

# SURREY COUNTY WOMENS & GIRLS LEAGUE (SCWGL)

## 2025-2026 YOUTH RULES

1. DEFINITIONS	
(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.
"Club Portal"	means the system used by Clubs to affiliate teams as determined by The FA from time to time.
"Competition"	means the Surrey County Womens & Girls 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.
"Goal Difference"	shall have no bearing in the Competition. It is not recognised as a deciding factor in determining the outcome of any Division or Championship.
"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 11s.
"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 Surrey County Football Association Limited.
"Scholarship"	means a Scholarship as defined in The FA Rules
"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 (1) Team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.

	"The FA"	means The Football Association Limited.
	"Virtual Meetings"	means meetings held electronically
	"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 12s 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.	
	<b>GOVERNANCE RULES</b>	
	<b>2. COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION</b>	
(A)	The Competition will be known as the Surrey County Womens & Girls 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 ONE HUNDRED (100) Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.	
(C)	The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be within the parameters set by the Management Committee as displayed on the Competition's website unless special dispensation is given in advance in writing by the Management Committee. All home matches must be played at the nominated venue listed on the Competition's website unless special dispensation is given in advance in writing by the Management Committee. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule may be denied fixtures at this venue and the Club dealt with as the Management Committee see fit.	
(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.	
(G)	All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association. 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 TWELVE (12) in number.	
(H)	Inclusivity & 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 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)	(i)	Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including but not limited to, England Football Accredited and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
	(ii)	The Competition embraces all aspects of the RESPECT Programme utilising best practice, education and potential sanctioning as defined in the FA Respect Codes of Conducts for Players, Spectators, Managers and Officials. The Competition will utilise the Standard Code of Youth Rules as adopted by the Competition and further will use the England Football Accredited Respect Tool Kit Publication.
	(iii)	Clubs must ensure that a parent or official carer for EVERY Player in the Competition signs the FA Respect Codes of Conduct as published on the

		Competition's website upon applying for membership to a Club. These Codes of Conduct must be retained by the Club and produced if so, requested by the Management Committee.
	(iv)	The Competition shall require all Participants to have signed the FA's Respect Codes of Conduct and produce these if so requested by the Management Committee.
	(v)	The Management Committee view the good reputation of the Competition as paramount and therefore shall have the power to require a Club, Club Officer, Participant, Player or individual to attend a Meeting to answer to allegations of breaches of the Respect Programme Codes of Conduct.
	(vi)	It will be deemed best practice for spectators NOT to stand behind the opposition Assistant Referee (Linesman). If this means that spectators have to move prior to kick-off and / or at half time, then they must do so.
	(vii)	Prior to each Competition Match the participating Teams and Club Officers shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake and/or participating Teams to offer 'three cheers' and handshakes to the opposing Team after the Competition Match.
	(viii)	Each home Club shall make arrangements for the provision of designated areas for spectators. This area can be marked by a roped off area or use of a temporary spectator barrier. The area for spectators should ideally be on one side of the pitch and the other used for coaches / substitutes etc. Ideally this would be 1-2 metres from the touchline. It is recognised, however, that the alignment of some pitches does not allow for this arrangement in which case exemption must be sought from the Management Committee prior to the commencement of the Playing Season. Failure to comply with these provisions may incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff or otherwise be dealt with as the Management Committee see fit.
	(ix)	Club / Team Respect Programme Marks will be submitted by each Team as part of the Result Card notification marking of the opponents.  The Club / Team Respect Programme Marks will be monitored throughout the Season by the Management Committee. A low mark is an indication that a Club / Team has fallen below the acceptable standard of the Competition. Therefore a Club / Team whose mark is deemed to be in this category may be required to attend a Disciplinary Sub-Committee Meeting (see Rule 6 Powers of Management) or may receive written notice of their mark with a warning that, should it not improve, they will be requested to attend a Meeting of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee to answer for their record.
(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 a total of ONE (1) County FA or FA Competition) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. A Club must immediately inform the Competition of the details 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. NOTE this includes ANY football format e.g. Futsal etc. Club Secretaries are responsible for informing the Competition which Teams have been entered into which County Cup Competition by 31st July in each year. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
(L)	At the AGM or 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.	
(M)	As an FA Charter Standard League this Competition requires all its Clubs to have achieved FA Charter Standard status or be regarded by their Parent County FA as being in a position whereby, they have a realistic chance of achieving it. The Management Committee will review the FA Charter Standard status of all Clubs and those who have not achieved FA Charter Standard status by 30th March in each year or who are regarded by their Parent County FA as not being in a position whereby they have a realistic chance of achieving it by the last day of May in each year may have their Application for the forthcoming season rejected and will not be considered for re-election to the League for the forthcoming season.	
(N)	The Competition has the right to decline Applications for Membership to a new Club if it does not have FA Charter Standard status and it fails to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Management Committee a commitment to	

	achieving the award and / or the Club is regarded by its Parent County FA as being a Club in a position whereby they have a realistic chance of achieving it.
(O)	Applications will NOT be accepted from Clubs who have no toilet facilities, access to playing fields of sufficient size and quality to hold matches for this Competition, or that the facilities do not meet the standards required by the Management Committee.
<b>3.</b>	<b>CLUB NAME</b>
	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 and the Club dealt with as the Management Committee deem fit.
<b>4.</b>	<b>ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT</b>
(A)	Applications by Clubs for admission to this 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 an 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 (or per Team where a Club provides more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable on or before 30 <sup>th</sup> April in each year. Annual Subscriptions received after 30th April in each year will incur a supplement in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club (or per Team where a Club provides more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable upon Application. Should any Subscriptions not be received with the Application, that Application will be considered as not having been received and no place within the Competition will be reserved for the said Application.
(C)	NOT ADOPTED.
(D)	A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid.
(E)	Clubs must ensure that all its teams participating in the Competition are recorded as affiliated on the Club Portal for the forthcoming Playing Season by 1 <sup>st</sup> September. Clubs must advise the Competition Secretary in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority, 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.
<b>5.</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION</b>
(A)	The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and a minimum of ONE (1) Member (but no more than THREE (3) Members), who shall all be elected at the AGM.
(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 31 <sup>st</sup> May 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 (2) Clubs, not later than 30th April 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 (3) calendar months shall pass between each meeting. On receiving a requisition signed by TWO THIRDS (2/3rds) 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 Club Secretary or Chair and sent to the Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
<b>6.</b>	<b>POWERS OF MANAGEMENT</b>
(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. The Management Committee may appoint a Disciplinary Sub-Committee with powers to determine and deal with disputes or complaints regarding interpretation of Competition Rules, the behaviour of Clubs and alleged misconduct

	<p>regarding activities connected to the Competition. It will consist of the Disciplinary Secretary plus a minimum of TWO (2) and up to a maximum of FIVE (5) further members of the Management Committee. The Disciplinary Sub-Committee shall elect a Chairman for each of its hearings and meetings. All decisions of the Disciplinary Sub-Committees shall be ratified by the Management Committee.</p> <p>The Management Committee may appoint a Sub-Committee to interview Officers of all new Clubs applying to the League including Clubs who were previous Members of the League but whose membership has lapsed. Attendance at this Sub-Committee Meeting will be obligatory. The Sub-Committee may require evidence of authorisation of the Club to apply to the League by production of the Club Minute Book, membership and financial arrangements. Where appointed, the Sub-Committee shall assess all entries and report to the Management Committee.</p> <p>The Management Committee shall appoint an Executive Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, General Secretary and TWO (2) Members of the Management Committee. It shall have the full powers of the Management Committee and will only be convened for matters of urgency which have to be resolved prior to a Management Committee Meeting or Special General Meeting. The decisions of the Executive Sub-Committee shall be reported the Management Committee.</p> <p>The cost of any venue and any expenses incurred by the League or League Officers attending any such Meeting may be borne in part by Club(s) involved at the discretion of the Management Committee.</p>								
(B)	<p>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.</p>								
(C)	<p>Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have ONE (1) 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 apply to the procedure of any Sub-Committee).</p> <p>In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.</p>								
(D)	<p>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 TWENTY EIGHT (28) days of the Competition being notified.</p> <p>With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H) &amp; 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 SEVEN (7) days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:-</p> <table> <tr> <td>(i)</td><td>Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or</td></tr> <tr> <td>(ii)</td><td>Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or</td></tr> <tr> <td>(iii)</td><td>Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or</td></tr> <tr> <td>(iv)</td><td>Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee.</td></tr> </table> <p>Where the Club charged fails to respond within SEVEN (7) days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.</p> <p>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. Hearings may be conducted personally or virtually.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is ONE HUNDRED POUNDS (£100.00) and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.</p> <p>No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.</p> <p>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.</p>	(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 of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee.
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(E)	<p>All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.</p> <p>Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within FOURTEEN (14) days.</p>								

(F)	FIVE (5) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and THREE (3) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of 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 FOURTEEN (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 FOURTEEN (14) days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.
(J)	Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fees and charges must be paid within FOURTEEN (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 fee including the additional fine within a further FOURTEEN (14) days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fees and fines are paid. In the case of a Player Registration Fee or Player Transfer Fee remaining unpaid after FOURTEEN (14) days the Management Committee will have the power to cancel the registration of the Player or Players relative to that Fee.
(K)	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.
(L)	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.
(M)	The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee shall be transacted by electronic mail. Clubs applying for membership of the Competition must provide a valid and active e-mail address for the receipt of Competition correspondence. It is the responsibility of each Club to update any changes to such e-mail address on the Competition's website as soon as practicable throughout the Season. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
(N)	Clubs must update any changes of their Club Officers (including Club Welfare Officer) on the Club Portal. Any Club failing to do so will be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
(O)	Any document or Notice served under these Rules will be served personally or by first class post, registered post, facsimile transmission or e-mail. In the absence of proof to the contrary, any document or Notice served by first class post or by registered post shall be deemed to have been served on the third day after the date of posting or, in the case of any document or Notice served by facsimile transmission or e-mail, it will be deemed to have been served on that day.
(P)	The Secretary shall have the power on behalf of the Management Committee to convene a Meeting of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee and request the attendance of a Club, Club Officer, Player, Participant or Individual who has been formally charged. Any Club, Club Officer, Player, Participant or Individual having been given SEVEN (7) days' notice to attend a Disciplinary Sub-Committee Meeting and failing to attend may have the matter heard in their absence and fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff or otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.
(Q)	The Management Committee will consider an accumulation of cautions and/or sending offs attributable to a Club / Team as conduct of an unacceptable level and will have the power to instruct the Disciplinary Secretary to request the attendance of any such formally charged Club, Team, Club Officer, Participant or Player to attend a meeting of the Disciplinary Sub-Committee or a meeting convened by the Secretary for that purpose. Any Club, Team, Club Officer, Participant or Player having been given SEVEN (7) days' notice of such a Meeting and failing to attend may have the matter heard in their absence and may be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff or otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine. At such a meeting the Management Committee will have the power to consider the disciplinary record, overall behaviour and previous conduct of the Club / Team. The Club / Team will have the opportunity to offer an explanation for the record and outline measures for future improvement. Subject to Rule 7.
(R)	The Disciplinary Sub-Committee will have the power to consider the Respect Programme Fair Play Marks, disciplinary record, overall behaviour and previous conduct of the Club / Team. The Club / Team will have the opportunity to offer an explanation for the poor record and outline measures for future improvement. The

	<p>individual mark awarded by each Team will be deemed as confidential and will not be divulged under any circumstances. Any Club, Team, Club Officer, Participant or Player having been given SEVEN (7) days' notice of such a Meeting and failing to attend may have the matter heard in their absence and may be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.</p> <p>The Disciplinary Sub-Committee will have the power to recommend to the AGM that any such Club / Team which has failed to satisfactorily answer for their record and/or failed to make a satisfactory plan for future improvement may be considered for non-election into the Competition for the forthcoming Season.</p>	
(S)	There shall not be more than THREE (3) persons elected to the Management Committee who have connections with the same Club.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS</b>	
(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)	<p>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 (7) 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 their Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.</p>	
(C)	<p>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 be shared by the parties.</p>	
(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 SEVEN (7) days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.	
	(i)	All parties must have received a minimum of SEVEN (7) 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 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)	An intention to appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 7 days of the Management Committee providing written notification of its decision.	
(G)	No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING</b>	
(A)	The AGM shall be held not later than the end of June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 25% 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 (as recommended by the Management Committee).
	(iv)	Constitution of the Competition for ensuing Playing Season.
	(v)	Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee.
	(vi)	Appointment of Auditors.
	(vii)	Alteration of Rules, if any (See Rule 14).

	(viii)	Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
	(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. "Due notice" shall be defined as having been sent to the Secretary in writing at least FOURTEEN (14) days prior to the AGM.
(B)	A copy of the duly audited/verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least SEVEN (7) 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 FOURTEEN (14) days of its adoption by the AGM.	
(D)	Each Club shall be empowered to send TWO (2) delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to ONE (1) vote only. SEVEN (7) 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. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.	
(F)	All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands or count of email or virtual responses (for Virtual Meetings), unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chair so decides.	
(G)	No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than ONE (1) Club.	
(H)	(i)	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.
	(ii)	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.
(I)	Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a Club (see Rule 8 (G)).	
(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.	
<b>9.</b>	<b>SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS</b>	
(A)	Upon receiving a requisition signed by TWO THIRDS (2/3rds) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.	
(B)	The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.	
(C)	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.	
(D)	Each Club shall be empowered to send TWO (2) delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to ONE (1) vote only.	
(E)	Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
(F)	Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a Club (see Rule 9 (D)).	
<b>10.</b>	<b>AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED</b>	
	<p>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.</p> <p>"We, (A), (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Chairman)/Director and (B) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Secretary/Director) of [ ] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the 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."</p> <p>The Agreement shall be signed by:-</p>	
	•	Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club Chairman and Secretary; or
	•	Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two Directors of the Club.
	<p>Any alteration of the Chairman and /or Secretary of the Club on the above Agreement must be notified to the Sanctioning Authority to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>	
<b>11.</b>	<b>CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB</b>	

(A)	Any Club intending or having a provisional intention to withdraw a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing at least THIRTY (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 FIFTY POUNDS £50.00, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.						
(D)	The Membership for the ensuing Season having been decided at the AGM or SGM held for that purpose, 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.						
(E)	Where a Team or Club takes a new name, the Management Committee shall have discretionary powers to consider them as an existing Team or Club, providing that the playing membership is at least SEVENTY FIVE PERCENT (75%) of the previous Season's registered Players.						
(F)	A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its Teams from the Competition after the AGM for the forthcoming Playing Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 6(B).						
(G)	The Management Committee can advise non-inclusion of Clubs or individual teams to Members at the AGM.						
<b>12.</b>	<b>EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS, MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>						
(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 (2/3rds) 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 a 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 (2/3rds) 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 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.						
<b>13.</b>	<b>TROPHY</b>						
(A)	<p>The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of any Cup or Shield:-</p> <p>"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 Shield, 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 Shield to the Competition Secretary on or before [ ]. 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."</p> <p>Failure to return a correctly completed agreement by the last day of June will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>						
(B)	<p>At the close of each Competition awards may be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>FORMAT</th><th>NUMBER OF AWARDS</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>9v9</td><td>14 Awards</td></tr> <tr> <td>11v11</td><td>16 Awards</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	FORMAT	NUMBER OF AWARDS	9v9	14 Awards	11v11	16 Awards
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(C)	Non-attendance of a Trophy Ceremony without giving a satisfactory explanation in writing to the Secretary within TWENTY EIGHT (28) days of the Trophy Ceremony will result in a Club receiving a charge for breach of Competition Rules and the Club may forfeit their right to the trophies or awards. Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.						

(D)	In addition, a Team attending with less than EIGHT (8) players for 11v11, SEVEN (7) players for 9v9 shall be deemed not to have attended for the purposes of this Rule and will be subject to the same penalties.	
(E)	Non-attendance at an Awards Collection Event by ONE (1) representative of the Club without providing a satisfactory explanation in writing to the Secretary within FOURTEEN (14) days of the Awards Collection Event will result in the Club receiving a charge for breach of Competition Rules and the Club may forfeit their right to the trophies or awards. Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
(F)	Clubs must return Cups / Shields by the last day in February in each year. The Cups / Shields must have been suitably engraved with the details of the winning Club and be in a clean and presentable state. They must be returned to the Secretary. Failure to return the Cups / Shields by the due date will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Cups / Shields must be returned to the Competition in good order and correctly engraved. Failure to do so will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
(G)	A Club failing to return any Cup / Shield will be responsible for the full replacement cost of such Cup / Shield in addition to the above-mentioned fines.	
(H)	Any Club / Team not continuing in the League for the following Season, having won a Cup or Shield in the preceding Season must return the same fully engraved and in a clean and presentable state prior to the AGM.	
<b>14.</b>	<b>ALTERATION TO RULES</b>	
	<p>Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a 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 except in exceptional circumstances and approved by the Sanctioning Authority and The FA.</p> <p>Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 1st April in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by e-mail. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs by e-mail prior to 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.</p> <p>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 SEVEN (7) days prior to the date of the meeting.</p>	
<b>15.</b>	<b>FINANCE</b>	
(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 ONE THOUSAND POUNDS (£1,000.00) shall be approved by the Management Committee.	
(C)	The financial year of the Competition will end on the last day of February in each year.	
(D)	The Books, or a certified Balance Sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited/verified annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.	
<b>16.</b>	<b>INSURANCE</b>	
(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.	
	Failure to comply with Rule 16 (A) or 16 (B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
<b>17.</b>	<b>DISSOLUTION</b>	
(A)	Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a 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 Affiliated Association or The 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 Sanctioning Authority.										
	(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 Sanctioning Authority may decide.										
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18.	QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS											
(A)	A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has been registered correctly and been approved by the Competition in accordance with the Player Registration System.											
	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 be returned to the Club unprocessed and the Player classed as unregistered.											
	NOTE:	The Player's name on the Player Registration System must be exactly as it appears on the Player's Birth Certificate or Passport.										
	NOTE:	A Player remains ineligible to play in the Competition until the Player Registration System has been complied with and the Player appears on the Player Registration System Squad List. Registration will not be deemed complete until it has been approved by the Registration Secretary and the Player appears on the Player Registration System Squad List. For the avoidance of doubt, merely submitting a registration via the Player Registration System is not deemed as completing the process. Any Player competing in a Competition Match in such circumstances will be deemed as "unregistered" or "ineligible". No registration approvals will be effected by the Registration Secretary between 12.00 p.m. (Noon) on Friday and 9.00 a.m. on Monday.										
	Failure to comply with any part of 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 or Tiers 1-4 of the Women's Pyramid 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 TEN (10) and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.										
	(ii)	A Player registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition except for those in the Under 11 Age Group and below where consent has been given by the relevant Premier League or EFL Academy (such consent can be withdrawn at any time). Trial Players are not considered to be registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy for these purposes and therefore the prohibition on playing in the Competition does not apply to them. The relevant Premier League/EFL Academy remains responsible for managing the frequency of the Player's playing time. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with an FA Emerging Talent Centre or an FA Professional Game Academy may play in this Competition subject to The FA Girls' Emerging Talent Centre Operating Criteria and Professional Game Academy Youth Development Rules.										
	(iii)	Each Team must have the following number of Players registered FOURTEEN (14) days before the start of each Playing Season:- <table><tr><th>FORMAT</th><th>MINIMUM NUMBER</th></tr><tr><td>5v5</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>7v7</td><td>7</td></tr><tr><td>9v9</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>11v11</td><td>11</td></tr></table> Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER	5v5	5	7v7	7	9v9	9	11v11	11
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	(iv)	Notwithstanding Rule 2(H) and without deference to any FA Rule or Regulation this Competition was fundamentally established to provide football for female Participants. The Competition would seek to discourage Clubs from the registration of male Players except in exceptional circumstances, which should be discussed ahead of the registration process with the Secretary. The spirit of this Rule is not to interfere with any equality legislation but to allow for a better experience for Players and help promote the development of female Participants and female football in general.
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(C)	<p>A child who has not attained the age of SIX (6) shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match of any kind.</p> <p>The relevant age for each Player is determined by their age as at midnight on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season i.e. children who are aged SIX (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 SEVEN (7) Players for that Playing Season. Children who are aged SEVEN (7) as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season will be classed as Under EIGHT (8) Players for that Playing Season, and so on.</p> <p>Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above their chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of SIX (6) after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under SEVEN (7) age group, and may not play in the Under EIGHT (8) age group, for that Playing Season.</p> <p>The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. For the purposes of this Rule 18(C), provisions relating to playing in specified age groups shall include participating in training as well as playing in matches. 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:-</p>							
Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes (feet)	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
6	Under 7	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 8	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
7	Under 8	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 9	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
8	Under 9	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 10	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
9	Under 10	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 11	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
10	Under 11	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 12	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
11	Under 12	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 13	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
12	Under 13	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 14	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
13	Under 14	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 15	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
14	Under 15	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 16	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
15	Under 16	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 17	11v11	100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	Under 18	11v11	100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5

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	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 or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of ONE HUNDRED AND TWELVE (112) days' suspension, or TEN (10) matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of TWO (2) years or less from the date of the first offence.)
(H)	<p>Subject to compliance with FA Rule C (FA Regulations Concerning Approaches to Non Contract Players - see full FA Rule below) 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. 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 THREE (3) days of receipt of the notification.</p> <p>NOTE: The THREE (3) days begins on the date with the Registration Secretary sends the transfer request notification by e-mail to the Club the Player is transferring from.</p> <p>Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within THREE (3) days, the Registration Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the Player. The Player shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club following the approval of the Registration Secretary whereupon the Player will appear on the new Club's Player Registration System Squad List.</p> <p>In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.</p> <p>Player Transfer Fees will be invoiced to Clubs from time to time and failure to settle the Invoice within FOURTEEN (14) days of issue may result in the Player Registrations to which the Invoice relates being cancelled. Any Player Registration cancelled in such circumstances effectively means that the Player WILL NOT be permitted to play in ANY Competition Match until such time as the Registration Secretary has re-approved the Player Registration.</p> <p>A Player whose registration for a Club is cancelled or transferred for any reason whatsoever cannot, without the consent of the Management Committee, return to their original Club until a minimum of FOURTEEN (14) days has elapsed from the date of the cancellation or transfer.</p>
	<p><b>FA Rule C - FA Regulations Concerning Approaches to Players without Written Contracts</b></p> <p>(i) Competitions sanctioned by The Association under regulation 3 of the "Regulations for the Sanction and Control of Competitions" may make their own regulations for the approach of Players between Clubs of the Competition;</p> <p>(ii) during the current season any Club wishing to approach a Player known to be registered with or having played for any other Club must give to the secretary of each such Club, seven days' formal written notice of the intention to approach the Player; Formal written notice of approach need be given by:-</p> <p>(A) A Saturday Club only to all Saturday Clubs;</p> <p>(B) A Sunday Club only to all Sunday Clubs; and</p> <p>(C) A midweek Club only to all midweek Clubs;</p> <p>(iii) The written notice must be sent by special delivery or recorded post, or a written acknowledgment otherwise obtained from the Secretary or Chairman of the Club approached. Facsimile or e-mail transmission may be used provided a receipt of acknowledgment is also obtained;</p> <p>(iv) Following the date of posting of the written notice of approach, or receipt of an acknowledgment: (A) The Player may be registered on or after the eighth day; and (B) The Player must have been registered on or before the 21st day;</p> <p>(v) The approaching Club:-</p> <p>(A) May not approach the same Player a second time in the same playing season;</p> <p>(B) May approach only ONE (1) Player at a Club at any time subject to Rule C2 (a) (ix) below;</p> <p>(C) May not approach another Player at the same Club within 28 days of an earlier notice of approach or acknowledgment;</p> <p>(vi) if an approach is made by a Player to another Club during the current season, that Club shall give the Club(s), for which the Player is known to be registered or has played, seven days' notice of approach as set out in Rule C2(a)(i) to (v) above before registering the Player;</p> <p>(vii) a Club which is the subject of a complaint alleging failure to give notice in accordance with this Rule may be subject to a charge of Misconduct pursuant to FA Rule E1(b);</p> <p>(viii) a Club proved to have breached the provisions of this Rule may have its current registration of the Player cancelled and be subject to such other penalty as The Association or appropriate Affiliated Association deems appropriate, in accordance with relevant regulations of The Association from time to time in force; and</p>

	<p><i>(ix) During the current season a maximum of TWO (2) Players may be approached in the manner described above if invited to trial at a licensed academy or "Centre of Excellence" of The Association, The FA Premier League or The Football League. *A current season runs from 1st July to the following 31st May</i></p>	
(I)	<p>A Player may not be registered for a Club or Team after the last day of <b>February</b> in each year nor transferred to another Club / Team in the Competition after the last day of <b>February</b> in each year except by special permission of the Management Committee. NOTE Special permission will only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Shortage of players through injury, unavailability or de-registration alone or collectively would not necessarily constitute exceptional.</p>	
(J)	<p>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.</p>	
	Under 12 to Under 18	<p>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 (1) Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for their Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C) but must be registered to that Team within the provisions of Rule 18(A).</p> <p>A Player must be registered to a specific team and if their Club has multiple teams at that age group, the player cannot play for another team without effecting a transfer. An inter-Club transfer does not attract a fee.</p>
	Under 7 to Under 11	<p>A Player need not be registered to a specific team and can play in any team at the age group to which they are eligible and registered for their Member Club.</p>
(K)	<p>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 Officer of the Club at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.</p> <p>In the event of a Non Contract Player changing their 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).</p>	
(L)	NOT ADOPTED.	
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(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 TWELVE (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;
		(b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; and/or
		(c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).
(O)	<i>(The following Clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education but does not apply to Under 17/Under 18 football):-</i>	
	(i)	Priority must be given at all times to the activities of schools and school organisations. 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 FIFTEEN (15) as at midnight on 31 August in a 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 (2) years or more.
(P)	<p>If a Club wishes to cancel a Player's registration within the Competition, it must make a request via The FA's electronic Player Registration System giving the reason for the request. The Competition may either approve or decline the request. If a Player's registration is cancelled, the Player will not be eligible to play in the Competition for a period of 10 days from the date of cancellation. No De-Registered Player may re-Register after the last day of February. A De-Registered Player wishing to play for another Club / Team within the Competition will be treated as a transfer. PLEASE NOTE that such Player may be Cup tied and the Player Registration System Squad List will reflect this. Players from Teams that disband following the commencement of the Playing Season are automatically de-registered unless an internal Transfer to a Team at the same Club is effected within 7 days of the Competition receiving notification that the Team has disbanded.</p>
(Q)	<p>The production, security and accuracy of the Player Registration System Squad List is the responsibility of the Club to which the Player is registered. The Player Registration System Squad List must be in a satisfactory condition suitable for purpose and must, at every Competition Match, accurately reflect the squad registered on the day of the Competition Match. The Player Registration System Squad List must be reproduced to reflect any new Player Registration, any Player Transfer (in or out) and any Player De-Registration. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
<b>19.</b>	<b>CLUB COLOURS</b>
(A)	<p>Every Team must register the colour and design of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 31st August in each Playing Season who shall decide as to their suitability.</p> <p>Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.</p> <p>No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.</p> <p>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 (5) days before the Competition Match.</p> <p>If, in the opinion of the referee, TWO (2) Teams have the same or similar colours, the home 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.</p> <p>Shirts must be uniquely numbered (but the numbering of the Goalkeeper's shirt is optional) failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>The Secretary 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.</p>
(B)	<p>Any Team wishing to change the colour(s) and/or design of its shirt(s) and short(s) during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee in advance of making that change. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
<b>20.</b>	<b>PLAYING SEASON, CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES</b>
(A)	<p>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, The Mini-Soccer and Youth Futsal Handbook or, for 9v9 football, The FA's Guide to 9v9 Football.</p> <p>Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable AND APPROVED 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Artificial 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 (<a href="https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register">https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register</a>). All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every THREE (3) 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.</p> <p>The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20(C).</p> <p>Overhead netting is allowed for 5v5 and 7v7 mini soccer if the overhead netting height is at a minimum of SIX (6) metres. No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 Competition Matches. Overhead wires used to support</p>

pitch divider netting are ideally removed for Competition Matches but, if they cannot be removed, discretion is given to the Match Official to restart the Competition Match in accordance with The Laws of the Game.

All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the TWO (2) 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 should be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, as detailed below:

Age Group	Minimum duration of play per quarter (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per quarter (minutes)	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events/festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 7 & Under 8	5	10	10	20	40	60	Development focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2-week periods (6 weeks)
Under 9 & Under 10	10	12.5	20	25	60	90	Development focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4-week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	10	15	20	30	80	120	Development focused with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6-week periods (18 weeks)
Under 12	N/A	N/A	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 & Under 14	N/A	N/A	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 15 & Under 16	N/A	N/A	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 & Under 18	N/A	N/A	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table

Competition Matches for age groups from U7 to U11 can be played in either quarters or halves.

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.

With the exception of Competition Matches arranged by the Management Committee any kick off prior to 10.00am or after 2.00pm on Sundays must be mutually agreed by both Teams and the Match Officials. Once the kick-off time has been notified to the opposing Team, it cannot be changed by more than ONE (1) hour except by mutual consent or by order of the Management Committee. Any Competition Match not played as a consequence will be treated as an unplayed fixture.

Referees must order Competition Matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

If the appointed kick off is delayed by the absence of ONE (1) Team, the referee and the opposing Team are required to remain in the vicinity of the pitch until THIRTY (30) minutes has elapsed after which it will be treated

	<p>as an unplayed fixture. Both Clubs and the referee shall report the facts to the Competition as required under League Rules.</p> <p>If the Management Committee consider a delayed kick off to be the result of a deliberate act by any Club / Team, the Club shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>The home Team must provide properly secured goal nets, corner posts and flags, set of linesman's 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.</p> <p>Each Team shall provide adequate First Aid equipment at every Competition Match. A Team not complying with any part of this Rule shall be fined in accordance of the Fines Tariff.</p>
(B)	<p>Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed, priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. NOTE: This is limited to a total of ONE (1) FA <b>OR</b> County FA Competition per Playing Season. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition Match with the consent of the Age Group Fixture Secretary.</p>
	<p>Any Clubs that are aware that their pitches are not available in September, April or May due to Council Permit restrictions or ground availability issues must inform the Secretary as soon as this is known by the Club and in any event by 1<sup>st</sup> August for fixtures up to the 31<sup>st</sup> December and by 1<sup>st</sup> January for fixtures up to the third week of May. This is to help Fixture Secretaries where possible to plan home &amp; away matches allowing for these factors. Any Clubs stating that pitches are not available in September, April or May that have not so advised the Secretary and where the reverse fixture has already taken place will be reported to the Management Committee who may at their discretion order the Competition Match to be played on the opponent's home ground or a neutral ground at the defaulting Club's expense where applicable and actual costs have been incurred. The Management Committee may also at its discretion where the circumstances warrant it award the points for the match to opponents of the defaulting Club. In cases where both Clubs are deemed at fault the Management Committee may render the Competition Match null &amp; void.</p>
	<p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
(C)	<p>In the case of a Competition Match, the Clubs must be given by the Competition FIVE (5) days' notice (usually Tuesday) of the Competition Match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).</p> <p>Where there are no free Sundays remaining in the Playing Season and there remain Competition Matches to be played the Fixture Secretary may order Competition Matches to be played on days other than Sundays, provided that FIVE (5) days' notice is given or may order the playing of TWO (2) Competition Matches between the TWO (2) Clubs / Teams on the same day ("double header"). These will be of shorter duration of TWO (2) equal halves, only to be played if the home and away Competition Matches remain as unplayed. The Fixture Secretary will decide upon which ground the TWO (2) Competition Matches shall be played.</p> <p>Note: If the date for a Competition Match is set to other than Sunday by the Fixture Secretary, this date may be changed upon agreement of both Teams concerned with the consent of the Fixture Secretary. However where that Competition Match is not played because Teams cannot reach agreement the Management Committee may render the match null &amp; void or award the match to either Team as they deem fit in the circumstances.</p> <p>A "Double Header" will be of shorter duration of TWO (2) equal halves, only to be played if the home and away fixtures remain as unplayed. The Fixture Secretary will decide upon which ground the TWO (2) Competition Matches shall be played.</p> <p>For clarification, a "double header" is TWO (2) separate Competition Matches of equal halves. For the purposes of recording the result, the first Competition Match will be considered the home Team's "home" Competition Match and the second Competition Match will be considered the away Team's "home" Competition Match. The minimum playing time for each Competition Match is defined in Competition Rules. Any Competition appointed Referee will be deemed as covering both Competition Matches otherwise Teams will agree upon a referee as per Competition Rules with both Teams sharing the cost of the referee as per Rule 23.</p> <p>Any Club failing to comply with the Rules relating to Double Header Competition Matches will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and/or otherwise be dealt with as the Management Committee deem fit.</p>
(D)	<p>An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground, time of kick-off, kit colour(s) (including goalkeeper) and location of nearest defibrillator to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least FIVE (5) days (usually Tuesday) prior to the playing of the Competition Match. The opposing Club must confirm receipt and give notice of its kit colours (including goalkeeper) within 24 hours of receipt of the same. If either is not 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.</p>
(E)	<p>The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:-</p>

FORMAT		MINIMUM NUMBER
5v5		4
7v7		5
9v9		6
11v11		7

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

At the Under 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 development age groups, Teams who have less than the full number of Players for their format will notify their Fixture Secretary as soon as possible and the opposition will play with the same number of Players i.e. 4v4, 5v5, 6v6. At all other age groups Teams will be encouraged to play with the same number of Players. The intention of this Rule is to allow games to go ahead and will not be allowed as a regular occurrence. Teams deemed to be trying to gain an advantage from this Rule will be dealt with by the Management Committee. The spirit of this Rule is to allow for a better experience for Players and to facilitate development.

(F)	(i)	In Competitions where points are awarded, home and away Competition Matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall decide whether it should either:-	
		(a)	award the points from the Competition Match in question to the Club's opponent (without the awarding of goals) OR
		(b)	order the Competition Match to be rescheduled. The Management Committee shall also have the power to order the rescheduled Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent Club's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.
		In addition, the Management Committee may at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate):-	
		(a)	impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff,
		(b)	deduct points from the defaulting Club,
		(c)	order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents.
	NOTE: All Clubs / Teams will be deemed to be available to play every Sunday during the Playing Season both for AM and PM kick offs.		
	There will be no such thing as a friendly or unofficial match to take the place of appointed fixtures.		
	(ii)	Any Club unable to fulfil a Competition Match or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the relevant Fixture Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary (if applicable), an Officer of the opposing Club and the Match Officials. A Match Result Card must be completed. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may impose 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 (2) Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (Fixtures) Secretary within SEVEN (7) 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. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
	(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 and/or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the Competition Match to the opponent. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was 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.																																				
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	A Player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually participate in that Competition Match shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.	
(H)	The half time interval shall be of FIVE (5) minutes duration, but it shall not exceed FIFTEEN (15) minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.	
(I)	All Teams shall identify a Team captain who shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. If the participating Players are considered to be too young to take on this role a member of the team coaching staff should provide this support. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
(J)	<p>Immediately prior to the commencement of the Competition Match a Club Representative of each Team must be in possession of the Player Registration System Squad List of their Team and substitutes to be used at each Competition Match. The Player Registration System Squad List must be produced to the opposition's Club Representative prior to kick-off. Before the kick-off of any Competition Match all Teams must line up in order that the Player Registration System Squad List may be inspected by the Club Representative from the opposing Team (except where this task is carried out by a Management Committee Officer). Any Team that fails to correctly check the eligibility of Players through this process will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p><b>PLEASE NOTE</b> that it is <b>ESSENTIAL</b> that this procedure is followed at <b>EVERY</b> Competition Match regardless of familiarity with the opposition. <b>PLEASE NOTE</b> that the Player Registration System Squad List <b>MUST</b> be a physical "hard copy" and <b>MUST NOT</b> be produced via an electronic device (e.g. mobile phone, tablet). <b>PLEASE ENSURE</b> that the Player Registration System Squad List is accurate and current at <b>EVERY</b> Competition Match in accordance with Rule 18 (Q). Failure to comply is a <b>SERIOUS</b> breach of Competition Rules and a Team will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>	
(K)	In the event that the Player Registration System Squad List is not produced, the OPPOSING team's Club Representative <b>MUST</b> , prior to kick off, witness the completion of the Team Check Form (available for download from the Competition's website) by the Team who do not have the Player Registration System Squad List available. The following process must be strictly followed:-	
	(i)	Each Player, including all substitutes, <b>MUST</b> print their own name and sign the Form;
	(ii)	No Player information can be completed before or during the witnessing of this by anyone other than the Player(s);
	(iii)	The completed Form <b>MUST</b> then be fully completed by the OPPOSING team's Club Representative (witness) and any comments must be made in the comment box, including any doubts about Player authenticity. This Form <b>MUST</b> be sent by the OPPOSING team to the Registration Secretary within THREE (3) days of the date of the Competition Match.
	Any Team (whether the Team without the Player Registration System Squad List OR the opposition Team witnessing the Form) that fails to comply with any of the above processes shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Any Team that fails to produce the Player Registration System Squad List or refuses/fails to complete or witness and submit the Team Check Form as required in this Rule shall be charged with bringing the League into disrepute.	
(L)	Upon request by a Management Committee Officer, all Player Registration System Squad List(s) relevant to a Competition Match must be made available for inspection. Any Team failing to do so without good cause will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff and reported to the Management Committee.	
(M)	Applications for leave of absence from the Competition for such reasons as Easter Tours etc. must be made by e-mail to the (Fixtures) Secretary provided that a minimum of TWENTY ONE (21) days' notice has been given for such Application. The granting of 'Leave of Absence' is at the discretion of the Management Committee and will only be permitted to a Club / Team on TWO (2) separate occasions in any one Season.	
(N)	<p>Teams must make every effort to fulfil their Competition Match on the designated day. Where the Home Team is unable to supply a venue to fulfil its appointed Competition Match, no matter what the reason, they shall inform the Fixture Secretary as soon as possible and <b>MUST</b> offer their opponents the opportunity to play the Competition Match at the opponent's ground or at an alternative venue on the same day provided the kick-off time can be arranged within ONE (1) hour of the original time set by the Home team.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The Home Team <b>MUST NOT</b> advise its own Players that a Competition Match has been postponed until this avenue has been explored and <b>BOTH</b> teams agree the Competition Match cannot be reversed or played at an alternative venue. Communication is <b>ESSENTIAL</b> and the Competition will consider any suspected deliberate lack of communication (unanswered calls, texts, e-mails etc) when making decisions regarding unplayed</p>	

	<p>Competition Matches. Any such unplayed Competition Matches will be referred to the Management Committee who may, at their discretion, award the points to either Team or order the Competition Match to be replayed dependent on circumstances.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will be dealt with as an unplayed Competition Match.</p>								
(O)	A Club who having TWO (2) or more Players from ONE (1) Team selected for a County or School Representative Match may apply for a postponement of League or Cup fixtures. The interest of the Competition will always be paramount, and any decision of the Management Committee shall be final. Any application for postponement within 14 days or less is extremely unlikely to be granted.								
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(Q)	Club Secretaries MUST immediately inform the Secretary of any Club suspension imposed by The FA or any County Football Association. Any Club in breach of this Rule will be reported to the Management Committee. Any Competition Match which is unfulfilled as the result of such Club suspension not being lifted by 8.00pm 3 days prior to the Competition Match shall be awarded to the opponents.								
(R)	Where a suspension imposed in relation to a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) upon a Club by The FA or Affiliated Association is not lifted, and/or the Club does not provide confirmation from The FA or Affiliated Association that such suspension is lifted to the Competition Secretary by 8.00pm 3 days prior to a Competition Match, that Competition Match will be treated as an unfulfilled fixture and dealt with in accordance with Rule 20(E)(i).								
(S)	Any Team failing to fulfil their Competition Matches on more than THREE (3) occasions in any ONE (1) Playing Season will be treated as misconduct to be dealt with by the Management Committee who may take action, they deem necessary.								
<b>21.</b>	<b>REPORTING RESULTS</b>								
(A)	Both Teams must submit prior to 23:59 hours on the day of the Competition Match, (whether played or postponed for whatever reason) the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Match Officials and also the markings of the Match Officials required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Note: Persistent infringement of this Rule will result in a progressively accumulative fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and ultimately fixtures may be withdrawn from Teams that do not comply. Following the issue of a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff, the Result Card as above MUST still be submitted to arrive within SEVEN (7) days of notification of the fine, failing which the Club will incur a further fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff for every SEVEN (7) days or part thereof that the Result Card is not submitted.								

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(B)	NOT ADOPTED							
(C)	The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be submitted by an Officer of the Club or person appointed by the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to complete the Match Result Card ACCURATELY 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, & 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.							
(E)	All County Cup & FA Cup results, abandonments or postponements must be communicated by BOTH the home and away Clubs to the relevant Fixture Secretary by 19:00 hours on the day of the match. A Team in default will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.							
22.	DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP							
(A)	<p>In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with THREE (3) points to be awarded for a win and ONE (1) 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.</p> <p>In the event of TWO (2) or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings will be determined by the following sequence of factors:-</p> <table><tr><td>(i)</td><td>the Team winning the most Competition Matches will be taken into consideration;</td></tr><tr><td>(ii)</td><td>if still level, the aggregate score in the Competition Matches only between the “drawing” Teams will be taken into consideration;</td></tr><tr><td>(iii)</td><td>if the first TWO (2) positions are still level after the foregoing, the Shield will be shared for half the holding period each.</td></tr></table>		(i)	the Team winning the most Competition Matches will be taken into consideration;	(ii)	if still level, the aggregate score in the Competition Matches only between the “drawing” Teams will be taken into consideration;	(iii)	if the first TWO (2) positions are still level after the foregoing, the Shield will be shared for half the holding period each.
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(B)	NOT ADOPTED.							
(C)	NOT ADOPTED.							
(D)	In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its Competition Matches 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 Competition Match shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.							
23.	MATCH OFFICIALS							
(A)	<p>FA Qualified and FA 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 Association(s).</p> <p>In cases where the Competition has not been able to appoint a Referee the Home Club <b>MUST</b> engage the services of an FA Qualified and FA Registered Referee. If the Home Club is unable to appoint such a Referee, they <b>MUST</b> notify their opponents of the facts and allow their opponents the opportunity to engage the services of their own FA Qualified and FA Registered Referee. If neither Club are able engage the services of such a Referee both Teams <b>MUST</b> agree upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.</p> <p>NOTE: For the avoidance of doubt, a referee appointed by the Competition takes precedence over any appointment made by a Club or Team.</p>							
(B)	<p>In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance the Clubs <b>MUST</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p>							

	<p>Competition Matches that are NOT PLAYED because both or either Team(s) cannot agree a Referee as described above will be reviewed by the Management Committee who may render the Competition Match null and void or award the points for the Competition Match to either Team depending on the circumstances.</p> <p>NOTE: for the avoidance of doubt, the Management Committee expect Competition Matches to be played and this Rule not to be used as an excuse to not play a Competition Match.</p>
(C)	<p>Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff being imposed on the defaulting Club.</p> <p>NOTE: The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the TWO (2) competing Teams, appoint Assistant Referees. In this instance the costs should be shared by the competing Teams.</p>
(D)	<p>The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and the decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground which must be accepted.</p> <p>If any Competition Match is in doubt due to unfit pitches, it is the responsibility of the home Club to have the pitch inspected early on the day of the Competition Match and advise their opponents not to travel pending an inspection. The Home Club must contact the Referee to request an early inspection or contact a local Referee or their nearest Competition Officer if the appointed Referee is not available and confirm with their opponents the result of the pitch inspection. Failing to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
(E)	<p>Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Association, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff.</p> <p>Match Officials will be paid their match fee by the home Club unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>The home Club shall pay the Match Officials their fees and/or expenses before the Competition Match or immediately after the Competition Match. Failure to do so will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
(F)	<p>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 their FULL fee from the Home Team. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to ONE (1) Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their FULL fee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
(G)	<p>A Referee not keeping their 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.</p>
(H)	<p>Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the Referee for each Competition Match and provide the CORRECT and FULL name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition via the Competition's Match Result Card. 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.</p>
(I)	<p>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.</p> <p>Any Club/Team marking a Referee between 0 &amp; 50 inclusive must e-mail a report giving the reasons for low marking to the Referee Secretary within SEVEN (7) days after the Competition Match. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
(J)	<p>The Referee shall submit an electronic Report Form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team, Fair Play Marks, notification of Cautions, Sendings-Off, misconduct, RESPECT breaches and the time of kick-off to the Competition within TWO (2) days of the Competition Match.</p>
(K)	<p>Match Officials shall be supplied, each Playing Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.</p>
(L)	<p>Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.</p>
(M)	<p>Team Managers and/or Coaches of Under 16 or Under 18 Teams are not permitted to referee a Competition Match involving their own Team. Any Team in breach of this Rule will be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and such further action as the Management Committee deem appropriate.</p>
(N)	<p>Clubs/Teams failing to make contact with a Competition appointed Match Official at least THREE (3) days prior to the Competition Match will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>

(O)	<p>Each Club will keep a register of Club appointed Match Officials. The onus will be on the Club to have checked that the individual is both registered and qualified as a Referee with the Football Association and has the necessary Safeguarding and CRC qualifications in place. Any complaints regarding a Club appointed Referee will be referred to the Management Committee who may order that individual is no longer permitted to take charge of Competition Matches.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
(P)	<p>Clubs will be required to supply the details of regular Club appointed Referees to the Secretary by 30th September in each year and update the Secretary appropriately on an ongoing basis to facilitate any contact that may be necessary on Competition business.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>

SCHEDULE A		
FEES TARIFF		
RULE NO	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	New Club Entry Fee	£50.00
4 (B)	<b>ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION</b>	
	U7-U11 (all Season)	£25.00 per Team
	U12-U18 (until 30/4)	£25.00 per Team
	U12-U18 (30/4 - AGM)	£35.00 per Team
	U12-U18 (AGM onwards)	£45.00 per Team
7 (C)	<b>PROTEST/APPEAL FEES</b>	
	Protest Deposit	£20.00
7 (D) (ii)	Personal Hearing Deposit	£50.00
7 (F)	Appeal	£25.00
18 (D)	<b>PLAYER REGISTRATIONS</b>	
	U7-U9 (all Season)	FREE
	U10-U18 (until 31/7)	£1.50 per Player
	U10-U18 (1/8 to 23/8)	£3.00 per Player
	U10-U18 (24/8 to 14/9)	£6.00 per Player
	U10-U18 (from 15/9 onwards)	£3.00 per Player
18 (H)	<b>TRANSFER FEE</b>	
	Inter-Club	FREE
	Club to Club	£10.00 per Player
23 (E)	<b>MATCH FEES</b>	
	U7 - U11 (Mini-Soccer)	£20.00
	U12 - U13 (9v9)	£25.00 (Double Header £36.00)
	U14 (11v11)	£30.00 (Double Header £46.00)
	U15 (11v11)	£35.00 (Double Header £54.00)
	U16 - U18 (11v11)	£40.00 (Double Header £60.00)
	Assistant Referee (9v9)	£20.00 (Double Header £30.00)
	Assistant Referee (11v11)	£25.00 (Double Header £36.00)

FINES TARIFF		
RULE NO	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (I) (i)	Failure to Comply with FA Initiatives	£100.00
2 (I) (viii)	Failure to Provide RESPECT Barrier	£25.00
2 (K)	Unauthorised Entry of Teams into Competitions	£100.00
2 (K)	Failure to Advise which FA or County Cup Competition Entered	£25.00
3	Failure to Obtain Consent for Change of Club Name	£30.00
4 (E)	Failure to Ensure Teams are Recorded as Affiliated in the Club Portal	£100.00
5 (E)	Communications Conducted by Persons Other Than Chair/Secretary	£25.00
6 (H)	Failure to Comply with an Instruction of The Management Committee or attend to Competition Business	£100.00
6 (I)	Failure to Pay a Fine within 14 Days of Notice	Double Original Fine
6 (J)	Failure to Pay a Fee within 14 Days of Notice	£50.00
6 (M)	Failure to Notify Change of E-Mail Address	£20.00
6 (N)	Failure to Notify Club Officer Changes	£25.00
6 (P)	Failure to Attend Disciplinary Meeting	£40.00
6 (Q)	Failure to Attend RESPECT Meeting	£40.00
6 (R)	Failure to Attend Sportsmanship Mark Meeting	£40.00
8 (H)	Failure to Attend AGM	£50.00
9	Failure to Attend SGM	£50.00
10	Failure to Submit Required Written Agreement or Notify Changes to Signatories	£25.00
11 (A)	Failure to Resign Within 30 Days of AGM	£100.00
11 (B)	Failure to Commence or Complete Fixtures	£100.00
11 (F)	Withdrawal of Team	£100.00
13 (A)	Failure to Submit Required Written Agreement Regarding the Cup / Shield	£25.00
13 (C)	Non-Attendance at Presentation Ceremony	£50.00
13 (D)	Failure to Attend Presentation Ceremony with Minimum Number of Players	£50.00
13 (E)	Non-Attendance at Awards Collection Event	£50.00
13 (F)	Failure to Return Cup / Shield	£35.00
13 (F)	Failure to Engrave Cup / Shield & Failure to Clean Cup / Shield	£20.00
16 (A)	Failure to Have Required Insurance	£100.00
16 (B)	Failure to Have Required Insurance	£100.00
18 (A)	Failure to Correctly Register a Player	£50.00
18 (B) (iii)	Failure to Register Required Number of Players 14 days before Commencement of Playing Season	£25.00
18 (F)	Signing or Playing For Multiple Clubs or Inaccurate Submission of a Registration	£25.00
18 (G) (ii)	Registration Irregularities	£100.00
18 (N)	Playing an Ineligible Player	£100.00
18 (O) (i)	Failure to Give Priority to School Activities	£50.00
18 (Q)	Failure to be in Possession of Accurate, Good Condition Player Registration System Squad List	£50.00
19 (A)	Failure to Uniquely Number Shirts - £10.00 per Shirt	£30.00
19 (A)	Delaying Kick Off due to Not Having Change of Colours	£30.00
19 (B)	Failure to Obtain Consent for a Change of Team Colours / Design	£30.00
20 (A)	Delaying Kick Off	£30.00
20 (A)	Lack of Appurtenances or First Aid - per item	£30.00
20 (A)	Deliberately Delaying Kick Off	£50.00
20 (B)	Failure to Play Matches on Date Fixed	£100.00
20 (C)	Failure to Comply with Double Header Rules	£50.00
20 (D)	Failure to Provide or Acknowledge Details of a Fixture	£50.00
20 (E)	Failure to have Minimum Number of Players to Constitute a Team	£50.00
20 (F) (ii)	Failure to Notify all Parties of Postponed/Cancelled Fixture	£30.00
20 (F) (ii)	Failure to Complete Match Result Card for Postponed/Cancelled Fixture	£10.00
20 (F) (iii)	Failure to Agree New Date for Postponed/Cancelled Fixture	£30.00
20 (F) (vi)	Failure to Notify of Abandonment of Match	£100.00
20 (I)	No Captain's Armband	£10.00

FINES TARIFF CONTINUED			
RULE NO	DESCRIPTION		MAXIMUM FINE
20 (J)	Failure to Produce/Check Player Registration System Squad List(s)		£50.00
20 (K)	Failure to Correctly Complete Team ID Check Form / Failure to Send to Registration Secretary		£20.00
20 (L)	Failure to Produce Player Registration System Squad List(s) to Management Committee Officer		£20.00
20 (P) (iii)	Postponement after 8.00pm 5 days prior to Competition Match		£50.00
20 (P) (iv)	Postponement after 12.00pm 1 day prior to Competition Match		£100.00
21 (A)	Failure to Complete Match Result Card	First Offence	£5.00
	Failure to Complete Match Result Card	Second Offence	£10.00
	Failure to Complete Match Result Card	Third Offence	£20.00
	Failure to Complete Match Result Card	Subsequent Offence	£40.00
21 (C)	Failure to Accurately Complete Match Result Card		£20.00
21 (D)	Publishing Results/Grading Tables for fixtures involving U7s, U8s, U9s, U10s or U11s		£50.00
21 (E)	Failure to Notify County Cup Result	First Offence	£20.00
	Failure to Notify County Cup Result	Subsequent Offence	£40.00
23 (C)	Failure to Provide Club Assistant Referee		£25.00
23 (D)	Failure to Arrange Early Pitch Inspection		£25.00
23 (E)	Failure to Pay Match Officials’ Fees		£25.00
23 (F)	Failure to Pay Match Officials if Match is not Played		£25.00
23 (H)	Failure to Provide Accurate Referee’s Name		£10.00
23 (I)	Failure to Provide Report to Secretary for Low Marking of Referee (0-50 inclusive)		£20.00
23 (M)	Team Manager / Coach of U16/U18 Team officiating own Team		£20.00
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SURREY COUNTY WOMENS & GIRLS LEAGUE	YOUTH CUP & DEVELOPMENT FOOTBALL TROPHY EVENT RULES
<b>1. CONTROL OF CUP COMPETITION</b>	
(A)	<p>The Cup Competitions and Development Football Trophy Events will be governed by the Competition Rules where appropriate, with the addition of the following:-</p> <p>(i) The Cup Competitions shall be competed for annually on a knockout basis by all Teams within membership of the Competition.</p> <p>(ii) The Cup Competitions and Development Football Trophy Events, including the configuration, organisation and draw for ties, shall be carried out by the Management Committee and their decision shall be final on all matters, the right of appeal to the Surrey County Football Association being reserved.</p> <p>NOTE: for the avoidance of doubt ALL Competition and Cup Rules unless specifically mentioned below will apply to all Football Development Trophy Events irrespective of the age group or classification of the event.</p>
<b>2. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS</b>	
(A)	<p>In any U12-U18 Cup Competition no player may play for more than ONE (1) Team in the Cup Competitions in any ONE (1) Playing Season. The Challenge Cup and the Challenge Trophy at all Age Groups are deemed to be one Competition. This means, once transferred, a player will be deemed to be cup-tied if he has played in either Competition at any Age Group.</p>
	<p>(i) This means, once transferred, a player will be deemed to be cup-tied if she has played in the Competitions at any Age Group.</p> <p>(ii) In cases where a player is registered to more than one Team (within the provisions of Rule 18 (E) (iii) or Rule 18 (J), the Player will only be eligible to play in the Cup Competitions for the Team that registered them on the earliest date. The Player will be ineligible to play in the Cup Competitions for the other Team to which they are registered, and this will be clearly stated on the Player Registration System Squad List.</p>
	<p><b>IMPORTANT NOTE</b> - It is the responsibility of each Club to specifically check with the Registration Secretary regarding the status of any transferred Player who may be Cup tied.</p>
(B)	<p>In any U12-U18 Cup Competition a Player shall be ineligible to play in the semi-final or final round of the Competition unless she has played in a previous round or she has played at least TWO (2) Competition Matches or County Cup matches in the current Playing Season.</p>
(C)	<p>In any U12-U18 Cup Competition a Player registered or transferred after the last day of February is ineligible to play in a Cup Final.</p>
(D)	<p>A Player will only be permitted to play for one team in a specific Development Football Trophy Event and will for the purpose of that specific Event be effectively cup tied if they were to move to another Club or Team within the same Club for that Event only. Where in some age groups a 2nd or 3rd Football Development Trophy Event is staged in the same Playing Season then the Team for which the player is registered on the first day of the Event will be the only Team she can play for in that specific Event. NOTE: The purpose of this Rule is to prevent Clubs with multiple Teams in an age group moving the best players around to enhance their chances of winning an Event at the detriment of the existing Team Players, the development of all the Players in the age group and the ethos of such Development Football Trophy Events.</p>
<b>3. PLAYING OF TIES &amp; DRAWN MATCHES</b>	
(A)	<p>In any U12-U18 Cup Competition all ties shall be played on the first-named Team's ground on a date specified by the Fixture Secretary. In the event of the first-named Team not having a ground available on the determined date, the second-named Team shall have the option of staging the Competition Match on that date and shall assume status of the home Team. If the first-named Team is unable to supply a venue to fulfil its appointed Cup Competition Match, Competition Rule 20 (N) shall apply. The Management Committee further reserve the right to order the venue of the Cup Competition Match to be changed (e.g. persistent postponement).</p>
(B)	<p>In any knock-out or final stage of any Development Football Trophy Event match in the event of level scores at full time the match will be decided by a format as defined by the Management Committee in accordance with The Laws of the Game.</p>

(C)	<p>In any U12-U18 Cup Competition in the event of level scores at full time the Competition Match will be decided on penalties:-</p> <p><b><u>Kicks from the Penalty Mark</u></b></p> <p>Subject to the conditions below, both Teams take FIVE (5) kicks:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The kicks are taken alternately by the Teams</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• If, after both Teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one Team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.</li> </ul>
(D)	Postponed Competition Matches shall take place as directed by the Fixture Secretary.
(E)	In the event of the Teams having the same colours, the first-named team will be required to change.
(F)	Any Club found to have played an unregistered or otherwise ineligible Player in any Cup Competition Match or Development Football Trophy Event match shall be removed from that Competition and have levied upon it a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

4. MATCH CONFIRMATION / RESULTS	
	<p>Both Teams must submit prior to 23:59 hours on the day of the Competition Match, (whether played or postponed for whatever reason) the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Match Officials and also the markings of the Match Officials required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Note: Persistent infringement of this Rule will result in a progressively accumulative fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and ultimately fixtures may be withdrawn from Teams that do not comply. Following the issue of a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff, the Result Card as above MUST still be submitted to arrive within SEVEN (7) days of notification of the fine, failing which the Club will incur a further fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff for every SEVEN (7) days or part thereof that the Result Card is not submitted.</p> <p>NOTE: The prescribed manner means the submission of a fully completed Result Card onto the Competition's designated online platform.</p>

<b>SURREY COUNTY WOMENS &amp; GIRLS LEAGUE</b>		<b>5v5 &amp; 7v7 FORMAT RULES</b>
Laws of the Game Mini Soccer are available from 'The FA' website		
<b>1.</b>	<b>CONTROL OF COMPETITION</b>	
	The Rules of the Surrey County Womens & Girls League (SCWGL) Youth Section shall apply to the SCWGL 5v5 & 7v7 format Competition with the following replacement Rules.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PLAYERS</b>	
5v5	A Team shall consist of minimum of 4 Players and a maximum of 10 Players, of which 5 Players should be on the field of play at any one time. Substitutes are allowed, "roll-on roll-off" basis, subject of permission of the referee and only during a break in play, need not be named and may return to the field of play as a substitute after earlier being substituted.	
7v7	A Team shall consist of minimum of 5 Players and a maximum of 11 Players, of which 7 Players should be on the field of play at any one time. Substitutes are allowed, "roll-on roll-off" basis, subject of permission of the referee and only during a break in play, need not be named and may return to the field of play as a substitute after earlier being substituted	
<b>3.</b>	<b>MATCH OFFICIALS</b>	
	The home Team shall provide a capable, fair and experienced person to referee the Competition Match. Where the Competition does appoint a referee then he / she will be paid as specified in Rule 23 (MATCH OFFICIALS). Teams should strive to appoint a qualified registered Referee but where none is available the holder of a SCWGL Mini-Soccer Referee Certificate registered with the Competition is deemed to be senior to any person not holding such a Certificate.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>MATCH CONFIRMATION / RESULTS</b>	
	<p>Both Teams must submit prior to 23:59 hours on the day of the Competition Match, (whether played or postponed for whatever reason) the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Match Officials and also the markings of the Match Officials required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Note: Persistent infringement of this Rule will result in a progressively accumulative fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and ultimately fixtures may be withdrawn from Teams that do not comply. Following the issue of a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff, the Result Card as above MUST still be submitted to arrive within SEVEN (7) days of notification of the fine, failing which the Club will incur a further fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff for every SEVEN (7) days or part thereof that the Result Card is not submitted.</p> <p>NOTE: The prescribed manner means the submission of a fully completed Result Card onto the Competition's designated online platform.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>TEAM OFFICERS &amp; SPECTATORS</b>	
	The Team Officers will be held responsible for the behaviour of players, supporters and any other persons involved with the Competition Match. Any dispute or complaint will be forwarded to the General Secretary.	
<b>6.</b>	<b>TROPHY EVENTS</b>	
	For the avoidance of doubt, all SCWGL Youth Cup Rules apply to all Development Trophy Events.	
<b>7.</b>	<b>POWER PLAY</b>	
	The "Power Play" Rule will be adopted for all 5v5 & 7v7 Competition Matches including Trophy Events. Please refer to Appendix 2 for details.	

<b>SURREY COUNTY WOMENS &amp; GIRLS LEAGUE</b>		<b>9v9 FORMAT RULES</b>
The Laws of the Game for 9v9 football are the same as 11v11 and are available from 'The FA' Website		
<b>1.</b>	<b>CONTROL OF COMPETITION</b>	
	The Rules of the Surrey County Womens & Girls League (SCWGL) Youth Section and SCWGL Youth Cup Rules shall apply to the SCWGL 9v9 format Competition with the following replacement Rules.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>NUMBER OF PLAYERS</b>	
9v9	A Team shall consist of minimum of 6 Players and a maximum of 14 Players, of whom 9 Players can be on the field of play at any one time. Substitutes are allowed, "roll-on roll-off" basis, subject to permission of the referee and only during a break in play and may return to the field of play as a substitute after earlier being substituted.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>MATCH OFFICIALS</b>	
	The home Team shall provide a capable, fair and experienced person to referee the Competition Match. Where the Competition does appoint a referee then he / she will be paid as specified in Rule 23 (MATCH OFFICIALS). Teams should strive to appoint a qualified registered Referee but where none is available the holder of a SCWGL Mini-Soccer Referee Certificate registered with the Competition is deemed to be senior to any person not holding such a Certificate.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>MATCH CONFIRMATION / RESULTS</b>	
	<p>Both Teams must submit prior to 23:59 hours on the day of the Competition Match, (whether played or postponed for whatever reason) the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Match Officials and also the markings of the Match Officials required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Note: Persistent infringement of this Rule will result in a progressively accumulative fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff and ultimately fixtures may be withdrawn from Teams that do not comply. Following the issue of a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff, the Result Card as above MUST still be submitted to arrive within SEVEN (7) days of notification of the fine, failing which the Club will incur a further fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff for every SEVEN (7) days or part thereof that the Result Card is not submitted.</p> <p>NOTE: The prescribed manner means the submission of a fully completed Result Card onto the Competition's designated online platform.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>TEAM OFFICERS &amp; SPECTATORS</b>	
	The Team Officers will be held responsible for the behaviour of players, supporters and any other persons involved with the Competition Match. Any dispute or complaint will be forwarded to the General Secretary.	

## SURREY COUNTY WOMENS & GIRLS LEAGUE - APPENDICES

The Appendices form part of the SCWGL Rules and have the same force and effect as if expressly set out in the body of the Rules

### APPENDIX 1

#### PLAYER REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY

PLEASE REFER TO REGISTRATION GUIDELINES PROVIDED BY THE FA AND AVAILABLE at [www.scwgl.org.uk](http://www.scwgl.org.uk)

1.	Club Secretaries must submit registrations via the Player Registration System.
2.	The Parent / Legal Guardian's e-mail address must be provided which will generate an e-mail whereupon Parent / Legal Guardian must provide consent for the Player's data to be used for the purpose of their registration to the League.
3.	Photographs uploaded must be passport-approved and also fulfil the following criteria:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• recent (taken within the last 6 months);</li><li>• approximately 200mm x 200mm;</li><li>• only .jpg, .jpeg &amp; .png files supported;</li><li>• undamaged, for example by creases from paper clips;</li><li>• of the Player on their own (no hats or scarves);</li><li>• a close-up of the Player's head only;</li><li>• of the Player facing forwards looking straight towards the camera;</li><li>• of the Player's full head without any head covering, except for religious beliefs or medical reasons;</li><li>• nothing covering the Player's face.</li></ul>
4.	Evidence of date of birth MUST be seen by the Club/Team Secretary for each Player being registered to verify that they are in all respects eligible to play in the League at the age group for which registration is sought.
5.	The Team Manager will produce the Player Registration System Squad List(s) to take to each Competition Match. Ideally, once generated, the Player Registration System Squad List should be laminated to keep it in a good, legible condition.
6.	<b>IMPORTANT</b> a replacement Player Registration System Squad List should be generated whenever it changes, i.e. whenever a new Player is registered, whenever a Player is transferred (either in or out) and whenever a Player is de-registered. Failure to do so will incur a Fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
7.	Any queries regarding the Player Registration System should be emailed to <a href="mailto:playerregistrations@surreyfa.com">playerregistrations@surreyfa.com</a> . All other queries should be e-mailed to <a href="mailto:registrations@scwgl.org.uk">registrations@scwgl.org.uk</a> .

# QUALIFICATION DATES FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON

FORMAT	MAXIMUM NO OF PLAYERS REGISTERED TO TEAM	MAXIMUM SQUAD SIZE ON MATCH DAY	MAXIMUM PLAYERS WHO CAN PLAY ON MATCH DAY	AGE GROUP	FROM (inclusive)	TO (inclusive)
5v5	15	10	10	Under 7	01-09-2018	31-08-2019 or when attains Age 6*
5v5	15	10	10	Under 8	01-09-2017	31-08-2019
5v5	15	10	10	Under 9	01-09-2016	31-08-2018
7v7	18	14	11	Under 10	01-09-2015	31-08-2017
7v7	18	14	11	Under 11	01-09-2014	31-08-2016
9v9	20	18	14	Under 12	01-09-2013	31-08-2015
9v9	20	18	14	Under 13	01-09-2012	31-08-2014
11v11	22	22	16	Under 14	01-09-2011	31-08-2013
11v11	22	22	16	Under 15	01-09-2010	31-08-2012
11v11	22	22	16	Under 16	01-09-2009	31-08-2011
11v11	30	30	16	Under 18	01-09-2007	31-08-2010
11v11	30	30	16	Ladies	MUST BE 16 YEARS OLD AT DATE OF REGISTRATION	

## APPENDIX 2

### POWER PLAY RULE

#### TO BE ADOPTED IN ALL 5v5 & 7v7 COMPETITION MATCHES

1.	During a Competition Match, when the goal difference reaches FOUR (4), the losing Team may field ONE (1) additional Player. If the goal difference reaches SIX (6), the losing Team may field ONE (1) further additional Player (taking the total up to TWO (2) additional Players).					
2.	At the point the goal difference falls to FIVE (5) the losing Team must withdraw ONE (1) of their additional Players. This does not need to be ONE (1) of the Players who was introduced as an Additional Player.					
3.	At the point the goal difference falls to THREE (3) the losing Team must withdraw their final additional Player. This does not need to be ONE (1) of the Players who was introduced as an Additional Player.					
4.	Please refer to the example below:-					
	<b>Team</b>	<b>Score</b>		<b>Team</b>	<b>Procedure</b>	<b>5v5</b>
	Red	3	0	Blue	No Change	7v7
	Red	4	0	Blue	Blue Team introduce ONE (1) additional Player	5v6
	Red	4	1	Blue	Blue Team remove ONE (1) additional Player	7v7
	Red	5	1	Blue	Blue Team introduce ONE (1) additional Player	5v6
	Red	6	1	Blue	No Change	7v8
	Red	7	1	Blue	Blue Team introduce ONE (1) further additional Player	5v7
	Red	7	2	Blue	Blue Team remove ONE (1) additional Player	7v8
	Red	7	3	Blue	No Change	5v6
	Red	7	4	Blue	Blue Team remove ONE (1) further additional Player	7v7