

**SOUTH EAST ESSEX PRIMARY
MINI SOCCER LEAGUE
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OFFICIAL HANDBOOK

Season 2021/22

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NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION
CUP AND COMPETITION RULES
LAWS OF MINI SOCCER**



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UNDER 7 INFORMATION

Each Game lasts 40 minutes, 20 minutes each way

Games are played every two weeks. up until Christmas, they are then placed in groups until season ends playing every week.

If your game is cancelled it may be played the following week, or the week before. Games can be played on a Saturday if you wish as long as agreement is made between managers

You must inform (email) the divisional secretary if you wish to move the game

Once the two week period involving your fixture has gone, we move onto the next fixture.

The league rearranges any fixtures not played

Teams may only play fixtures arranged by the league, as agreed by your league membership.

Fixtures will only be put onto the website 1 or 2 at a time; this is to allow us to make sure teams are playing against opposition of a similar standard.

Normally during March and April we try to put extra games on to boost the number played.

Each Team will play around 15 games each season, unless of course you started later in the season.

Only fixtures will be shown on the league website, results are collated by the league for grading for under 8 football.

It is an offence to publish results of games on club websites, twitter, all social network sites etc:

Mini Soccer Etiquette

There is NO standing behind the goals, Referees to stop game and ask them to move.

Managers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all players at all times.

Managers are responsible for controlling your parents and dealing with any issues on match days, failure to do so satisfactorily will result in the club being charged with misconduct by Essex county football Association.

Spectators should stand opposite side of pitch to managers, behind a barrier provided by the home club, No encroachment by spectators is permitted

Registration cards to be exchanged by teams before games, and returned after the match has finished

All managers should have an email address on the league website, this enables us to have direct contact regarding fixtures and able to pass on information

Managers should be aware that they are not playing in the game and should not be standing on the pitch during a game.

All managers should have email or Mobile to input results to the league

UNDER 8 INFORMATION

Each Game lasts 40 minutes, 20 minutes each way

Games are played every week.

If your game is cancelled it will be placed into the next available date Games can be rearranged to be played on a Saturday if you wish as long as agreement is made between managers

You must inform the divisional secretary if you wish to move the game.

The league rearranges any fixtures not played

Teams may only play fixtures arranged by the league, as agreed by your league membership.

Fixtures will only be put onto the website, you play the games until Christmas, and then in the New Year some teams are moved around to find a better level for them, with a new set of fixtures.

Games continue until the end of April

Each Team will play around 20 games each season, unless of course you started later in the season.

Only fixtures will be shown on the league website, results are collated by the league for grading for under 9 football.

It is an offence to publish results of games on club websites, twitter, all social network sites etc:

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UNDER 9 INFORMATION

Each Game lasts 50 minutes, 25 minutes each way

Games are played every week.

If your game is cancelled it will be placed into the next available date Games can be rearranged to be played on a Saturday if you wish as long as agreement is made between managers

You must inform the divisional secretary if you wish to move the game.

The league rearranges any fixtures not played

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Games continue until the end of April

Each Team will play around 20 games each season, unless of course you started later in the season.

Only fixtures will be shown on the league website, results are collated by the league for grading for under 10 football.

It is an offence to publish results of games on club websites, twitter, all social network sites etc:

Mini Soccer Etiquette

There is NO standing behind the goals, Referees to stop game and ask them to move.

Managers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all players at all times.

Managers are responsible for controlling your parents and dealing with any issues on match days, failure to do so satisfactorily will result in the club being charged with misconduct by Essex county football Association.

Spectators should stand opposite side of pitch to managers, ideally behind a barrier provided by the home club, No encroachment by spectators is permitted

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All managers should have an email address on the league website, this enables us to have direct contact regarding fixtures and able to pass on information

Managers should be aware that they are not playing in the match and should not be standing on the pitch during a match.

UNDER 10 INFORMATION

Each Game lasts 50 minutes, 25 minutes each way

Games are played every week.

If your game is cancelled it will be placed into the next available date Games can be rearranged to be played on a Saturday if you wish as long as agreement is made between managers

You must inform the divisional secretary if you wish to move the game.

The league rearranges any fixtures not played

Fixtures will only be put onto the website, you play the games until Christmas, and then in the New Year some teams are moved around to find a better level for them, with a new set of fixtures.

Games continue until the end of April

Each Team will play around 20 games each season, unless of course you started later in the season.

Only fixtures will be shown on the league website, results are collated by the league for grading for under 11 football.

It is an offence to publish results of games on club websites, twitter, all social network sites etc:

Mini Soccer Etiquette

There is NO standing behind the goals, Referees to stop game and ask them to move.

Managers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all players at all times.

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The Football Association Laws for Mini-Soccer 5 v 5

This guide provides the Laws for Under 7 and Under 8 versions of the game, with children playing a maximum of 5v5.

Please remember:

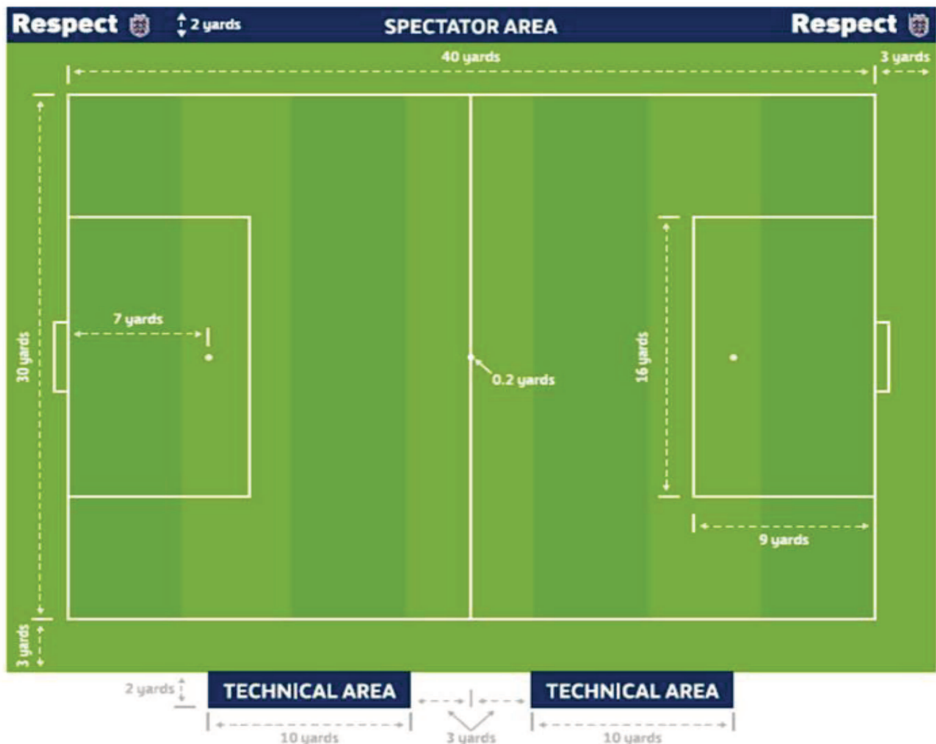
Under 7's or Under 8's are not permitted to play in leagues where results are collected or published or winner trophies are presented, this is deemed to be detrimental to the development of the player and the game and will not be sanctioned.

Under 7's and Under 8's can play in a maximum of three trophy events during the season, lasting a maximum of two weeks each. These are short-term experiences helping children learn about winning and losing in an appropriate environment. The winners of these events can be published and trophies can be presented.

Except where other provision, in these Laws are made, the Laws of Association Football apply. Each Law is numbered to correspond with the appropriate Law of the Game. These Laws are mandatory unless special permission is granted by The Football Association.

Law 1

Playing Area



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Halfway Line

The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The centre mark is indicated at the mid-point of the halfway line. This is also used as the retreat line when restarting play with a goal kick.

Goal Size

The distance between the posts is 12ft and the distance between the lower edge of the cross bar and the ground is 6ft.

Law 2

The Ball

- The ball should be size 3 for U7 and U8
- It should be safe and made of leather or another suitable material

Law 3

Number of Players Maximum number per team, including goalkeeper
Under 7 and Under 8 5v5

The above table indicates the maximum number of players per team at that age group. If the competition would like to have smaller numbers, e.g. 4v4 at U7 or U8, this is allowed within this framework.

A match may not START if either team consists of fewer than four players. The minimum number of players in a team required for a match to CONTINUE is also four. Matches can begin with 5v4 but the importance and ethos of Mini-Soccer should be upheld wherever possible and the development of the children should come before the score line.

Players must play with and against players only from their own age range, as per Football Association and Competition rules. Each team must not have a squad greater than double the size of the team per age.

Any number of substitutes, without being named, may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. A player who has been replaced may return to the playing area as a substitute for another player.

All team members should receive equal playing time where possible, with a best practice recommendation of at least 50% per player for each game.

Law 4

Playing Equipment

Players must wear shin guards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing strip. Shin guards must be covered entirely by the socks.

Players must wear the appropriate clothing dependant on the weather.

Correct footwear must be worn for the surface of the pitch e.g. no metal studs on artificial grass pitches.

Law 5

Referees

The Authority of the Referee

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws for Mini-Soccer in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.

Furthermore, referees should also recognise their role is to facilitate learning of the players, for example, allow young children to take a second attempt at a throw-in if the first is not within the Laws.

Law 6

Assistant Referee

Assistant referees are not required.

Law 7

Duration of the Game

In any one day, no player shall play more than 40 minutes. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer or organisation to ensure the child does not exceed this. Each league/competition will determine its own playing time within the maximum time permitted however the maximum duration will be two halves of 20 minutes.

It is permitted during development matches that the periods of play can be split into equal quarters. The half time interval must not exceed 5 minutes.

Please refer to the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions.

Law 8

Start and Restart of Play

Procedure

A kick-off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored.

Opponents must be 5 yards away from the ball and in their own half of the field. The ball can be kicked in any direction. In Mini-Soccer a goal cannot be scored directly from a start or restart of play.

Special Circumstances

A dropped ball to restart the match, after play has been temporarily stopped inside the penalty area, takes place on the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the ball was located when the play stopped. No goal can be scored direct from a dropped ball.

Law 9

Ball In and Out of Play

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

Law 10

Method of Scoring

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

Law 11

Offside

There is no offside.

Law 12

Fouls and Misconduct

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

However, in Mini-Soccer all free kicks are direct.

A free kick is awarded to the opposing team if the goalkeeper:

- Takes more than 6 seconds to release the ball from his/her hands
- Touches the ball again with his/her hands after it has been released from his/her possession and has not touched any other player
- Touches the ball with his/her hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her by a team mate
- Touches the ball with his/her hands after he/she has received it directly from a throw in taken by a team mate

For all these offences, the free kick should be taken from the penalty area line, parallel with the goal line, at the nearest point to the offence.

Law 13

Free Kicks

For all free kicks opponents must be 5 yards from the ball.

Law 14

Penalty Kicks

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

Position of the Ball and the Players

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

Throw-in

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

In addition, U7 and U8 children are permitted to roll the ball underarm with one or both hands into the field of play.

The role of the referee is to also allow young players to learn the game. This may involve letting players take throw-ins again, if incorrect technique is used. The referee should ensure the same player attempts a second time, with guidance and help from the match official.

Law 16

Goal Kick

Procedure

A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area.

Opponents must retreat to their own half until the ball is in play. The defending team does not have to wait for the opposition to retreat and has the option to restart the game before should they choose to.

The ball is in play when it is kicked directly out the penalty area.

Law 17

Corner Kicks

The opposing players must remain at least 5yards from the ball until it is in play.

The kicker may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. If he/she does, a free kick is awarded against them.

The ball is in play immediately when it enters the field of play.

The Football Association Laws for Mini-Soccer 7 v 7

This guide provides the Laws for Under 9 and Under 10 versions of the game, with children playing a maximum of 7v7.

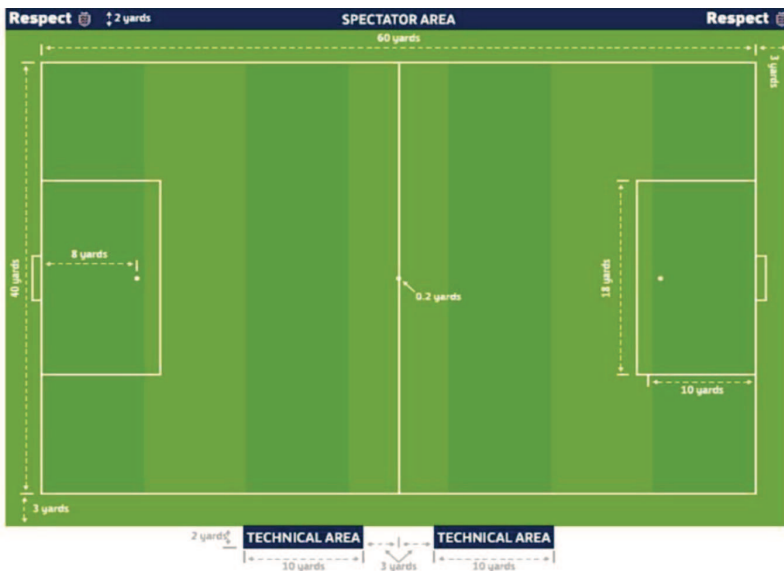
Please remember:

- a) From season 2013/14 Under 9's are not permitted to play in leagues where results are collected or published or winner trophies are presented, this is deemed to be detrimental to the development of the player and the game and will not be sanctioned.
- b) Under 9's can play in a maximum of three trophy events during the season, lasting a maximum of four weeks each. These are short-term experiences helping children learn about winning and losing in an appropriate environment. The winners of these events can be published and trophies can be presented.

From season 2014/15 the above two paragraphs a) and b) will refer to U10's also – no league tables to be published and the option of three trophy events over a maximum of four weeks, spread during the season.

Except where other provision, in these Laws are made, the Laws of Association Football apply. Each Law is numbered to correspond with the appropriate Law of the Game. These Laws are mandatory unless special permission is granted by The Football Association.

Law 1 Playing Area



Halfway Line

The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The centre mark is indicated at the mid-point of the halfway line. This is also used as the retreat line when restarting play with a goal kick.

Goal Size

The distance between the posts is 12ft and the distance between the lower edge of the cross bar and the ground is 6ft.

Law 2 The Ball

- The ball should be size 3 for U9
- The ball should be size 3 for U10
- It should be safe and made of leather or another suitable material

Law 3 Number of Players

Maximum number per team, including goalkeeper
Under 9 and Under 10 7v7

The above table indicates the maximum number of players per team at that age group. If the competition would like to have smaller numbers, e.g. 4v4 at U9 or U10, this is allowed within this framework.

A match may not START if either team consists of fewer than five players. The minimum number of players in a team required for a match to CONTINUE is also five. Matches can begin with 7v6 but the importance and ethos of Mini-Soccer should be upheld wherever possible and the development of the children should come before the score line.

Players must play with and against players only from their own age range, as per Football Association and Competition rule

Each team must not have a squad greater than double the size of the team per age.

Any number of substitutes, without being named, may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. A player who has been replaced may return to the playing area as a substitute for another player.

All team members should receive equal playing time where possible, with a best practice recommendation of at least 50% per player for each game.

Law 4

Playing Equipment

Players must wear shin guards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing strip. Shin guards must be covered entirely by the socks.

Players must wear the appropriate clothing dependant on the weather.

Correct footwear must be worn for the surface of the pitch e.g. no metal studs on artificial grass pitches.

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The Authority of the Referee

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Law 6

Assistant Referee

Assistant referees are not required

Law 7

Duration of the Game

In any one day, no player shall play more than 60 minutes. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer or organisation to ensure the child does not exceed this.

Each league/competition will determine its own playing time within the maximum time permitted however the maximum duration will be two halves of 25 minutes.

It is permitted during development matches that the periods of play can be split into equal quarters.

The half time interval must not exceed 5 minutes.

Please refer to the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions.

Law 8

Start and Restart of Play

Procedure

A kick-off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored.

Opponents must be 5 yards away from the ball and in their own half of the field. The ball can be kicked in any direction. In Mini-Soccer a goal cannot be scored directly from a start or restart of play.

Special Circumstances

A dropped ball to restart the match, after play has been temporarily stopped inside the penalty area, takes place on the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the ball was located when the play stopped. No goal can be scored direct from a dropped ball.

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Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football

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There is no offside.

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Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

However, in Mini-Soccer all free kicks are direct.

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For all these offences, the free kick should be taken from the penalty area line, parallel with the goal line, at the nearest point to the offence. Law 13 Free Kicks For all free kicks opponents must be 5 yards from the ball

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Position of the Ball and the Players

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 **Throw-in**

Normal rules apply, as per Laws of Association Football.

The role of the referee is to also allow young players to learn the game. This may involve letting players take throw-ins again, if incorrect technique is used. The referee should ensure the same player attempts a second time, with guidance and help from the match official.

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Procedure

A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area.

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The ball is in play when it is kicked directly out the penalty area.

Law 17 **Corner Kicks**

The opposing players must remain at least 5 yards from the ball until it is in play.

The kicker may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. If he/she does, a free kick is awarded against them

THE ASSOCIATION'S SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN POLICY

Every child or young person who plays or participates in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in football, thus every club is required to endorse and adhere to The Association's Safeguarding Children Policy.

The Association recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of children and young people who play or participate in football by protecting them from abuse and harm. The Association is committed to working to provide a safe environment for all children and young people to participate in the sport to the best of their abilities for as long as they choose to do so.

The Association recognises that the terms 'child or young person', 'abuse' and 'harm' are open to interpretation and challenge but for the purpose of this Safeguarding Children policy they are defined as follows:

A child or young person shall be defined as:

'anyone who has not yet reached their 18th birthday.'

Abuse shall be defined as:

'a violation of an individual's human or civil rights by any other person or persons and, for the purposes of safeguarding children, shall include physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, bullying and hazing.'

Harm shall be defined as:

'Ill treatment and forms of ill treatment (including sexual abuse and forms of ill-treatment which are not physical) and also the impairment of or an avoidable deterioration in physical or mental health and the impairment of physical, intellectual, emotional, social or behavioural development.'

'Harm' may be caused by acts of commission and acts of omission.

The Safeguarding Children Policy is supported by The Association's Respect programme to address verbal abuse and bullying of youngsters by parents and coaches on the sidelines. The Association's Safeguarding Children Policy principles are that:

- The child's welfare is, and must always be, the paramount consideration;
- All children and young people have a right to be protected from abuse regardless of their age, gender, disability, culture, language, race, faith, belief or sexual orientation;
- All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately; and
- Working in partnership with other organisations, children and young people and their parents and carers is essential.

The Association is committed to working in partnership with the Police, Children's Services Departments, Local Safeguarding Children's Boards (LSCB) and the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) in accordance with their procedures. This is essential to enable these organisations to carry out their statutory duties to investigate concerns and protect all children and young people.

The Association's Safeguarding Children Policy is in response to government legislation and guidance, developed to safeguard the welfare and development of children and young people.

Clubs and Leagues with youth teams must appoint a Welfare Officer in line with The Association affiliation requirements. A Club's Welfare Officer must sit on the management committee of that Club

All League and Club Welfare Officers are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct for volunteer Welfare Officers.

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A. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR VOLUNTEER WELFARE OFFICERS

The role of the Welfare Officers is to:

1. Be clear about the Club's/League's responsibilities when running activities for children and young people
2. Help those actively involved with children and young people understand what their duty of care means on a day to day basis

As a Welfare Officer they will act as a role model to others in accordance with the roles and responsibilities of their position, in line with The Association's Rules and Regulations, the Respect codes of conduct for officials and the laws of the game.

In fulfilling the role they accept that within the role of Welfare Officer they will:

- Be child centered at all times and promote a fun safe environment for children and young people
- Follow all of the The Association's policies and in particular procedures for reporting safeguarding concerns including discrimination
- Act appropriately in all situations brought to their attention
- Champion Best Practice within their Club/League
- Communicate and positively engage with the CFA WO on all poor practice/safeguarding matters brought to the attention of CFA /The Association
- Attend meetings as reasonably required by the Club Committee, Youth League and CFA
- Manage and deal with poor practice issues in an appropriate and timely manner
- Ensure appropriate levels of confidentiality and data security are maintained at all times
- Implement and manage a responsible recruitment process in line with The Association's policy and procedures
- Attend continued personal development (CPD) opportunities as offered by their CFA and show a commitment to keeping their training up to date

If they do not follow the above code any/all of the following actions may be undertaken by their Club, League, County FA or The Association (This is not an exhaustive list):

- Required to meet with the Club/League Committee, YLWO or CFA WO
- Required to follow an action plan monitored by the YLWO/CFA WO
- Required to complete an FA education course
- Imposing a fine or suspension
- Required to leave the Club/League they represent
- Removed from role by the Club/League/County FA/The Association
- On appointment, all League and Club Welfare Officers agree to uphold the Code of Conduct for volunteer Welfare Officers and understand the actions that may be taken should they fail to act in accordance with the Code. In agreeing to fulfil the role they confirm that they meet the criteria outlined within The Association's Suitability Checklist for YLWO/CWOs.

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B. WELFARE OFFICER PERSON SPECIFICATION AND SUITABILITY CHECKLIST

1. Person Specification -
 - Experience of dealing or working with young people
 - Knowledge and understanding of safeguarding children issues¹
 - A good communicator in a variety of situations with people from diverse backgrounds
 - Committed to and ability to abide by The Association Rules and Regulations and promote The Association's Respect programme and safeguarding children education
 - Empathy when dealing with individuals, sometimes in demanding situations
 - Ability to listen and assess situations fairly
 - Ability to handle confidential information sensitively and with integrity
 - Reasonable level of administration experience and how to deal with confidential documentation
 - Willingness to attend any in-service training facilitated by either The Association or the local County FA
2. Suitability Checklist -
 - Understanding of child protection issues and some knowledge of safeguarding legislation
 - Knowledge of and positive attitudes to equal opportunities
 - Willing and able to provide relevant current references
 - Previous experience of dealing or working with children
 - Commitment to treat all children as individuals and with equal concern
 - Physical health – appropriate to carry out tasks
 - Integrity and flexibility
 - At least 18 years of age
 - Completion of The Association's Criminal Records Checks (CRC) process and acceptance by The Association of the outcome
 - Understanding of the need for confidentiality when dealing with issues
 - Reasonable level of administration experience and how to deal with confidential documentation
 - Completion of The Association's Safeguarding Children Workshop and Welfare Officer Workshop
 - Willingness to update skills and knowledge and attend in-service training facilitated by The Association or the local County FA
 - Has agreed to and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for volunteer Welfare Officers

NB - If anyone is known to be unsuitable to work with children his/her application should be refused by the Club/League. If in any doubt about an applicant contact your County FA Welfare Officer.

MORE INFORMATION AND FOOTNOTE REFERENCES

If you need any further advice or information please contact your County FA Welfare Officer who will be happy to help you. More information about the role of the Welfare Officer is available on www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding and clicking on Welfare Officer FAQs under the Welfare Officer section and also on the Respect pages under 'My Role' simply click on Welfare Officer.

1. This can be gained through The Association's Safeguarding Children Education Programme; see www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding for further information or speak to your County FA Welfare Officer.
2. The Association's Policy on CRCs has been amended in light of the Safeguarding Vulnerable Groups Act 2006 and the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012. For more information please visit www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/criminal-records-checks or e-mail FAchecks@thefa.com or call 0845 210 8080.

Some people with a history of offending can still be considered for role in football that involve children. For more information please visit www.thefa.com/football-rules-governance/safeguarding/criminal-records-checks or e-mail FAchecks@thefa.com or call 0845 210 8080.

The Association reserves the right to prevent an individual from becoming a Welfare Officer or remaining as a Welfare Officer where it deems the individual does not meet the suitability criteria, or it reasonably believes there is another compelling reason why that individual is not suitable.

**SOUTH-EAST ESSEX PRIMARY MINI SOCCER LEAGUE RULES 2021-22
(Sanctioned by Essex CFA)**

DEFINITIONS

1. (A) In these Rules:

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

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

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

“Competition” means the South-East Essex Primary Mini Soccer 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.

“Player Registration System” means The FA system to register players as determined by The FA from time to time.

“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 Essex County Football Association Limited.

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

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“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.

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

“The FA” means The Football Association Limited.

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

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

- (B) 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.

GOVERNANCE RULES

COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION

2. (A) The Competition will be known as the South-East Essex Primary Mini Soccer 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 50 Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be the County of Essex.
- (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 and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- 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 12 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

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- 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, Charter Standard 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. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
 - (L) At the AGM or an 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.

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 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.
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 and shall be payable on or before 20th May in each year.
- (C) A Deposit of £10.00 shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club and shall be payable on or before 30th June in each year. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid.
- (E) If requested by the Competition, Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 24th July of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, 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.

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- (F) An all-female team can apply to the Competition to play an age group down in a mixed gender competition, subject to rule 8(A)(iii) & (iv) and provided the team has obtained approval from its Sanctioning Authority.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

5. (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and two members who shall all be elected at the AGM.

The Officers of the Competition shall be the Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Fixture/Divisional Secretaries, Welfare Officer and Registration Secretary to be elected annually at the AGM. (N.B. Auditors/Verifiers are not Officers).

- (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 31st March 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 31st March 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.

- (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 and sent to the 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.

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(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:-

- (i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
- (ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or
- (iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
- (iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case 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) 25% 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.

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- (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) (i) 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.
- (ii) 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 seven 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 his 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 seven 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 forward a deposit of £0.00 and 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) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee of £35.00, which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):
 - (i) invite submissions by the parties involved; or
 - (ii) convene a hearing to hear the appeal; or
 - (iii) permit new evidence; or
 - (iv) impose deadlines as are appropriate.Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.

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(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 30th 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:-
- (i) To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM.
 - (ii) To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts.
 - (iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
 - (iv) Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.
 - (v) Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.
 - (vi) Appointment of auditors/verifiers.
 - (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14).
 - (viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season.
 - (ix) Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season.
 - (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.
- (B) A copy of the duly audited/verified 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/verified 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. Fourteen 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.
- (F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.
- (G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.
- (H) 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.
- (I) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.
- (J) 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.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

9. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call an SGM.
- The Management Committee may call an SGM at any time.
- 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.
- Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

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Any Club failing to be represented at an SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.

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, [name] of [address] (Chairman/Director) and [name] of [address] (Secretary/Director) of [] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the South-East Essex Primary Mini Soccer 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 the Club Chairman and secretary (where a Club is an unincorporated association) or two directors of the Club (where a Club is an incorporated entity)

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

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

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 30 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(I), 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 an 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

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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 1st April. 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.

All trophies are to be returned with the winning Club's name and year. Failure to comply shall 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 an 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.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31st March in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 4th May and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 16th May. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority 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 £25.00 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end on 31st May.

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

(E) Honoraria, if paid, must be agreed at the AGM and relate to the Playing Season just concluded. The Management Committee shall recommend which Officers may receive honoraria and the level of payment. All the above to be detailed on the AGM paperwork under “Any other business” (Rule 8(A)(x)).

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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 an 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:
- (i) Any surplus assets, save for a trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Essex County Football Association or the Essex County 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 Essex County Football Association.
 - (ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Essex County Football Association may decide.

MATCH RELATED RULES

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

18. (A) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-
- (i) registered through the FA Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition.
 - or
 - (ii) Not in use;

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.

For Clubs registering Players under Rule 18(A)(ii) registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players via the Player Registration System Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process. The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player's proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate.

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All completed registration forms must be accompanied by a self addressed stamped envelope of a suitable size for the return of the counterfoils.

The minimum number of players registered for any one team will be seven.

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

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

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

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

- (iii) Each Team must have the following number of Players registered 14 days before the start of each Playing Season:

5v5 format: 5 players

7v7 format: 7 players

9v9 format: 9 players

11v11 format: 11 players

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

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

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

Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above his or her chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under 7 age group, and may not play in the Under 8 age group, for that Playing Season. Girls in all female teams may also be permitted to play an age group down in accordance with Rule 4(F).

The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, subject to Rule 4(F), along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:

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| Age on 31 Aug | Eligible Age Groups | Max Permitted Format | Minimum Pitch Size | | Maximum Pitch Size | | Goal Size | Ball Size |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | yards | metres | yards | metres | feet | |
| 6 | Under 7 | 5v5 | 30 x 20 | 27.45 x 18.3 | 40 x 30 | 36.3 x 27.45 | 12x6 | 3 |
| | Under 8 | 5v5 | 30 x 20 | 27.45 x 18.3 | 40 x 30 | 36.3 x 27.45 | 12x6 | 3 |
| 7 | Under 8 | 5v5 | 30 x 20 | 27.45 x 18.3 | 40 x 30 | 36.3 x 27.45 | 12x6 | 3 |
| | Under 9 | 7v7 | 50 x 30 | 45.75 x 27.45 | 60 x 40 | 54.9 x 36.6 | 12x6 | 3 |
| 8 | Under 9 | 7v7 | 50 x 30 | 45.75 x 27.45 | 60 x 40 | 54.9 x 36.6 | 12x6 | 3 |
| | Under 10 | 7v7 | 50 x 30 | 45.75 x 27.45 | 60 x 40 | 54.9 x 36.6 | 12x6 | 3 |
| 9 | Under 10 | 7v7 | 50 x 30 | 45.75 x 27.45 | 60 x 40 | 54.9 x 36.6 | 12x6 | 3 |
| | Under 11 | 9v9 | 70 x 40 | 64 x 36.6 | 80 x 50 | 73.15 x 45.75 | 16x7 | 4 |
| 10 | Under 11 | 9v9 | 70 x 40 | 64 x 36.6 | 80 x 50 | 73.15 x 45.75 | 16x7 | 4 |
| | Under 12 | 9v9 | 70 x 40 | 64 x 36.6 | 80 x 50 | 73.15 x 45.75 | 16x7 | 4 |
| 11 | Under 12 | 9v9 | 70 x 40 | 64 x 36.6 | 80 x 50 | 73.15 x 45.75 | 16x7 | 4 |
| | Under 13 | 11v11 | 90 x 50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 100 x 60 | 91.44 x 54.9 | 21x7 | 4 |
| 12 | Under 13 | 11v11 | 90 x 50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 100 x 60 | 91.44 x 54.9 | 21x7 | 4 |
| | Under 14 | 11v11 | 90 x 50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 100 x 60 | 91.44 x 54.9 | 21x7 | 4 |
| 13 | Under 14 | 11v11 | 90 x 50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 100 x 60 | 91.44 x 54.9 | 21x7 | 4 |
| | Under 15 | 11v11 | 90 x 50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 110 x 70 | 100.58 x 64 | 24x8 | 5 |
| 14 | Under 15 | 11v11 | 90 x 50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 110 x 70 | 100.58 x 64 | 24x8 | 5 |
| | Under 16 | 11v11 | 90 x 50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 110 x 70 | 100.58 x 64 | 24x8 | 5 |
| 15 | Under 16 | 11v11 | 90 x 50 | 82.3 x 45.75 | 110 x 70 | 100.58 x 64 | 24x8 | 5 |
| | Under 17 | 11v11 | 100 x 50 | 91.44 x 45.75 | 130 x 100 | 118.87 x 91.44 | 24x8 | 5 |
| | Under 18 | 11v11 | 100 x 50 | 91.44 x 45.75 | 130 x 100 | 118.87 x 91.44 | 24x8 | 5 |

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| 16 | Under 17 | 11v11 | 100 x 50 | 91.44 x 45.75 | 130 x 100 | 118.87 x 91.44 | 24x8 | 5 |
| | Under 18 | 11v11 | 100 x 50 | 91.44 x 45.75 | 130 x 100 | 118.87 x 91.44 | 24x8 | 5 |
| | Open Age | 11v11 | 100 x 50 | 91.44 x 45.75 | 130 x 100 | 118.87 x 91.44 | 24x8 | 5 |

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

Registration forms shall be obtained from the Registrations Secretary.

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes taking into account the following.

- (i) 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.
- (ii) In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The (Registrations) 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.
- (iii) A Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club provided that:
 - (a) The Teams in which the Player plays are not in the same age group; or
 - (b) 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:-

- (i) Play for more than one Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through the Player Registration System for registration that the Player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

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

(G) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rule 18(G)(ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player, the exercise of such power being without prejudice to the Management Committee's ability to fine a Club at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).

(iii) 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. 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 for further information.

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

- (iv) For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with 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. 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(a) 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 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 14 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 31st January except by special permission of the Management Committee.
- (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 his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C).

- (K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registrations Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of 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 his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a club in another competition his registration as a Non-Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 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 four Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.
- (M) A Team shall not include more than [11] Players who has/have taken part in [20] or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

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For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is [any other youth League].

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

- (N) (i) 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.
- (ii) 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.
- (iii) 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; 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).

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

- (O) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with their head teacher (except for Sunday league competitions).
- (iii) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 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.
- (R) Registration ID cards and Result/Team sheets (detailing players selected for the match, including substitutes) must be exchanged by the two competing Clubs before the match and returned after the match. If a Club does not have all or some of the Registration ID cards a protest must be lodged in accordance with Rule 7 for adjudication by the League Management Committee. If any irregularity is found, the matter will be dealt with by the League Management Committee as provided by the Rules of this Competition on player eligibility (Rule 18).
- (S) To de-register a Player, the Club shall submit such in writing, or on the prescribed form, to the Registration Secretary. This must include the signatures of an Officer of the Club, the Player and his/her Parent or Guardian giving such consent.

CLUB COLOURS

19. Every Team must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 20th May who shall decide as to their suitability.

Any Team wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.

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.

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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 five days before the Competition Match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away 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.

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

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, and 9v9 football, the Rules as set down by The FA.

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.

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. 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).

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

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.

Under 7 and Under 8:

Duration of play per quarter: 5-10 minutes (mini-soccer only)

Duration of play per half: 10-20 minutes

Max playing time per day (organised development fixtures): 40 minutes

Max playing time per day (tournaments, trophy events/festivals): 60 minutes

Structure: Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2-week periods (6 weeks)

In this Competition the duration of play shall be 40 minutes (20 minutes each half).

Under 9 and Under 10:

Duration of play per quarter: 10-12.5 minutes (mini-soccer only)

Duration of play per half: 20-25 minutes

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Max playing time per day (organised development fixtures): 60 minutes

Max playing time per day (tournaments, trophy events/festivals): 90 minutes

Structure: Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4-week periods (12 weeks)

In this Competition the duration of play shall be 50 minutes (25 minutes each half).

Under 11:

Duration of play per half: 20-30 minutes

Max playing time per day (organised development fixtures): 80 minutes

Max playing time per day (tournaments, trophy events/festivals): 120 minutes

Structure: Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6-week periods (18 weeks)

In this Competition the duration of play shall be 60 minutes (30 minutes each half).

Under 12:

Duration of play per half: 20-30 minutes

Max playing time per day (organised development fixtures): 80 minutes (if applicable)

Max playing time per day (tournaments, trophy events/festivals): 120 minutes

Structure: Any varieties including one season long league table

In this Competition the duration of play shall be 60 minutes (30 minutes each half).

Under 13 and Under 14:

Duration of play per half: 25-35 minutes

Max playing time per day (organised development fixtures): 100 minutes

Max playing time per day (tournaments, trophy events/festivals): 150 minutes

Structure: Any varieties including one season long league table

In this Competition the duration of play shall be 70 minutes (35 minutes each half).

Under 15 and Under 16:

Duration of play per half: 25-40 minutes

Max playing time per day (organised development fixtures): 100 minutes

Max playing time per day (tournaments, trophy events/festivals): 150 minutes

Structure: Any varieties including one season long league table

In this Competition the duration of play shall be 80 minutes (40 minutes each half).

Under 17 and Under 18:

Duration of play per half: 25-45 minutes

Max playing time per day (organised development fixtures): 120 minutes

Max playing time per day (tournaments, trophy events/festivals): 180 minutes

Structure: Any varieties including one season long league table

In this Competition the duration of play shall be 90 minutes (45 minutes each half).

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 by the Management Committee. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

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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 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.

Goal nets must be used and suitably anchored to the ground. Regulation corner posts must be used.

Each team must ensure that an adequate First Aid kit is taken to every match (and training sessions). This First Aid kit should meet or exceed the following minimum specification:

1. Grab bag
2. Disposable gloves
3. Instant ice
4. Dressing pack
5. Triangular bandage
6. Antiseptic wipes
7. Plasters (hypo-allergenic)
8. Dressings size 7, 8 and 9
9. Vent Aid
10. Water spray and carrier

The Management Committee have a right to inspect a team's First Aid kit and if found insufficient Clubs shall be fined (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. 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).

Any Club seeking advanced postponement so as to be released from League/Cup fixtures on a specific date shall make written request with the circumstances to the appropriate Fixture Secretary at least 28 days in advance of the date(s) in question.

The Fixture Secretaries shall have full authority to arrange and re-arrange all fixture dates at their own discretion until five days preceding the relevant Sunday (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

Four weeks notice shall be given to the Fixture Secretary of non-availability of players due to holidays or school trips.

- (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 to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least five clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If not so provided, the away Club and Match Officials shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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

5v5 format: 4 players

7v7 format: 5 players

9v9 format: 6 players

11v11 format: 7 players

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

- (E) (i) 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 have the power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.
- (ii) 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. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (iii) 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 14 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.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) 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.

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

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.

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 not exceed 5 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/shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her team mates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

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

REPORTING RESULTS

21. (A) The Result Card Secretary must receive within four days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. 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 record the result of each Competition Match on the League website by 7 p.m. on the day of the match. This to include Referee mark and Fair Play mark. Postponed fixtures must also be recorded in the same manner. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (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.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings may be determined by a deciding match or matches played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, or the position shared.

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- (B) Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first two Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last two Teams in each division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(L).
- (i) Should one or more Teams withdraw from any one division after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of Teams to those withdrawing in that division shall not be automatically relegated.
 - (ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the Playing Season may be filled in any of the following ways:
 - (a) retention of otherwise relegated Team(s); or
 - (b) additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the division below; or
 - (c) election
 - (iii) Not in use.
 - (iv) Not in use.
 - (v) Not in use.
- (C) Not in use (play-off rule).
- (D) 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.

Where a team withdraws having completed 75% of its fixtures the points for any unplayed games shall be awarded to the defaulting team's opponents.

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.
- (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) Not in use.
- (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 their fees and expenses accordance with the Fees Tariff.
- Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. 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 plus

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

- (G) A referee not keeping his or her 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.
- A Club awarding a mark of less than 30 shall send a written explanation to the League or Competition with the result sheet. Clubs failing to comply shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (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.
- (J) Not in use.
- (K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.
- (L) Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.

Approved ECFA 21.7.2021 No Competition amendments June 2021.

SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF

| RULE | DESCRIPTION | FEE |
|--------|--|--------------------------|
| 4 (A) | Entry Fee | £ 15 |
| 4 (B) | Annual Subscription | £ 30 |
| 4 (C) | Deposit | £ 10 |
| 7 (C) | Protest Fee | £ 10 |
| 18 (D) | Player Registration Fee | £ 0 |
| 18 (H) | Transfer Fee | £ 5 |
| 23 (E) | REFEREE FEES Mini-soccer (max.£14 inclusive) Travel expenses | £14 £ 10 20p /mile |
| 23 (E) | ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES Mini-soccer (max.£10 inclusive) Travel expenses | £ 0 20p /mile |

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FINES TARIFF

| RULE | DESCRIPTION | MAX. FINE |
|-------------|--|--------------------------|
| 2 (G) | Failure to affiliate | £ Discret. |
| 2 (I) | Failure to comply with FA initiatives | £ Discret. |
| 2 (K) | Unauthorised entry of teams into competitions | £ Discret. |
| 3 | Failure to obtain consent for change of Club name | £ 30 |
| 4 (C) | Failure to pay deposit | £ Discret. |
| 4 (E) | Failure to provide affiliation number/details form | £ 10 |
| 5 (E) | Communications conducted by persons other than nominated officers | £ 25 |
| 6 (H) | Failure to comply with an instruction of the Management Committee | £ Discret. |
| 6 (I) | Failure to pay fine within required time frame | Fine doubled max £100 |
| 8 (H) | Failure to be represented at AGM | £ 50 |
| 9 | Failure to be represented at SGM | £ 10 |
| 10 | Failure to submit written agreement or to notify changes to signatories | £ 25 |
| 11 (A) | Failure to provide notice of intended withdrawal before deadline | £ 10 |
| 11 (B) | Failure to commence/ complete fixtures | £ Discret. |
| 13 (A) | Failure to submit the required trophy agreement | £ 25 |
| 13 (A) | Failure to return trophy with correct details | £ Discret. |
| 16 (A) | Failure to have the required public liability insurance | £ Discret. |
| 16 (B) | Failure to have the required personal accident insurance | £ Discret. |
| 18 (A) | Failure to correctly register a player | £ Discret. |
| 18 (B)(iii) | Failure to have the required number of registered players | £ Discret. |
| 18 (F) | Registering or playing for multiple clubs, or inaccurate completion of a registration form | £ 25 |
| 18 (G)(ii) | Registration irregularities | £ Discret. |
| 18 (M) | Fielding more than the permitted number of players who have participated in Senior Competition matches | £ Discret. |
| 18 (N)(i) | Playing an ineligible player | £ Discret. |
| 18 (O)(i) | Failure to give priority to school activities | £ Discret. |
| 18 (R) | Failing to exchange registration forms at a match | £ 25 min. |
| 19 | Failure to obtain consent for change of Club colours | £ 30 |

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| 19 | Delaying kick off by not having a change of colours | £ 5 |
| 20 (A) | Late kick off | £ 5 |
| 20 (A) | Failing to provide goal nets, corner flags, suitable footballs | £ 30 |
| 20 (A) | Failing to have sufficient First Aid | £ 30 |
| 20 (B) | Failure to play matches on the date fixed | £ Discret. |
| 20 (C) | Failure to provide details of a fixture | £ 5 |
| 20 (D) | Playing match with less than the required number of players | £ Discret. |
| 20 (E)(i) | Failure to keep engagement | £ Discret. |
| 20 (E)(ii) | Failure to notify postponement | £ Discret. |
| 20 (H) | Failing to identify a team captain | £ 10 |
| 21 (A) | Late result sheet | £ 5 |
| 21 (B) | Failure to provide result | £ 5 |
| 21 (C) | Incorrect result sheet | £ 5 |
| 21 (D) | Publishing results/tables | £ 50 |
| 23 (E) | Failure to pay match officials' fees and expenses | £ 25 |
| 23 (F) | Failure to pay match officials where a match is not played | £ 25 |
| 23 (H) | Failure to provide referee mark | £ 25 |
| 23 (H) | Failure to provide written explanation for low mark | £ 5 |

CUP RULES

1. The Competition shall be conducted in sections as follows: under-10 Lions (A), Under-10 Tigers (B), Under-10 leopards in accordance with the Mini Soccer Rules and laws of the FA, and be open to every club which is a member of the South East Essex Primary Soccer League.
2. The times in cup competitions shall be:
Under-10s two equal periods of 25 minutes (extra time two equal periods of five minutes)
"Golden goal" is not applicable to this competition.

PROCEDURES TO DETERMINE WINNER OF A MATCH

(applicable to this League's cup competition and NOT league matches)

Taking kicks from the penalty mark is a method of determining the winning team where competition rules require there to be a winning team after a match has been drawn.

When a team finishes the match with a greater number of players than their opponents they shall reduce their numbers to equate with those of their opponents and inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. The team captain has this responsibility.

Before the start of kicks from the penalty mark the referee shall ensure that only an equal number of players from each team remain within the centre circle and they shall take the kicks.

The referee chooses the goal at which kicks will be taken.

The referee tosses a coin and the team whose captain wins the toss decides to go first or second.

The referee keeps a record of the kicks being taken.

Subject to the conditions explained as follows, both teams have five kicks.

The kicks are taken alternately by the teams.

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.

In after both teams have taken five kicks both have scored the same number of goals, or not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored one goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

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 his team has not used the maximum number of substitutes permitted under the competition rules.

With the exception of the foregoing case, only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match, which includes extra time where appropriate, are allowed to take kicks from the penalty mark.

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

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

All players except the players taking the kick and the two goalkeepers must remain within the centre circle.

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.

The other goalkeeper must remain on his goal line between the goalposts facing the kicker until the ball is kicked.

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

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Unless otherwise stated, the relevant Laws of the Game and International FA Board decisions apply when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

3. All players must be registered as in South East Primary Mini Soccer League and must be bona fide members of the team they represent.
4. A player may not play for more than one team in the competition during the same season.
5. All players must be registered fourteen days before any round.
6. Any team playing an ineligible player shall be fined a sum of £10 (ten pounds) minimum and be struck from the competition and the match awarded to their opponents.
7. The draw shall be made at a committee meeting and published
8. There will be no replays of cup finals.
9. Any team failing to keep an engagement through being unable to field a team on a published scheduled or rescheduled cup fixture shall be deemed absent, struck from the League Cup competition and the tie awarded to their opponents. Cup matches will take precedence over league matches.
10. Rules 1 to 9 are supplemental and reference to the main League Constitution/Standard Code of Rules should be applied.

15 YEAR CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP AWARD

1997 ASHINGDON YOUTH
1997 BENFLEET YOUTH
1997 HAWKWELL ATH
1997 TRINITY YOUTH
1997 GT WAKERING COLTS
1997 ISLAND BOYS
1997 RAYLEIGH BOYS
1997 LEIGH ROCKETS
1997 ELMWOOD COLTS
1998 CATHOLIC UTD
1998 DEANESWOOD YOUTH
1998 HULLBRIDGE SPORTS
1999 BENFLEET VILLA
1999 EKCO WHITECAPS
1999 WICKFORD TOWN
2016 2000 LEIGH RAMBLERS

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2018-19 LEIGH ROCKETS LEOPARDS
2017-18 HAWKWELL ATHLETIC LIONS
2016-17 RAYLEIGH BOYS PANTHERS
2015-16 HAWKWELL AT RED
2014-15 LEE CHAPEL LIONS
2013-14 CATHOLIC UTD LIONS
2012-13 EKCO WHITECAPS TIGERS
2011-12 CANVEY ISLAND LEOPARDS
2010-11 FC REDWING
2009-10 LEIGH RAMBLERS LEOPARDS
2008-09 DEANESWOOD YOUTH LIONS
2007-08 RAYLEIGH BOYS TIGERS
2006-07 ASHINGDON YOUTH PUMAS
2005-06 LEIGH RAMBLERS LEOPARDS

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2018-19 FOREST GLADE LEOPARDS
2017-18 WESTCLIFF UNITED
2016-17 LEIGHWOOD UNITED PANTHERS
2015-16 HULLBRIDGE SPORTS TIGERS
2014-15 RAYLEIGH BOYS PUMAS
2013-14 TRINITY YOUTH LEOPARDS
2012-13 BENFLEET VILLA LIONS
2011-12 HAMBRO COLTS LIONS
2010-11 LEIGH RAMBLERS TIGERS
2009-10 HAMBRO COLTS LIONS
2008-09 HULLBRIDGE SPORTS TIGERS
2007-08 LEIGH RAMBLERS LIONS
2006-07 DEANESWOOD YOUTH LIONS
2005-06 ASHINGDON YOUTH TIGERS

15 YEAR COMMITTEE AWARD

1997 BRIAN MITCHELL
1997 RICHARD WEBB
1999 MARK HOLMES
TONY ALLEN
ERNIE FRANKLIN
RICHARD FEDELMESI

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2018-19 LEIGH RAMBLERS LEOPARDS
2017-18 TRINITY UNITED TIGERS
2016-17 LEE CHAPEL PANTHERS
2015-16 TRINITY PUMAS
2014-15 TRINITY YOUTH LIONS
2013-14 BASILDON TROJANS TIGERS
2012-13 WICKFORD TOWN TIGERS
2011-12 LEIGH RAMBLERS PUMAS
2010-11 WICKFORD TOWN TIGERS
2009-10 RAYLEIGH BOYS LIONS
2008-09 ESSEX ROYALS LIONS
2007-08 ASHINGDON YOUTH COUGARS
2006-07 RAYLEIGH BOYS TIGERS
2005-06 HAWKWELL ATH LEOPARDS

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Benfleet Villa YFC

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| U9 Lions | Jamie Pasqua | 07843 280207 | |
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| U10 Tigers | Daniel Cleaves | 07760 755282 | |

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Concord Rangers

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Ekco Whitecaps Youth

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Essex Royals

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Fryerns Boys

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Grays Athletic Youth

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Great Waking Colts

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| U10 Blue | Steven Harniman | 07966 134346 | |
| U10 Red | Peter Ward | 07970 352572 | |

Hashtag Forest Glade

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| U9 Pumas | Sam Lewis | 07930 538658 | |
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| U10 Tigers | Paul Crookbain | 07850 113612 | |

Hannakins Farm

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| U7 Bears | Lee Fisher | 07990 976297 | |

Hawkwell athletic

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Junior Redstar

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Leigh Ramblers

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| U10 Blue | Daniel Hudson | 07956 358781 | |
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Leigh Rockets

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Mornington Youth

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Rayleigh Boys

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Wakebury

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Wickford Town

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STANDING ORDERS

1. Officers, Committee Members and Delegates attending any meeting must sign the Attendance Register or be recorded in the Minutes of the meeting of their attendance.
2. If required by the Chairman, notices of intended motions shall be given in writing to the Secretary.
3. All questions shall be determined by a show of hands, unless a formal division be demanded or, in the opinion of the Meeting or the Chairman, it is desirable that the voting on any particular point or subject be conducted by ballot.
4. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
5. That the proposer of a motion be allowed 5 (five) minutes for his speech and the seconders and all succeeding speakers be allowed three minutes.
6. Any member seconding a motion or amendment without remark shall not be considered to have spoken.
7. That the decision of the Chairman on any point shall be binding upon the meeting but upon notice being given at such meeting, it may be called into question at the next meeting and rescinded by two-thirds of those present and voting.
8. A Delegate, at the Chairman's discretion, shall not be allowed to vote at any meeting on any matter relating to the club he represents. In the event of any dispute or protests, the Representatives of the clubs concerned shall withdraw from the meeting while such dispute or protest is being considered.
9. That no member be permitted to speak more than once on the same proposition, except the Proposer, who shall have the right to reply, Upon the Chairman rising to speak all other Members must resume their seats.
10. That any question may be closed by a resolution. "That the question be now put", being moved, seconded and carried such resolution to be submitted with debate.
11. Any Standing Order may be suspended upon motion to that effect, provided such motion is duly seconded and carried by two-thirds of those present and voting.
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