



STANDARD CODE OF RULE STOURBRIDGE YOUTH LEAGUE

1 - NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

(A) This Competition shall be designated the Stourbridge and District Youth League and shall consist of not more than 250 Clubs who shall be Full Member Clubs.

All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to an affiliated County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date (31st July) on the Form "D" to the Birmingham County Football Association. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be the wards of the Stourbridge and Districts.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Birmingham County Football Association and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 14 in number, and under the format and conditions as determined by the Management Committee.

Member Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of F.A. and County F.A. Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee of the Competition. Such application to be made to the League Secretary by letter, at least three weeks before the commencement of the Season, otherwise the original issued fixtures must be adhered to. Clubs failing to adhere to this Rule will be dealt with under Rule 10(F) and fined as per Rule 23. Clubs to note that no more than one outside competition may be entered per Season.

The competition will provide 11-a-side football for players who have attained the age of 10 as at midnight 31st August in a playing season and Mini-soccer for players who have attained the age of 6 years but not the age of 10 years as at midnight on 31st August in a playing season.

2 - ENTRY FEE. SUBSCRIPTION. DEPOSIT

A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary on or before June 1st and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £15.00 per team (11 a side and Mini Soccer) which shall be returned in the event of non-election. Applications after June 1st must be accompanied with an additional fee of £10.00 per team

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. The Entry Fee shall apply.

When Rule 12(B) is applied and a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be £40.00 for all 11 a side teams, and £20.00 per team for all mini soccer and girls teams Payable on or before the 1st June in each year.

(C) Each Club shall, upon election, pay a Deposit of £ 90.00 per Team at U17, £15.00 per



Team for all other age groups including girl's teams, which shall be returned. U11 to U16 and £10.00 per Team at Mini Soccer, which shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid. Each Club will be liable to contribute £2.00 per week for 39 weeks (£78.00) as an administration fee to the League (zero plus) if paid in full at the start of the Season this payment will be £70.00.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 21st July of its relevant County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

3 -OFFICERS

The Officers of the Competition shall be the President, Chairman, Vice-chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration secretary's), Referees secretary's), Fixtures Secretary(s), Discipline Secretary, Press Secretary, Trophy Secretary Minutes Secretary, Match Report Forms Secretary(s), Financial Secretary, Sub Committee (Mini Soccer) Birmingham County F.A. Representative, Child Protection Officer and Club Representatives, to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. (N.B. Auditors are not Officers), and other that are needed.

The Treasurer must have two references.

If more than two Officers from one Club are elected to the above Posts they will be only entitled to two votes.

4 -MANAGEMENT NOMINATION ELECTION

(A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee comprised of the Officers and two members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than 30th April in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting

(C) The Management Committee shall meet as often as is necessary to deal with business as it arises.

The Management Committee shall have the power to co-opt a maximum of three or more members.



On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the 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 nominated Officers, and forwarded by first class post or delivered by hand within the stipulated time.

The League Secretary, Fixtures Secretary and Referee Secretary or any other Member of the Management Committee may only be telephoned between the hours as specified within the Handbook under the Heading of League Management Committee, where failure to do so will result in a fine as per Rule 23

5 - POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

(A) The Management Committee may appoint such other sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate such of their powers, as they deem necessary to such committees. The decisions of all such committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Birmingham County Football Association 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. (See Rule 6(e)).

(C) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote thereafter, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club so represented. (This shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee). In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules. Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Official or Player alleged to be in breach of a Competition Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before the Management Committee. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules.

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal in accordance with Rule 16. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.



(F) Five Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and three Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the Competition.

(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 having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition within twenty one days of an operative specified in that order, shall be liable to be fined as per Rule 23 and/or otherwise penalized at the discretion of the Management Committee including suspension from partaking in the business of the League until the order has been complied with and written reasons forwarded to the Secretary, who in turn shall submit these to the Management Committee.

(I) All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification, (unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee) Should a Club be in debt to the League for any reason, all Club Officials, will be held responsible for their share of the monies owing.

Clubs, Officials or individuals committing a breach of this Rule will incur such penalties as the Management Committee may impose.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to amend a meeting or match may have any expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season. All new Clubs elected into the League will enter at the lowest Division. This includes teams that break away from an existing club to form a new club.

(L) The Management Committee have the power to veto application of clubs who may be deemed discreditable to the League.

6 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least two thirds of Members are present and entitled to vote:-

- I. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- II. To consider any business arising there from.
- III. To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Standing Orders.
- IV. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee).
- V. Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- VI. Election of Officers and Management Committee.
- VII. Appointment of Auditors.



- VIII. Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given), any amendments to be sent in writing to the League Secretary at least 7 days prior to the A.G.M.
- IX. Fix the date for the commencement and conclusion of playing season.
- X. Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

(B) A copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, and to the Birmingham County Football Association.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Birmingham County Football Association within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each member club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an annual general meeting or general league meeting providing that club has more than three teams, clubs with only three teams or less may only send one delegate. Each club shall be entitled to one vote only, not less than 7 days notice shall be given of any meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the competition during the 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 one third 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 Full Member Club unless the individual is also appointed to vote as a representative.

(H) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined as per Rule 23.

(I) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

7 - AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, A, _____ of (Chairman)

and B, _____ of (Secretary)

of the Football Club, _____

Have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Stourbridge and District Youth League and do here by 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 16.

Any alteration of the Chairman and / or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the relevant County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

(Note: The spaces above are intended for the inclusion of the signatures and addresses of officers and members).

8 - QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(A) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are not permitted in this Competition. No player registered with a F.A. Premier League or Football League Academy will be permitted to play in this competition. A Player registered with a Centre of Excellence may only play in this Competition subject to the Regulations of the Program for Excellence.

(B) A registered playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has;

- (1) Signed a fully and completed competition registration form and I.D. card in ink, countersigned by his / her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the Registrations Secretary four clear days (i.e. Wednesday 12 Noon to be eligible for the following Sunday match and 12 Noon to be eligible for a Midweek Wednesday Match etc) prior to playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate any known serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the player's parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the Club or Competition.

Registration Forms may also be submitted to the Registrations Secretary by facsimile machine prior to the player playing.

The registration documents must incorporate two current passport size photographs of the player, which must be glued not stapled or taped, seeking registration together with proof of the players date of birth, only original documents to be provided, which are subject to vetting by duly appointed Officers of the League and at any time so called.

Each Team may also make a maximum of six emergency signings per season, three from the start of the season until the end of December, then another three from the start of January until the end of March. Any signings not made by the end of December stipulated times will be forfeited and not carried over. Emergency signings can only be made on match days, excluding Cup Competitions, prior to a match providing that the following conditions are adhered to;

1 - Registration cards and birth certificates/medical cards are vetted and signed by both Referee and opposing Manager.

2 - The form is received by the Registration Secretary within forty-eight hours of the



completion of the game concerned with the fee as per Rule 23. Failure to comply may result in a fine as per Rule 23 and/or otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee determines.

Teams should note that any signing as above must not exceed the stipulated maximum of players permitted per Team.

ID Cards must be presented to the opposing team before the game commences. Cards must remain in the opposing teams possession for the duration of the game. In the event of no registration card being available prior to the commencement of the game, all players, including the nominated substitutes, must write their name, date of birth and their signature on the reverse side of the Match Report Form and witnessed by a member of the opposing team Club Officials. These will be verified with the Registration Secretary within seven days and fined as per Rule 23. If the ID Cards are lost the facts must be immediately reported to the League Secretary and be replaced with- in seven days or the team may have its fixtures suspended until the Management Committee are satisfied that the ID Cards are in order.

The following Maximum numbers of player per Team shall apply:

- 20 players (17)
- 18 players (U11 to U16)
- 14 players (U9 & U10)
- 10 players (U7 & U8)

Except by special permission by the Management Committee.

A minimum of eleven players (U11 to U17), a minimum of seven players (U9 & U10) and a minimum of five players (U7 & U8) must be registered by the second registration night designated by the Management Committee. All Teams should sign a register on arrival where failure to comply with this and the foregoing may result in a fine as per Rule 23.

A Player may be de-registered providing that the Registration Card is returned to the Registration Secretary.

The qualification dates for the competition shall be as follows:

Mini-soccer

Under 7 - the player must have attained the age of 6 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season but must be under the age of 7 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 8 - the player must be under the age of 8 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 9 - the player must be under the age of 9 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 10 - the player must be under the age of 10 as at midnight on 31st August in the



playing season.

Mini Soccer - players must play with and against players only from their own age group

Youth Football

Under 11 - the player must have attained the age of 10 but must be under the age of 11 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

Under 12 - the player must be under the age of 12 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 13 - the player must be under the age of 13 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 14 - the player must be under the age of 14 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 15 - the player must be under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 16 - the player must be under the age of 16 as at midnight on 31st July in the playing season.

Under 17/18 - the player must be under the age of 17/18 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season and subject to the conditions as determined by the Management Committee.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player under the age of 14 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

(The above qualification dates are subject to the provisions contained in FA Rule C.4(a)(vi)).

(C) Not applicable to this League

(D) Not applicable to this League

(E) A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played.

(F) Additional Registration forms shall be obtained from the Registrations Secretary on prepayment of £3.00 per form.

(G) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

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.

(H) It shall be deemed misconduct for a player to: -



(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

(iv) Play in any other age group than the one for which they are registered.

(J) (i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player at their discretion proved guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse or cancel the registration of any player found guilty of undesirable conduct and to disqualify the player in question from participating in all games in the Competition. (Subject to Rule 16).

(Note: Action under Clause (2) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct on the field of play until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute.)

(K) Subject to The Football Association Rules dealing with players without a written contract when a player desires a transfer, the Club the player wishes to transfer to shall submit a transfer form to the Registrations Secretary accompanied by a fee of £3.00. Such transfer shall be referred by the Registrations Secretary 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 Registrations Secretary and to the player concerned within seven days of receipt of the transfer form. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within seven days, the Registrations 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 five 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.

A maximum of two transfers per player per season will be permitted, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee.

(L) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after coast March except by special permission of the Management Committee but would not be able to play in any games affecting promotion or relegation.

(M) A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, 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 designated that and "B" etc. In such cases, players will be registered for one team only.

(N) 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 any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged.

(O) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A)) unless the player has played 5 games for that team in this Competition in the current season, unless with prior consent of the Management Committee.

(P) Not applicable to this League

(Q) (i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players may have the points gained in the match deducted from its total and be fined as per Rule 23 and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(ii) In addition the team may have three points deducted from its total at the discretion of the Management Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought to be fit.

(iii) The Management Committee in exceptional circumstances may, at its discretion, award any points deducted from a Club under this Rule to the opponents in the match in question, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed. No goals will be awarded for the match.

Note: A Player who participates in any organized football on the same day prior to a League or Internal Cup Competition will be ineligible to play in that match and will be dealt with as above.

(The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full-time secondary education): -

(R) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organizations activities.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).

(iii) Children under 14 shall not play in a team involving players who are more than 2 years older.

(Note: For players under the age of 18 the provisions contained in Football Association Rules will apply.)

9 - CLUB COLOURS, CLUB NAME

(A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 30th



June who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from other players and the referee.

No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least four days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the home team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change shall be fined as per Rule 23.

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 shoes as they think fit.

All Shirts must be numbered.

(B) Any Club wishing to change its name and/or colours must seek permission from its affiliated County Football Association and from the Management Committee. Clubs wishing to change their name after 30 June in any year must submit a £5.00 fee to B.C.F.A.

10 - PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES.

- (A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the commencing and concluding dates for the ensuing season, which shall be in accordance with Football Association Rules. No Club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date. Original fixtures arranged by the Fixtures Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date determined by the Annual General Meeting.

Full Fixtures, having been circulated or published, are deemed to be accepted unless objections are received by the League Secretary within thirty days of their issue. (Cup Matches excepted) Additional Fixtures may be arranged, by the League, where Teams will be notified of such fixtures up to and including the Tuesday P.M. prior to the Sunday.

Any Club failing to be represented at a fixture meeting or otherwise infringing this Rule shall be liable for a fine as per Rule 23 and the Management Committee and/or the Fixtures Secretary shall arrange that Clubs figures.

- (B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-soccer, the Laws of Mini-soccer as set down by The Football Association.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home team a 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 matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground. Teams of age groups U11 and above should not play on junior size pitches with small goals unless prior permission of the Management Committee has been granted.

Any request for the use of Dudley MBC council pitches, must at first be made to the league secretary (not the council) as the league secretary allocates the pitches on the councils behalf. Once you have your pitch verified by the league secretary, you must then complete a council pitch allocation form, and send it direct to Dudley MBC. Who will then invoice you for the amount of fees owing. Mini soccer fees must be paid in one lump sum, eleven a side pitch fees will be invoiced in two parts. All fees must be paid direct to the council, and not the league. If the fees are not paid in the stipulated time, the council have the right to cancel your allocation.

All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time (not less than 10 minutes mini soccer, youth football refer to minimums) is mutually arranged by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

For Mini-soccer - The duration of play shall be as follows: for under 7 and under 8 age groups, 20 minutes each way, under 9 is 25 minutes each way and under 10's, 30 Minutes each way, with a maximum duration of participation per day per player of 45 Minutes for up to U8 and 60 minutes for U9 & U10.

All Mini Soccer Teams must commence the game with an equal amount of players.

For Youth football - The maximum duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time.

For under 11 and under 12, 60 minutes (30 minutes each half; for under 13, 14, 70 minutes (35 minutes each half)

and under 15 and under 16, 80 minutes (40 minutes each half; under 17, 90 minutes (45 minutes each half.)

The minimum time for any game will not be less than 20 minutes each half for players in the under 14 age group and below and 25 minutes each half for all other age groups.

No player under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August in any season shall be permitted to play more than one game or, in the event the competition allows the playing of a doubleheader, i.e. two separate matches, 100 minutes per day in this Competition.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the A.G.M. or the Management Committee. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined a sum not exceeding that as per Rule 23 or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

ID Cards must be presented to the opposing Team before the game commences as per Rule 8. Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late



starts to the Competition and advise an Official of the offending Club(s) of his intention to do so. In the event of a team(s) not being ready at kick off, a period of 20 minutes will be allowed before the Referee and opponents can leave the ground.

The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. The size of football to be used shall be: For Mini-soccer, size 3 for players in the under 7,8 and 9 age categories; size 4 for under 10s. For youth football - size 4 for those playing under 11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups, size 5 for all other age groups.

Goal nets and corner flags must be used and ground markings maintained where failure to do so will result in a fine as per Rule 23

(C) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed (together with midweek fixtures as approved by the Birmingham County FA) but priority shall be given to The Football Association and all relevant County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match or time of kick off with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary and other interested parties. Failure to inform all parties may result in a fine as per Rule 23.

(D) The Secretary/Team Manager of the home Club must give notice by telephone, or if no number is available in writing, of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least four clear days prior to the playing of the match.

Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine as per Rule 23.

(E) Every Club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the Competition.

(Note: The intention of this Rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another game or to boost the strength of another or lower team. It is NOT intended that Clubs MUST field higher team players in lower teams when the higher team has no engagement. If, the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the Rule is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account for its/their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine, despite the fact that Rule 8 has not been infringed.)

In the event of a Club playing in any 11 a side match with less than nine players they may be fined £5.00 for each missing player. A minimum of 7 players will constitute a team for a Competition match.

(F) Home and away matches must be played, in the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement, the Management Committee shall have the right to inflict a fine as per Rule 23, deduct the points from the defaulting Club, and award the points to the opposition. It may also order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by their opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. The only exception to the rule will be if the match has been cancelled because of weather conditions, or in the case of midweek matches) if the match has to be cancelled because of school commitments (in which case a letter from the



school must be obtained stating the reason for the cancellation). This also applies to clubs using private pitches (a letter must be obtained from the grounds man or person of authority from the said venue).

Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a 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.

Up to three open dates may be applied for per team per season, the third only to be used for a holiday weekend (i.e. Easter or Bank Holidays). The only date not to be figured will be Christmas week. Date to be confirmed by fixture sec's all club to publish a holiday request form and hand out to all their players, in order that they may have the information to book open date (the league will be happy to provide these for you). However, no open dates will be allowed for Cup Fixtures where such matches should be played as appointed otherwise the match forfeited. The dates must be submitted ON OFFICIAL FORM TO OPEN DATE SECRETARY a minimum of 35 days prior to the date requested. All open dates to be applied for before 31st March.

Notice of postponement of any match must be given without delay by the postponing Club (or notice of a Club being unable to fulfill any match must be given 48 hours prior to the match by the Club) to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict any penalty it may deem suitable.

In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall 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 League Secretary within five days the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. In such cases the Referees Fee to be split between the two competing Clubs.

The Management Committee shall review all abandoned matches and in a case where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, 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 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 match to the opponents and/or take what other action they may deem necessary. In cases where a match is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the appropriate County Football Association.

A postponed or abandoned match must be reported on an Official Postponement / Abandonment Match Report Form by both Home and Away Team. This Form must be received within 72 hours of the Match by the person named on the Form. Failure to comply will result in a fine as per Rule 23, and/or dealt with by the Management Committee.

(G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use the following substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected as



follows:

U17 Teams to use 3 substitutes from 5 named to the Referee prior to the start of the match
U11 to U16 Teams to use 7 substitutes from 7 named to the Referee prior to the start of the match.

For Mini-soccer - any number of substitutions may be used at any time providing that each team do not have a squad greater than double the size of the team per age, and 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 the play as a substitute for another player.

For Youth Football - for teams in the under 16 age group and below, a player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of The Association Football.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than five minutes before the start of the match. If substitutes are not named they may not take part in the game.

A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.

(H) The half time interval shall be of five minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(I) Under 16 and 17 teams should provide changing rooms. Other age groups should also try and provide changing rooms wherever possible.

(J) Any player reaching 16 years of age and above, and in active employment, during the playing season, must be insured against loss of earnings through injury.

11 - REPORTING RESULTS

(A) The Match Report Form Secretary must receive within three 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 substitutes both used and unused, and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine as per Rule 23 and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decides.

The Match Report Form will be completed prior to kick off, by both Teams and returned to the Home side. Match Report Forms should also be submitted for any postponed or abandoned games stating the full reasons for postponement. Any Club marking a Referee 5 or below must submit a full report to the Referees Secretary, within seven days stating the reason(s) for the low mark.

(B) The Home Club shall telephone the result of each match to the appropriate result contact on match days between the hours of 5.00-6.00 pm on Sundays, this is to include the results of



all matches played in mid-week, or you may be fined as per Rule 23. This also applies to all postponed and abandoned matches. If you are playing in an outside competition, you must also phone your result contact (even if you are the away team).

(C) Each club shall, upon election, pay a deposit (guarantee fee) of £90 per team at U17 and £15 per team at all other age groups including girls teams, which shall be returnable to clubs on leaving the competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all order of the management committee.

12 - DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

(A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points team rankings may be decided in the following ways:-

- (i) Goal difference
- (ii) If still equal then goals scored
- (iii) If still equal then a deciding match(es) played under conditions determined by the Management Committee.

For deciding matches, in the event of the scores in a special championship match played under conditions determined by the management committee being level at the end of the game, the winners will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Board Decision contained in the Laws of Association Football.

(B) Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first two and last two teams in each Division (providing that there is more than one division) except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 1(b).

(i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have 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 season may be filled on any of the following ways as determined by the Management Committee

- (a) Retention of otherwise relegated team(s)
- (b) Additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below
- (c) Election

(C) In the event of a team not completing all of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table providing that Club has withdrawn from Competition.

13 - REFEREES

(A) Registered Referees for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the



Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association(s). Home Teams who enter outside Cup Competitions shall have Referees appointed by the Management Committee.

The Referees Secretary may only be telephoned between the hours of 7.00pm and 9.30pm; failure to do so will result in a fine as per Rule 23.

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee, or the appointed Referee being unable to complete the Match the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee by toss of a coin. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. The Match must be completed. If a team find there own county qualified referee, who is not on the leagues list, then the team manager must contact the referees secretary to have that per- son sanctioned for that match. Otherwise you follow the leagues rules, and toss a coin to decide which team provides the referee. Under no circumstances must a team referee half a match each.

(C) The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any match. Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine as per Rule 23 being imposed on the defaulting Club.

(D) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the Representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play.

(E) Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to the following match fees: -

Referee £20.00per game (U11 to U17), £15.00 per game (U9 and U10) and £13.00 per game (U7 and U8)

Registered Referees appointed by the Management Committee as Assistant Referees will be paid half of the fee of the Referee and be paid for by the Away Team, All Fees subject to any limits laid down by the sanctioning Association(s).

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses immediately after the match unless otherwise directed by the Management Committee. Mini Soccer Fees to be shared by both Teams.

(F) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee. The Referee and Club Officials must sign the Match Report Form.

(G) A Referee not keeping their engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may have their name removed from the list of Referees and the fact report- ed to the County Football Association with which they are registered. A Club must always report the non-appearance of an appointed official to the Referee Secretary.



(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association; award Marks to the Referee for each 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 as per Rule 23, and/or dealt with, as the Management Committee shall determine. Teams must enter the name of the referee on the match report form, even if he is the manager or a parent. Failure to do this will render the match form as incomplete.

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 Football Association/County Football Association.

(J) Not applicable to this League

(K) Not applicable to this League

(L) Referees are advised to notify the Referees Secretary of any open dates they wish to make at least 35 days prior to fixtures being arranged.

14 - CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

(A) After 31st December in the current Season a Club intending to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfillment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each Season or be liable to a fine as per Rule 23

All Clubs wishing to remain in membership of the Competition for the following Season must confirm their intention to do so, in writing, to the Secretary by 1st June.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the arrangement of fixtures for the following Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine as per Rule 23 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call, which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(C) The membership for the coming season having been decided at the Annual General Meeting held not later than 30 June, the Competition shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions in this Rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its team(s) in order to join another Competition and may hold the Club to its engagements

(D) In the event of a Member Club which is an un-incorporated association withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition.

In the event that any such obligation remains un-discharged after a period of twenty-one (21) days then such obligation shall be met by the then current Club Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age. Until a Members pro rata obligation is discharged in full the Member shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition, which may apply to the Clubs Parent County Association for a suspension order.



15 - PROTESTS AND APPEALS

(A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to 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 match. Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

(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 in duplicate with the Secretary within 7 days (excluding Sundays) of the 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) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 16.

(D) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum of £5.00. 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 enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(E) All parties to a protest or complaint must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and must have received today's notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the submission. When dealing with a protest or complaint the Management Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information, which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.

16 - BOARD OF APPEAL

Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or the Competition a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Birmingham Football Associations including a fee of £25.00, for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.

No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting



unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

17 - EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS

MISCONDUCT - CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS.

(A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further membership which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds (T!) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.

(B) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club or team of a Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds (2/3rds) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either misconduct, 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 expulsion or 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 (B) of this Rule.
Any such approach(s) to players must be reported to B.C.F.A.

(D) Any Club or Team failing to complete 75% of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season.

18 – TROPHY: - LEGAL OWNERS. CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED. AWARDS.

(A) A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provide, or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide. At the close of each Competition awards may be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-

“We A _____ and B _____ the Chairman and Secretary of _____ FC, members of and representing the Club, having declared winners of _____ Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before the



date of the March 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 repairs. It is the responsibility of all Trophy Holders to ensure the Trophy is suitably engraved prior to returning it as above.

19 - SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

At least 7 days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than 7 days notice shall be given of any Meeting.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without a satisfactory reason being given will be fined as per Rule 23.

Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

20 - ALTERATION TO RULES

Alterations shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Secretary 42 days prior to the AGM. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs 7 days prior to the AGM and any amendments thereto shall be submitted at the AGM. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the sanctioning Football Association 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.

21 - RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

Each Member Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee subject to Rule 16. Each



Member Club must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conducts.

Each Club must provide a telephone number available to the League for immediate contact.

All Clubs are required to attend Council and General Meetings where failure to do so will result in a fine as Rule 23. Failure to be represented at three consecutive meetings will result in the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee may determine. All Mobile phones to be switched off prior to entering the meeting. All meetings are non-smoking.

22 - FINANCE

(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 £1000.00 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 30th April.

(D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

22 A - No photos or video filming must take place without the consent of all parents. See match report form.

RECOMMENDATION

No fireworks or similar devices must be let off on, or anywhere near the pitch or changing facilities. This may result in your club being charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

23. SCHEDULE OF FINES

Fines not paid within fourteen days of issue will incur an administration fee of £5.00 per week out-standing. In addition Fixtures may be suspended.

Offence	Rule	Fine
Non Attendance at Council or General Meetings	10(A) & 21	£6.00
Non Attendance at Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting	6(H)	£6.00
No Change of Colours, Delaying the Kick Off	9(A)	£6.00
No Ground Markings	10(B)	£6.00
No Goal Nets	10(B)	£6.00
No Corner Flags	10(B)	£6.00
Late Kick Off	10(B)	£6.00
Late or non-notification of Match to Club and/or Referee	10(E)	£10.00
Insufficient Players Registered (Maximum)	8(B)	£25.00
Late Match Report Form	11(A)	£6.00
No Assistant Referees	13(C)	£6.00
Incorrect Match Report Form	11(C)	£6.00
Alteration to Match Report Form	11(C)	£30.00 max
Non receipt of Match Report Form within 7 days of the game	11(A)	£12.00
Non receipt of Referees Marking card within 7 days of the game	13(H)	£12.00



Notification of intended withdrawal	14(A)	£15.00
Withdrawal after arrangement of Fixtures	14(B)	£25.00
Failure to produce Registration Cards	8(B)	£12.00
No Result Phoned	11(B)	
1 st Offence	“	£5.00
2 nd Offence	“	£10.00
3 rd Offence	“	£15.00
For each offence thereafter	“	£5.00
Non Attendance at Registration Evenings	8(B)	£25.00
Late receipt of emergency signing cards	8(B)-2	£6.00
Non fulfillment of Cup/Shield Fixtures		£30.00 max
Out of Hours telephone calls		£10.00 max
For Repeated Offences of any of the above the Fine will be doubled for each teams fine after the third party offence		
Failing to attend lo business/correspondence	5(H)	£6.00
Playing unregistered players	8(Q)	£25.00
Non fulfillment of League Fixtures	10(F)	£30.00 max
Club failing to complete Fixtures	12(C)	£30.00 max
Club failing to give written obligation re: Trophies	18	£30.00 max
Alteration to fixtures date/time	10(C)	£30.00 max
Late return of Trophy or not engraved	18	£30.00 max
Late receipt of Postponement/Abandonment Match Report Form	10(F)	£6.00
Late receipt of above Match Report Form within 7 days	10(F)	£12.00
Fees		
Emergency signing	8(B)	£3.00
Transfer of player/do-registration	8(B),(F) & (K)	£3.00
Extra Registration Forms or I.D. Cards (Each)	8(F)	£3.00

CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

1. Any act, statement. Conduct or other matter, which harms a child or children, or poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children shall constitute behaviour, which is improper and brings the game into disrepute.
2. In these Regulations the expression Offences shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.
3. Upon receipt by the Association of:
 - 3.1 - notification that an individual has been charged with an offence, or
 - 3.2 - notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police, Social Services or any other authority relating to an Offence, or
 - 3.3 - any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children The Association shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
4. In reaching its determination as to whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made The Association shall give consideration. inter alia, to the following factors:



4.1 - whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm

4.2 - whether the matters are of a serious nature

4.3 - whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded

5. The period of an order referred to in 3 above shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge under the Rules of the Association or any Offence is decided or brought to an end

6. Where an order is imposed on an individual under Regulation 3 as above The Association, shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of the Association against the person relating to matters as soon as reasonably practicable.

7. Where a person is convicted or is made the subject of a caution in respect of an Offence, that shall constitute a breach of the Rules of the Association and The Association shall have the power to order the suspension of the person from all or specific football ability for such a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.

8. For the purposes of these Regulations, The Association shall act through its Council or any Committee or Sub-committee thereof including the Board.

9. Notification in writing of an order referred to above shall be given to the person concerned and/or any Club with which they are associated as soon as reasonably practicable.