**League Management Orders or Instr****uctions as provided for bySCORY 5(H)**

If any of these Orders or Instructions conflict with FA SCORY then the FA SCORY takes precedence.

**Rule 2 Other Competitions**

Teams are not allowed to enter other Competitions (excluding FA/CountyFA/DFA) during the AGM agreed playing season except with the consent of the League Management Committee’

League and Cup Fixtures shall take preference over all requests’

This includes but not inclusive to

Friendly Fixtures in which the Club has entered for which written consent of the Management

Entry into Tournaments

Club tours

Other fixtures

A Club must immediately inform the Competition of the detail of any fixture(s) in any other Competition in which the Club has entered for which written consent of the Management Committee has been obtained

This includes but not inclusive to

Friendly Fixtures in which the Club has entered for which written consent of the Management

Entry into Tournaments

Club tours

Other fixtures

Failure to comply Fine £30

Clubs must not arrange Tournaments during the AGM agreed playing season except with the consent of the League Management Committee.

Failure to comply Fine £30

**Rule 5 Officers**

President, Vice Presidents, Life Members, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration Secretary, Referee Secretary, Discipline Officer, League Welfare Officer, Development Officer, Divisional Representatives, Chairman/Vice-Chairman **and a minimum of one** **(maximum four)elected member.**

All Officers (except Vice -Presidents) shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

Life Members do not require re-election.

The Four Vice-Presidents shall be elected from within the Management Committee by the Committee at the April or May meeting and such persons so elected shall serve as Vice-Presidents from the date of the next Annual General Meeting.

**Rule 8 AGM**

In addition to the Annual General Meeting there shall be a minimum of three General Meetings, for administrative purposes only, each year. Fourteen days notice, in writing, shall be given for all General Meetings. Each Club shall be empowered to send two (2) delegates to all General Meetings and shall be entitled to one vote.

Any Club that has submitted a valid application to join the Competition for the forthcoming Season must have the opportunity to be put forward for membership and to have a vote taken on their membership application.

Club failing to be represented at the AGM or a SGM Fine £30

Club failing to be represented at a General Meeting Fine £30

**Rule 18 Registrations**

Clubs should submit a Team Registration Document in the subscribed manner as determined by the League Management Committee.

The registration fee of £3.00 per player (U7 to U10) and £4 (U11 to U18) shall be payable for players registered.

Clubs will be invoiced for registrations and transfers.

Registrations must be processed through the Club Portal in the prescribed manner as determined by the Management Committee. Players are not eligible to play for a team until authorised by the Registrations Secretary and processed onto the Team squad list.

New or transferred players must be updated, added and printed onto the team squad list via WGS before they are eligible to play.

It is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that the Team Sheet is correct.

Teams must exchange the duly authorised Completed Team Squad List at all matches, only players listed on the Team Squad List will be allowed to play.

A Club Official from both teams shall exchange with each other a League authorised laminated team squad for the players taking part in the game at least10 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time., **in the centre of the pitch where all players can be clearly identify.**

Any player not on the League Authorised Team Squad renders that player ineligible to play in that match, **it is the responsibility of BOTH teams to ensure any players not on the squad lists do not participate in the fixture.**

The use of electronic devices displaying players is not acceptable.

Failure to comply Fine £30

Under no circumstances MUST the Match start if a Team is unable to produce a League authorised Team squad.

Any team **or** **teams** failing to comply and causing the game not to be played will be dealt with as failing to fulfil a fixture

Rule 20E(i) Fine £30

A 2 year ID Card system will be used as determined by the Management Committee.

**Rule 18 Registrations**

Players can ONLY play for ONE team on any day in this Competition.

In the event that a Club has more than one team in an age group each player must be clearly identified and registered for one team only..

Players can only play for the ONE team which they are registered for. Fine £30

Registrations for U7, U8 , U9 and U10 can be completed throughout the season.

Registrations for U11 to U18 until **1st March**

LMC will consider request for registrations under exceptional circumstances, decisions so reached will be final.

**Rule 18 (O) School or other activities**

Postponements shall only be sanctioned if a Team would be unable to meet the minimum number of players required (as defined in FA SCORY 20(d)) due to the activities of school and school organisations. The Divisional Representative must be notified on a postponement request form clearly stating:-

Schools or organisation involved

School activity

List of players participating

A minimum of five days notice must be given.

The League Management Committee reserve the right to seek verification of requests for postponments

This may include confirmation from Schools, Organisations or parents,

A team may request ONE other postponement (excluding school activities) of **League Fixtures ONLY** perseason which must be submitted on a postponement request form stating the reason for the request to the Divisional Representative. In these circumstances at least **five** days notice must be given.

Requests of less than five days notice will NOT be considered.

**Rule 3 and 19 Club Colours/Club Name**

Teams are not permitted to have shirts printed with player’s names.

Shirts must be numbered.

Failure to comply Fine £30

Every team must register the colour and design of the shirts with the League ,

Secretary who will decide on their suitability.

Any team wishing to to change the colours and/or design of its shirts and shorts during the playing season must obtain permission from the Management Committee in advance of making that change.

**Rule 18 (C) Size of Footballs**

**A Size 3 Ball to be used for U7 to U0**

**A Size 4 Ball to be used for U11 to U14**

**A Size 5 Ball to be used for U15 to U18**

**Rule 20 (A) Conditions of Play**

**KO Times will be as determined at the AGM.**

**No changes to KO times can be made without the prior consent of the Divisional Representative. Fine £20**

**Rule 20 (B) Conditions of Play**

A Team being unable to supply a home venue for whatever reason (frost, snow, waterlogged etc) MUST offer their opponents the opportunity to play the game at their opponent’s ground on that day, if a pitch is available.

Any fixture not taking place in these circumstances shall be reviewed by the Management Committee who shall have the power to take action as per rule 20(E). Circumstances such as travelling distances and kick off times shall all be taken into account when the Management Committee makes their decision.

Shall it be found that the pitch unavailability notification has been unduly delayed in being given to the Divisional Representative thereby preventing this section of the rule being invoked, the offending Team may be dealt with as having failed to fulfil a fixture Rule 20€(i)

In these circumstances the home Team shall be responsible for the costs of the pitch supplied, this applies to both League and Cup matches.

Kick-off times may be changed subject to the mutual agreement of both teams and the Divisional Representative. In these circumstances at least 7days notice MUST be given.

The Referees Secretary and the Referee MUST be informed . Failure to contact the Referee Fine £30

The home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off and kit colours (including goalkeeper) to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least () clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match . The opposing Club must confirm receipt and give notice of its kit colours (including goalkeeper

at least () days days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If either is not so provided the relevant Club 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.

**Spectator line (roped off area)**

**The spectator area should start two metres from the touchline and run the full length of the pitch on both sides.**

**Failure to comply Fine £30**

**Clubs unable to rope off both sides should notify the League Secretary.**

**Rule 20 (F) Substitutes**

For Under 11 to Under 18

A Club may use up to FIVE substitute players, a player who has been substituted becomes a Substitute and may replace any player at any time subject to the Laws of the Game

For Mini Soccer any number of substitutions can be used at any time with the permission of the referee

If a player is unused as a substitute the players name must be struck from the team

**Rule 21(A) Reporting Results**

**The results of all fixtures must be telephoned/texted through to the Divisional Representative by 17:30 on the day the fixture is played.**

**Failure to comply Fine £10**

A Match Report Form for ALL Competitions entered by a Club/Team must be received by the Divisional Representative within 3 Days of the date played

Failure to comply Fine £20

The League requires confirmation that a set fixture has been played in U7, U8, U9, U10 and U 11.

Failure to comply Fine £20

**Rule 23 Match Officials**

(F) Where a fixture is not completed due to the fault of one Club, the Club shall pay the Match Officials if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses.

Failure to comply Fine £30

**Team Officials League Instruction**

All Team Managers, Assistants and Coaches, must be registered with the Mid-Cheshire Youth Football League and have an accepted FA CRC check and Safeguarding

All such persons shall submit their details on the form provided, together with TWO passport size photographs and a fee of £3.00.

**The League will provide an ID Badge and Armband Holder which MUST be worn throughout the entire game.**

**The armband MUST be of the correct colour appropriate for the current season as determined by the Competition.**

**The colour for the 2025/26 Season will be as per LMC Instructions**

**Failure to comply Fine £20 and/or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee.**

**Continuous infringement Fine £30**

**The LMC will also consider the removal of the Team Official from the list of registered Managers, Assistants and Coaches.**

The ID Registration Card is the property of the League and must be returned in the event an Official is no longer with the Club he is registered with.

**A Maximum of THREE Officials (including Linesman) are allowed within the roped off area.**

**Failure to comply Fine £20**

**Sanctioned Competitions**

**District Cup Competitions**

A team may only enter ONE District FA Competition and the League Secretary must

be notified of all Competitions entered .

Failure to comply Fine £20

**Youth Cup Competition Rules**

The Competition shall be for age groups U11 to U18 and shall be called,

‘The Mid-Cheshire Youth League Knock-out Cup Competition” or

‘Other Competitions’ decided by the Management Committee.

**The format of the Competition shall be determined by the League Management**

**Committee whose decision will be final.**

**The entire control and management of the competitions shall be vested in the LeagueManagement Committee.**

**All participants in the Competition shall be bound to comply with the**

**Competition Rules (and any Rules or Regulations issued pursuant to the**

**Competition Rules). League rules will apply.**

**It is the responsibility of Clubs, Managers and Coaches to be aware of the**

**Cup Competition Rules.**

**Entry to the Competition is by invitation only.**

All matches will be played on the conference datesscheduled by the Competition Secretary.. Matches will only be re-arranged from these dates as a result of changes due to County or District FA Cup matches or postponement due to inclement weather.

**No other changes will be considered.**

**Option to postpone fixtures is not allowed under these Competition Rules**

**……except under exceptional circumstances as determined by the LMC.**

(B) The Management reserve the right to expel any team found guilty by the Cheshire County Football Association of misconduct in this competition.

(C) Teams **MAY** be charged a fee to participate in the Competition.

(D) The Officers and Management Committee for the Knock-out Cup shall be as for the Competition.

(E) All rounds of the competition shall be played on a knockout basis or otherwise determined by the Management Committee.

(F) The provisions of the League Rule 8 shall govern the qualification of players, except that any player transferred from one Team to another shall not be eligible to play for his new Team if he has played for his former Team in the**same**Cup Competition in the same season. In the event of a tie being postponed for any reason only those players who were qualified on the date of the original match shall be eligible to play. After the Quarter-Final stage no player shall be allowed to transfer Teams for Cup matches.

A player who has been suspended may play in a postponed, drawn or replayed ties after the term of his suspension has expired.

Except in the first two rounds of the Competition a player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any Cup Competition unless he has played in two (2) league fixtures for the Team in this League in the current season.

A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing Club or Team **.**

The Management Committee will review eligibility for players registered for teams which have disbanded.

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(G) Any Team playing an ineligible player(s) or unregistered player(s) shall be struck out of the Competition and shall be fined in accordance with the fines tariff

Fine £25

(H) All matches shall consist of two periods of play, equal in their duration as per existing League Rule

(I) In the event of the scores in a match being level at the end of normal time the match will be settled by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by the International Football Association Board.

(J) Unless otherwise decided by the Management Committee the semi-final ties shall be played at the venues of the first drawnsemi-finalists who will host the opposite semi-final. The home Club shall be responsible for providing the pitch with the cost of the Match Officials shared between both Clubs.

Finals shall be played on dates and at venues as arranged by the Competition Secretary.

(K) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be appointed where possible in accordance with Rule 13.

(L) Any Team withdrawing from the Competition **will be fined.**

**Rule 20(E) Fine £20**

(M) The winners of each competition shall be presented with the Knock-Out Cup for that age group plus 16 player awards.

Clubs may purchase additional awards.

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, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of Competition Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered /presented 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 ………?………. League Secretary Meeting.

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 or replacement.

**Failure to comply Fine £50**

**Failure to return by the correct date Fine £50**

(N) Except where otherwise specified in the foregoing, the Competition shall be subject to the Rules of the League and matches played in conformity therewith.

All protests shall be dealt with as per League Rules

**Albert Steele Memorial Trophy**

The League may organise an Annual Competition within a format set by the Management Committee by invitation only.