



MATCH RELATED RULES

18.QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS	
18A	<p>A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:</p> <p>--</p> <p>1. Registered through the Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition. <i>For any players registered on the day of a match, a Club Officer must submit the player registration on Whole Game by 9pm Thursday in order for the player to be eligible to play in that match. The Player shall not play again in any subsequent match in the Competition until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration system and is in possession of the approval from the Competition.</i></p> <p>Or</p> <p>2. <i>signed a fully and correctly completed Competition emergency registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match. The Player shall not play again on a in a subsequent match in the Competition until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration System and is in possession of the approval from the Competition. A maximum of 2 Players may be registered in this manner at any one time</i></p> <p>Any registration that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed and the player classed as unregistered. If a Club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via-the Player Registration System the registration will not be processed.</p> <p>For Clubs registering Players under Rule 18.A.2. registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players by the Player Registration System, Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
18B	<p>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 Pyramid System.</p> <p>2. 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.</p> <p>3. Each team must have at least 11 Players registered 14 days before the start of each Playing Season. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>4. In the event of a Non-Contract Player changing their status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, 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.1</p>
18C	<p>A Player that owes a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) shall be permitted to register for a Club but will be suspended from football activities if the Player does not comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in</p>



	respect of that Football Debt.
18D	A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered.
18E	<p>The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.</p> <p>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.</p>
18F	<p>It shall be a breach of Rule for a Player to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Play for more than one Club 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 for the purpose of a transfer, <i>or where the Competition adopts rule 18.P</i> 3. Submit a signed registration form as per Rule 18 A.2 or submit a registration through the Player Registration System that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete. <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
18G	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Management Committee shall accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rules 18.G.2 and 18.G.3 below. 2. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player or may fine any Player, at their discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7). 3. The Management Committee shall have power to make application 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. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the Player is registered or intending to be registered with. <p>Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. A Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18.G.3 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 may consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute. <p>(Note: Action under Rule 18.G.3 shall not be taken against a Player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and then only 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.)</p>
18H	<p>Subject to compliance with FA Rule C when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer notification to the Competition via the Player Registration System. A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff <i>will</i> be required.</p> <p>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 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.</p>



	In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.
18I	A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 31 st March except by special permission of the Management Committee
18J	Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.
18K	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 3 Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.
18L	<p>A Team shall not include more than 2 Players who has/have played in Step 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.</p> <p>For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is Step 3 leagues and above.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
18M	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Subject to Rule 18.M.2 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.M.1 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.M.1 above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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; or b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee). <p>Note: Please refer to rule 24.D(3) for cup match sanctions for player registration/suspension breaches.</p>
18N	<p>The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Priority must be given at all times to 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 and young people must be cleared with the Head Teachers or Principals (except for Sunday leagues competitions). 3. To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.
18O	<i>A Player who has played for a Team in the premier or senior division 5 times or more shall not in that Playing Season be eligible to play in a lower division except by permission of the Management Committee.</i>
18P	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>If a Player's registration is cancelled they will not be eligible to re-register in the Competition for a period of 28 days from the date of cancellation</i></p>
18Q	A maximum of 10 emergency player registrations can be used in accordance with this paragraph 18(A)(2) up until the 31 st March each year but as a maximum of 2 can be used in any one match. Players that are registered via the emergency registration process cannot be



	<p>deregistered from that team until 14 days has elapsed since the date of their respective emergency registration.</p> <p>If a player has signed the emergency registration card but is subsequently found to be registered to another member club, as long as that player has not played in any match/es for the original club for a period of no less than 90 days prior to the date of that emergency registration then that player will be considered clear to register for the new team and a transfer fee will be applied.</p>
18R	<p>Twenty-eight (28) clear days must be allowed for bulk (11+) player registrations prior to the first scheduled competitive fixture. Each club with more than one (1) team in the league will announce each team's squad 14 days before the start of the season each year. Thereafter, each team will separately sign any new players. The transfer of any player from one team to another has a cost of £5 on each occasion.</p>
18S	<p>If a player is deregistered from a member club but then registers with another member team within twenty-eight (28) days, this action will be considered a transfer and all transfer rules and fee apply.</p>
18T	<p>Clubs with more than one team within this Alliance will be permitted to interchange players as follows;</p> <p>Movement of players from the lower team to the higher team is unlimited but any player originally registered for the lower team that plays five times for the higher will by default automatically be transferred to the higher team and subsequently will not be eligible to play for the lower team again in that current season. In such circumstances the standard transfer fee of £5 will apply (Rule 18H).</p> <p>A maximum of two players per game will be permitted to interchange from the higher team to the lower team but any player originally registered for the higher team that plays five times for the lower team will by default automatically be transferred to the lower team and subsequently will not be eligible to play for the higher team again in that current season. In such circumstances the standard transfer fee of £5 will apply (Rule 18H).</p> <p>For the avoidance of doubt, the team named as the "A" team may not necessarily be the higher division team unless they are in the same division.</p> <p>Note: There will be no movement at all between two or more teams within the same club after the transfer deadline date of 31st March each season. Any team that breaches this rule, will be charged with playing an ineligible player (see Rule 18.M) and will be fined in accordance with the fines tariff.</p>
18U	<p>A maximum of 40 players can be registered per team at any one time. Teams will not be able to register additional players or emergency sign any player until they have deregistered a player first on the Whole Game portal which has been completed by the Registration Secretary. It is the responsibility of the club to confirm with the Registration Secretary prior to the match being played that any additional player/s are eligible to play. Any team found playing player/s above this threshold will be in breach of rule (18.M).</p>