to be played but **MUST** give the away team 5 full days' notice of the date. (E.g. If the home team wants to play the game on the Monday, they must inform the away team by midnight Wednesday of the week before). Alternatively, teams can amicably agree a date & time for the match, however, matches must be played on or before the date given by the League. The Fixture Secretary must be informed of the changes to the scheduled match.

Note: Kick off times for the Cup, Trophy, Shield & Vase matches may be subject to change. Cup Finals will kick off at times set by the League Committee and could be later than the normal 2.30PM depending on pitch availability.

Should the home team pitch not be suitable or available this must be relayed at least 2 hours before the scheduled KO time to the away team. For matches scheduled to kick off from 11AM & later notification must be given to the away team no later than 9AM. Should the away team pitch be suitable and available the game **MUST** go ahead at the away team ground, as long as the kick off time at the away ground can be within 1 hour before or 1 hour later than the scheduled kick off. (e.g., If kick off time was meant to be 11AM the revised kick off time must be between 10AM and 12AM.)

Managers must not inform parents and players that games have been postponed or cancelled without liaising with opposition first.

Once both teams have agreed a postponement (due to unplayable pitch conditions), and no reversal is available, this decision cannot be overturned unless both teams agree.

Referees must order Competition 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, **respect barriers** and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable.

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

- (b) 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 Competition Match with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary. Clubs will only be allowed to enter a maximum of 1 County Cup and 1 District Cup competition.

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 Competition Match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

For mini-soccer (U7 to U10) the League operates with both Saturdays & Sundays being match days; the League will give a date for a fixture as a Sunday but the home team can



decide whether the match will be played on the Saturday or Sunday of the given weekend.

For all other age groups (U11 to U18) the League operates purely as a Sunday League and matches must be played on the given date unless both clubs and the Management Committee agree to bring the match forward.

- (c) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground, and time of kick-off and kit colours (including goalkeeper) to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. The opposing Club must confirm receipt and give notice of its kit colours (including goalkeeper) at least 4 days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If either is not provided, the relevant Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition.

Clubs MUST also ensure Kick Off times are updated in Match Day App and Full Time to enable appointment of referees from the League when available.

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



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

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5 v 5 (u7 & u8)	4
7 v 7 (u9 & u10)	5
9 v 9 (u11 & u12)	6
11 v 11 (u13 to u18)	7

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

- (e) (1) In competitions where points are awarded, home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall decide whether it should either:

award the points from the Competition Match in question to the Club's opponent (without the awarding of goals)

OR

order the Competition Match to be rescheduled. The Management Committee shall also have the power to order the rescheduled Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent Club's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

In addition, the Management Committee may at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate):

impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff),

deduct points from the defaulting Club,

order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents.



- (2) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match 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.

Postponement for any match must require written consent of the Management Committee. An online postponement form (accessible on the Leagues online portal) must be completed and submitted on or before 28 days of the affected Match. The Management Committee may request the Club to provide full particulars, in such cases.

NOTE: Games can only be postponed in accordance with the following:

- 1) School Events – 28 days' notice must be given
 - 2) Religious Festivals – notice must be given no later than October 31st.
 - 3) County FA or FA - Competitions take priority
 - 4) Every team will have 2 'green pass' postponement requests available per season. The green pass postponement can be requested for any League match between October and up to the end of April, by the normal League online portal. If the request is made 5 or more days before the scheduled fixture, the request will be approved; if the request is less than 5 days before the fixture, it will only be approved if the opposition agree to the request. (Green passes cannot be used for any Cup competition or during September & May). For U7 to U11 green passes can be used all season from September to May.
- (3) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should 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 (Fixtures) Secretary within 7 days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand.
- (4) The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition 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 Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Competition Match.
- (5) The Management Committee shall review any Competition Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible



players in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the Competition Match must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

(6) Where a Competition Match has been abandoned for any reason both Clubs must, within 24 hours, give notice to the Competition Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (f) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match.

For Under 11s – Under 18s – a Club may use up to 5 from 5 substitute Players. A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace any Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of **the Game**.

For Mini-Soccer – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to 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.**

In Youth Football only, the referee shall be informed of the names and the substitute Players not later than 5 minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

A Player who has named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.

- (g) The half time interval shall be of 5 minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.
- (h) The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who may wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of their teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (i) Where a suspension imposed in relation to a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) upon a Club by The FA or Affiliated Association is not lifted, and/or the Club does not provide confirmation from The FA or Affiliated Association that such suspension is lifted to the Competition Secretary by 10:00 2 days before a fixture, that fixture will be treated as an unfulfilled fixture and dealt with in accordance with Rule 20(E).
- (j) If teams want to video record matches, by means of VEO etc., agreement must be made with the opposition at least 2 days before the game takes place. If the opposition object the game cannot be recorded.

REPORTING RESULTS

- 21.(a) The Age Group Representatives must receive within 1 day of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner (see rule 21(B)). This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) and also the referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition.

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



- (b) Both clubs shall notify the result, including player and match details must be submitted by 6PM on the day following the game by either:

FullTime

Match Day App

- (c) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition.

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

- (d) The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under 11s. Any Competition failing to abide by this Rule will be dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and any Club failing to abide by this Rule will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect and publish results for trophy events.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

- 22.(a) In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points. Goal difference or goals scored are not used to decide any League positions even in head to head deciders.

For **U12 to U18** ages in the event of two or more teams being equal on points at the end of the playing season results & points against one another, between the teams involved shall determine the winners.

If a winner can still not be decided by this method, for U12 to U15 they shall be declared joint winners of the division; for U16 to U18 a play-off match will be arranged.

- (b) In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 22 (D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

MATCH OFFICIALS

- 23.(a) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority. If the League appoint an official the Club cannot refuse the appointment.
- (b) In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match. Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the Players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the referee, for example a 15 year old referee may only officiate in



competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.

- (c) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) being imposed on the defaulting Club.
- (d) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.
- (e) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff. All fees are inclusive of travel expenses.

Match Officials will be paid their fees by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. **If the away team has requested a league appointed referee and one is appointed the away team will pay the referee's fees.** Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (f) In the event of a Competition 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. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (g) A referee not keeping their engagement and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.
- (h) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.
- (i) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.



CUP COMPETITIONS

24.(A) In all matters which are not specifically provided for in these (cup competition) rules the Management/ Cup Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter or question that concerns the Competition and is not provided for In the Competitions League or Cup Competitions Rules. (Subject to Rule 6 & 7).

(B) Any question relating to the interpretation of the Rules of the Competition shall be referred to the Management/Cup Committee. The Management/Cup Committee shall where appropriate and if necessary, refer to and use the League Rules and the Rules of the Football Association to resolve any issues. All decisions of the Management/Cup Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with League Rules 6 & 7.

(C) The Powers of the Management/Cup Committee shall be in accordance with those set out in Rule 6.

(D) The Cup Competition names are listed at the end of these Cup rules.

(E) The Chairman and Secretary of the Huddersfield Junior Football League shall be the legal owners of all the Cups/Trophies/Shields and held by them in trust for and on behalf of the League. The Cups/Trophies/Shields are the property of the League and cannot be won outright. These major League trophies will be used for Presentation and photo purposes at the Cup Finals but will then be retained by the League. A separate trophy to be kept by the club will be presented to the winning team.

(F) The number of Cup Competitions will be decided by the number of teams entered at each age group as in the table below; there will be a maximum of 4 competitions at U9 to U11 and a maximum of 3 competitions at U12 to U18.

FOR U9 TO U11		
Number of Teams in Age Group	Number of Cup Competitions	Names of Cup Competitions
Up to 42	1	Cup
43 to 84	2	Cup & Trophy
85 to 126	3	Cup, Trophy & Vase
127 and above	4	Cup, Trophy, Vase & Shield

FOR U12 TO U18		
Number of Teams in Age Group	Number of Cup Competitions	Names of Cup Competitions
Up to 42	1	Cup
43 to 84	2	Cup & Trophy
85 and above	3	Cup, Trophy & Vase

(1) The split of teams into each competition will be done on a divisional basis working down from the Cup with the higher divisions. The decision on which teams enter which competitions will be decided by the Management/Cup Committee. **Once competitions have been drawn no teams will be moved between cup competitions even if they are moved in League divisions.** All Cup competition matches must be played on Sundays, unless both teams agree to an alternative date before the Sunday.



(2) All cup competitions are subject to Rule 20 and the conditions and restrictions as stated within this rule.

(3) From Quarter Finals onwards in U12 to U18 Competitions clubs must update the KO times in Full Time/Matchday App by midnight on Tuesday before the game. If this is not done the League will decide a kick off time for the match so a referee can be appointed by the League and home club will be fined as per the fines tariff. (Rule 20c)

(G) (1) A player must have fully completed competition registration according to Rule 18 before being eligible.

(2) Players will play and compete in the age groups as set out in Rule 18(c); a player can play up 1 year in the cup competitions.

(3) A player can only play in one (1) cup competition in an age group and only for one (1) team in that age group.

The player can play in another cup competition, at a different age group, for the same or different club if eligible for that age group.

(4) In the event of a Club/Team playing an ineligible player (through ignorance, mistake, or any other cause) they shall forfeit the match, even if the match was abandoned before full time is reached and struck out of the competition.

(5) Rule 20 relating to the use of substitute players applies to all matches in the Cup Competitions.

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

(H) (1) The matches shall be drawn, dates fixed, and the matches played as the Management/Cup Committee may determine; the normal HJFL Cup week will be the 4th Sunday of the month. Any postponed matches shall be played on dates to be decided by the Management/Cup Committee. Under no circumstances shall a League match be played in lieu of a Cup match.

(2) In a direct knock-out Competition matches shall be drawn and played on the grounds of the Clubs first drawn, unless the Management/Cup Committee directs that the match be played on the opponent's ground, or some other ground for reasons of a ground being unavailable or considered unsuitable. The fixtures arranged by the Cup Secretary must stand and no change of date is permitted without the agreement of the Cup Secretary.

(3) In any match should the scores be level at full time, no extra time shall be played. The match shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by the International Football Board. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(I) Except by mutual arrangement, or as hereinafter provided, the Club which is in each case is the first drawn, shall play on its own ground. Where a club has two teams in the Competition(s), and both are drawn at home, if any of the teams can't play at their home ground (as per draw) then team(s) shall play on the opponent's ground, unless ordered by the League to play at a neutral venue. If their opponents' ground is not available, the match will be rearranged for another date, the match being played on the ground of the team drawn at home. This Rule also applies to all Clubs sharing grounds (priority will be given to the team drawn first. If both Clubs agree and only with the approval (in writing) of the Management/Cup Committee, the competing Clubs shall be allowed to select any ground other than that on which they are accustomed to play, in order to progress the Competition.

(1) If the ground of the club having the choice of ground is considered unsuitable for the match, its opponents may protest to the Management/Cup Committee (in accordance to League rule 7) within three days of receipt of the official intimation of the draw, and they shall deposit the sum of Twenty Pounds (£20) to cover the cost of the protest hearing. If the protest is not sustained, the fee shall be forfeited.



(2) If the protest be upheld, the Management Committee may order the match to be played on the ground of the protesting Club, or, on a neutral ground.

(3) The Referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches.

(4) The field of play shall be correctly marked out according to rule 18 (C), by the home club. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(5) All cup competition Semi-Finals will be played at the ground of the first team drawn and Finals will be played at neutral venues, on dates and times fixed by the Management/Cup Committee.

(6) In Semi Finals and Finals both teams MUST give team sheets to the referee at least 10 minutes prior to the game kicking off.

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

(J) The duration of each match shall be as set out in Rule 20 (A).

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

(K) Where the Competition has appointed Match Official/s, the home team shall be responsible for paying the match official in accordance with the Fees Tariff, up to and including semi-finals.

(1) For the Finals, the Match Officials will be presented with a memento and any fees according to the Fees Tariff by the League.

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

(L) All results will be communicated in the same way as any other League Match in accordance with Rule 21.

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

(M) In Final matches where the colours of both teams' clash, both teams must change; unless teams agree before the game that one of them shall change.

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

(N) In final matches both teams must have 2 match balls available for use during the match.

(O) Penalty Rules

(1) If at the end of the match and before the kicks start to be taken from the penalty mark, one team has a greater number of players than its opponents; it must reduce its numbers to equate with that of its opponents and the team captain must inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. Any player thus excluded may not participate in kicks from the penalty mark.

(2) Before the start of kicks from the penalty marks the referee must ensure that an equal number of players from each team remain within the centre circle and they shall take the kicks.

(3) The referee chooses the goal at which the kicks shall be taken.

(4) The referee tosses a coin, and the team whose captain wins the toss decides whether to take the first or second kick.

(5) The referee keeps a record of kicks being taken.

(6) The kicks are taken alternatively by the teams.

(7) Subject to the conditions explained below both teams will take five kicks.

(8) If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks are taken.

(9) If, after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not



scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

(10) A goalkeeper who is injured during the taking of kicks from the penalty mark and is unable to continue as goalkeeper may be replaced by a named substitute, provided their team has not used the maximum number of substitutes permitted under the Competition Rules.

(11) With the exception of the foregoing case, only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match are permitted to take kicks from the penalty mark.

- A Player who has been sent to the Sin Bin can re-join the field of play and participate in the penalty kicks irrespective of what time served in the Sin Bin before the final whistle.
- A player who has been sent to the Sin Bin twice cannot re-join the field of play to participate in the penalty kicks but he can be substituted provided a team has substitutes left. Also providing the player has not received another normal caution in the game.

(12) Each kick is taken by a different player and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick.

(13) An eligible player may change places with the goalkeeper at any time when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

(14) All players, except the player taking the kick, and the two goalkeepers, must remain within the centre circle.

(15) The goalkeeper who is the team mate of the kicker must remain on the field of play, outside the penalty area in which the kicks are being taken on the goal line where it meets the penalty area boundary line.

(16) The other goalkeeper must remain on their goal line between the goalposts, facing the kicker until the ball is kicked.

(17) Only the players and match officials are permitted to remain on the field of play when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

(18) Unless otherwise stated, the relevant Laws of the Game and International Football Association Board decisions apply when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.



CUP COMPETITION NAMES/SPONSORS

U9 CUP	Vacant
U9 TROPHY	The Eric Kershaw Memorial Trophy
U9 VASE	Vacant
U9 SHIELD	Vacant
U10 CUP	Vacant
U10 TROPHY	The Eric Kershaw Memorial Trophy
U10 VASE	Vacant
U10 SHIELD	Vacant
U11 CUP	The Dominic O'Loughlan Memorial Cup
U11 TROPHY	The Eric Kershaw Memorial Trophy
U11 VASE	Vacant
U11 SHIELD	Vacant
U12 CUP	The Raymond Jenkinson Memorial Cup
U12 TROPHY	The Eric Kershaw Memorial Trophy
U12 VASE	Vacant
U13 CUP	The Walter Varley Memorial Cup
U13 TROPHY	The Eric Kershaw Memorial Trophy
U13 VASE	The David Ford Memorial Vase
U14 CUP	The President's Cup
U14 TROPHY	The Eric Kershaw Memorial Trophy
U14 VASE	Vacant
U15 CUP	The Dean Armitage Memorial Cup
U15 TROPHY	The Eric Kershaw Memorial Trophy
U15 VASE	Vacant
U16 CUP	The Ursula Spencer Memorial Cup
U16 TROPHY	The Eric Kershaw Memorial Trophy
U16 VASE	Vacant
U17 CUP	The Eric Davies Memorial Cup
U17 TROPHY	Vacant
U18 CUP	The Laurie Platt Memorial Cup



Reporting a Concern

In the event that any member feels that he or she has suffered discrimination in any way or that the League's Policies, Rules or Code of Conduct has been broken they should report the matter.

All concerns can be made direct to the League Welfare Officer by the Club Welfare Officer or by completing the Reporting Concerns form which can be found on the Huddersfield Junior Football League Website.

If the complaint is with regard to the Leagues Management Committee the member has the right to report the discrimination direct to the relevant County FA or to The Football Association.

**FEES AND FINES**

FEES TARIFF		
Rule number	Description	
4(a)	Club entry fee	£25.00 if paid by July 31 st £100.00 if paid after July 31 st
4(b)	Club/team annual subscription (cup & trophy fee included in annual subscription)	£5.00 Per team for U13 to U18 £5.00 Per team for U11 & U12 £5.00 Per team for U9 & U10 £5.00 Per team for U7 & U8
7(c), 7(e)	Protest/appeal fees	£25.00
18(d)	Player registration fee	£2.00 Per player registered – invoiced by numbers in fa Player registration system on March 1st
18(h)	Transfer fee	No fee
23(e)	Referee fees	Mini soccer as determined by club £20.00 for U9 & U10 £25.00 For U11 & U12 £30.00 For U13 & U14 £35.00 For U15 & U16 £40.00 For U17 & U18 (All fees are inclusive of travel fees)
23(e)	Assistant referee fees	Mini soccer as determined by club £15.00 for U9 & U10 £20.00 For U11 & U12 £25.00 For U13 & U14 £30.00 For U15 & U16 £35.00 For U17 & U18 (All fees are inclusive of travel fees)

FINES TARIFF		
Rule number	Description	MAXIMUM FINE
2(i)	Failure to comply with FA initiatives	£100.00
2(k)	Unauthorised entry of teams into competitions	£100.00
3	Failure to obtain consent for a change of club name	£30.00
4(e)	Failure to ensure teams are recorded as affiliated in the club portal	£100.00
5(f)	Communications conducted by persons other than n o m i n a t e d officers	£25.00
6(h)	Failure to comply with an instruction of the management c o m m i t t e e	£100.00
6(i)	Failure to pay a fine within required timeframe	Double the original fine up to £100.00
8(h)	Failure to be represented at AGM £5 per team entered in the League up to the maximum fine	£100.00
8(k)	Failure to be represented at a council meeting £5 per team entered in the League up to the maximum fine	£100.00
9	Failure to be represented at SGM	£100.00
	£5 per team entered in the League up to the maximum fine	



Rule number	Description	MAXIMUM FINE
10	Failure to submit the required written agreement or to notify changes to signatories	£25.00
11(a)	Failure to provide notice of withdrawal before deadline	£100.00
11(b)	Failure to commence/complete fixtures	£100.00
13(a)	Failure to submit the required written agreement regarding the trophy	£25.00
16(a)	Failure to have the required public liability insurance	£100.00
16(b)	Failure to have the required personal accident insurance	£100.00
18(a)	Failure to correctly register a player	£40.00
18(a)(3)	Failure to show registration ID before a game	£25.00
18(b)(3)	Failure to have the required number of registered players prior to the playing season commencing	£25.00
18(f)	Registering or playing for multiple clubs or inaccurate completion of a registration form	£25.00
18 (G)(2)	Registration irregularities	£100.00
18(M)	Fielding more than the permitted number of players who have participated in senior competitions matches	£100.00
18(n)(1)	Playing an ineligible player	£100.00
18(o)(1)	Failure to give priority to school activities	£50.00
19	Failure to number shirts	£10.00 (Per shirt, up to an aggregate maximum of £30)
19	Playing with names on shirts	£10.00 (Per shirt, up to an aggregate maximum of £30)
19	Delaying kick off to due to no change of colours	£30.00
20(a)	Delaying kick off due to failure to provide required equipment	£30.00
20(a)	Failure to reverse fixture	£50.00
20(b)	Failure to play matches on the date fixed	£100.00
20(c)	Failure to provide details of a fixture or update kick off time in Matchday App	£50.00
20(d)	Playing match with less than required number of players	£100.00
20(e)(1) & (3)	Failure to play fixture	£100.00
20(e)(6)	Failure to notify of abandonment of match	£100.00
20(h)	No captain's armband	No fine
21(a) & 21(c)	Late result submitted/no match details submitted	£20.00
21(b)	Failure to provide result	£20.00
21(c)	Publishing results/grading tables for fixtures involving u7s, u8s, u9s, u10s or u11s	£50.00
23(c)	Failure to provide club assistant referee	£25.00
23(e)	Failure to pay match officials fees	£25.00
23(f)	Failure to pay match officials when a match is not played	£25.00
23(h)	Failure to provide referee's mark	£25.00



NB All fines are now listed as the Maximum fine allowed by SCORY for any offence; the actual fine levied for each offence will be decided by the Management Committee/Age Reps and repeat offenders will find the fines increasing.

MINI SOCCER LAWS

Law 2 Playing area

Pitch dimensions must be in line with those in the table under our standard rules 20c.

Other pitch dimensions

- Penalty Area: Length 10 yards; Width 18 yards. (7v7) Length 9 yards: Width 16 yards (5v5)
- Penalty Mark: 8 yards from the Goal Line opposite the Centre of the Goal. For 7v7 and 7 yards for 5v5

Law 3 The Ball

The ball used must be in line with those in the table under our standard rules 20c.

Law 4 Number of players

U7s – 8s: the maximum number of players per team is 5 v 5 with a squad of 10 or less.

U9s – 10s: the maximum number of players per team is 7 v 7 with a squad of 14 or less.

U11s – the maximum number of players is 9 v 9 with 5 rolling substitutes allowed.

Games can be played 5 v 4 at U7/8s, and 7 v 6 at U9/10s, but should always put the development of the children first.

Roll off roll on substitutions can be made at any time during the game with permission from the referee, including players who have already been substituted.

Development football (U7 – U10) can also be played using smaller numbers such as 4 v 4 or 3 v 3 when squad sizes and facilities on the day are suitable and both coaches agree.

Law 5 playing equipment

Children cannot play Development Football without shin pads. These should be covered entirely by knee length socks.

Goalkeepers should wear a different coloured shirt to the rest of the team.

Footwear should be appropriate for the playing surface – no metal studs on 3 and AGP pitches.

If the weather is poor then players should wear appropriate clothing, but hoodies are not allowed.

Law 6 match officials

Any person who referees a game of Development Football has the authority to apply the Laws of Mini-Soccer even if they are not a fully qualified referee.

The referee should always help the players to learn the game by explaining their decisions.

Assistant referees are not required for Development Football (U7 – U10)

Law 7 Duration of the game

Maximum and minimum playing times are given in a table our standard rules under 20a.

Children should not exceed the maximum playing time for their age in any one day.

It is the responsibility of the junior club and/or the child's parent or carer to ensure this.

Each league is allowed to determine its own playing time up to the maximum allowed. Normal playing time in the HJFL will be the maximum allowed unless teams agree otherwise.

Half time should not be more than five minutes.



Development games can be split into quarters within the maximum playing time allowed. The Huddersfield JFL operates with halves not quarters but if teams agree at U7 to U10 they can play quarters; U11s must play halves.

Law 8 Start & restart of play

A kick off from the centre mark starts the game, or restarts it after a goal is scored.

It can be taken in any direction.

The opposition must be five yards away and in their own half.

In Mini-Soccer a goal cannot be scored directly from a kick off or a dropped ball.

In special circumstances a drop ball is used to restart the game, such as after an injury.

If the game has stopped with the ball in the penalty area, the drop ball should be taken on the penalty area line.

Law 9 ball in and out of play

The goal line and touchlines are part of the field of play. The ball must be entirely over these lines to be out of play.

If an attacker is the last player to touch the ball over the goal line, a goal kick is given.

If a defender is the last player to touch the ball over the goal line, a corner kick is given.

If a player touches the ball over the touchline, a 'pass or dribble in' is given to the opposing team.

Law 10 Method of scoring

A goal is scored when the ball completely crosses the goal line between the posts and under the crossbar of the goal.

If a foul or hand ball occurs the goal shall be disallowed

Law 11 offside

There is no offside in Development Football at U7 to U10; offside applies at U11.

The children can be in any area of the pitch at any time apart from when the Retreat Line is played.

Law 12 fouls and misconduct

Free kicks are awarded when a foul is committed as in older age football.

In Mini-Soccer all free kicks are direct. (U7 to U10 only) except when a deliberate header has occurred.

A goalkeeper is not allowed to pick the ball up from a back pass or a throw in.

If this happens a free kick should be given on the penalty area line closest to where the incident occurs.

For U7's to U9's (2024/25 season) and for U7's to U10's (2025/26 season): Deliberately heading the ball is an offence punishable by an indirect free kick. The indirect free kick is taken where the ball was deliberately headed, except where a player deliberately heads the ball in their own penalty area. The referee will stop the game and restart the game with an indirect free kick to the opposition from the nearest side line to the penalty area where the offence took place.

As with all other aspects of Development Football the children should be learning the game. Coaches in training, and referees on the day, should try to make sure the children understand all of the above.

Law 13 free kicks

For all free kicks defending players must be 5 yards from the ball at U7 to U10.



Law 14 Penalty kicks

If a foul is committed in the penalty area by a defender a penalty kick will be awarded.

All players except the defending goalkeeper and kicker must be outside the penalty area and at least 5 yards from the penalty mark.

The ball must be kicked forward.

Law 15 Pass or dribble in

When the whole of the ball passes over the touchline, either on the ground or in the air, instead of a throw in a pass or dribble in is awarded.

A kicker taking a pass in may choose to touch the ball again before it is touched by another player.

At the moment of delivering the ball:

- The ball must be stationary on the touchline at the point where it left the pitch, only the kicker may be off the pitch.
- All opponents must stand at least 5 yards from the point on the touchline where the pass or dribble in is to be taken.

A goal cannot be scored directly from a pass in.

The ball is in play when it is kicked and clearly moves.

U10's only in 2024/25 normal throw ins are allowed.

Law 16 goal kicks

If an attacking player kicks the ball over the goal line a goal kick is awarded to the defending team.

A goal kick can be taken from any point within the penalty area and by any player from the team with the ball. (U7 to U10).

The team without the ball must retreat to their own half until the ball is in play. This is known as the Retreat Line. (U7 to U10)

Once the ball is in play, the team without the ball can try and win it back.

As with all the Laws of Development Football, the referee should help the players learn the game.

Law 17 Corner kicks

If a defending player kicks the ball over the goal line a corner is awarded to the attacking team.

The defending players must remain at least 5 yards from the ball until it is in play. (U7 to U10)

The player taking the corner may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player.

Power play

Development football is designed to create the best learning and fun experience for young players. To ensure an imbalance in ability does not spoil this, the FA has approved 'Power Play' as an option that mini-soccer and youth leagues can adopt. The Huddersfield JFL has adopted power play at U7 to U10 in all League games; it cannot be used in U9 & U10 Cup competitions.

If a team is losing by a four goal difference, they can put an additional player on – so 5v5 becomes 6v5.

If the score returns to less than a four goal difference the team takes off a player. It does not have to be the last player to come on.

If a team goes on to be losing by a six goal difference a further additional player can be added – so 6v5 becomes 7v5.

The main aim of the Power Play option is that all players are being challenged and enjoying the game.

Power Play is available through all mini- soccer football formats 5v5 and 7v7.

given above will apply.

