



24. TROPHY COMPETITION RULES	
24A	The Trophy Competition Rules shall be as for the League Championship except that all Cup matches may commence 30 minutes earlier than League games, to allow for the possibility of extra time. (On private grounds this may vary). Cup draws will be made at the discretion of the Officers, with neutral observers (all rounds), other than the Plumstead Challenge Cup. The Plumstead Challenge Cup will be drawn at the beginning of September each year.
24B	Trophies shall be competed for annually, as decided by the officers. The entrance fee for all competitions shall be payable no later than the August league general meeting (except for external teams that have entered the Plumstead Challenge Cup, their deadline is 31 st August) and shall be as determined each season per competition. The draws for trophy competitions will be made with at least two officers of the league present.
24C	The officers shall, for all intents and purposes, be the legal owners of the trophies in trust for the league, and they are the sole property of the league. No team may hold trophies after expulsion/withdrawal from the league.
24D	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Each player must have been registered within this League for not less than fourteen (14) consecutive days prior to playing in a quarter final or subsequent round of any competition during the current season. They shall be considered a player of the team having played three League or cup games, before being eligible to play in a semi-final or final tie. 2. No individual member shall play for another team having already played for another team in the same competition in the same season (Divisional cup competitions are treated as one competition in this rule). The Officers, at their discretion, may allow a player not so qualified to play, on investigation of the circumstances presented to them. 3. Any team having played a player/s in an internal cup match (WESFA sanctioned competition) whilst being unregistered and/or suspended will be removed from that specific cup competition subject to rule 7 and have levied upon it a fine (in accordance with the fines tariff).
24E	All match officials will be appointed by the Referee's Secretary. Referees and assistant referees will be appointed to all semi-final and final ties. For final ties, referees and assistant referees are to be paid the standard fee for Cup Final appearance and receive a memento.
24F	<p>The duration of any trophy match shall not be less than 90 minutes. In the event of a draw at full time, except for the semi-final and final ties, the result of the game shall be decided on penalty kicks, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.</p> <p>A period of 30 minutes of extra time will be played at the semi-final and final ties only. In the event of a draw after the extra time period, the result of the game shall be decided on penalty kicks. Replays will NOT apply at any stage of the competition.</p>
24G	<p>The "home" team will be considered to be the first-named of the member teams in all ties, including the final tie, irrespective of the venue concerned and subject to the rules of the Competition and ground authority.</p> <p>The away team is entitled to require evidence of permit cost in any competition match. £100 is the highest fee paid for a permit reclaim</p> <p>For rounds prior to the semi-final the HOME team has the right to determine the time of kick-off subject to paragraph (A), except when on a ground provided through the League, in such cases the kick off time shall be determined by the Officers through the Fixtures Secretary.</p> <p>Venues for Final ties will be arranged by the Management Committee and expenses for Final ties will be met through League funds. An afternoon kick-off for semi-final ties, other than 12:30, will only be with the permission of the Management Committee.</p>
24H	Up to and including the semi-final tie, all expenses are to be shared equally by the competing teams.
24I	<p>In the event of the ground being provided by the league such gate money/programme sales which may be taken shall be received by the competition.</p> <p>Finalists of all trophy competitions will receive 10% each of the total gate money received pertaining to their own cup final only, on each</p>



	<p>occasion.</p> <p>An additional 10% of the total gate receipt will be deducted from each final and added to the charity donation bucket.</p>
24J	<p>Venues for final ties shall be arranged by the league and will include both Sundays and midweek fixtures, at the sole discretion of the officers. All teams qualifying for finals will be required to purchase 18 cup final programmes at a discounted price, the cost of which will be reviewed from time to time.</p>
24K	<p>18 Individual trophies/medals will be supplied to the finalists and winners, and the perpetual trophy will be presented to the winners upon the conclusion of the match. This trophy must be returned to the Trophy Officer within 48 hrs after the match for engraving purposes and then awarded at the WESFA AGM.</p>