

**SUSSEX COUNTY
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION
LIMITED**

CUP COMPETITIONS



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Rule 1. Competitions

At the discretion of the Competitions Committee all or some of the following Competitions will be organised each season.

No.	Title
1.	SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP
2.	ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES CHARITY CUP
3.	FLOODLIGHT CUP
4.	INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE CUP
5.	JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP
6.	SUNDAY CHALLENGE CUP
7.	SUNDAY CHALLENGE TROPHY
8.	WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP
9.	WOMEN'S CHALLENGE TROPHY
10.	INTERMEDIATE INTER LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP
11.	JUNIOR INTER LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP
12.	YOUTH CUP (Under 18)
13.	MINOR CUP (Under16)
14.	STAN BEATTIE MEMORIAL TROPHY (Under 15)
15.	C.P. MASON CUP (Under 14)
16.	LES KEMPSTER CHALLENGE TROPHY (Under 13)
17.	W.J.JEWELL TROPHY (Under 12)
18.	J.E.KIBBLEWHITE TROPHY (Under 16)
19.	PRESIDENT'S SHIELD (Under 15)
20.	ARTHUR GUMBRELL MEMORIAL TROPHY (Under 14)
21.	GEORGE REES TROPHY (Under 13)
22.	GEORGE SMART MEMORIAL CUP (Under 12)

Rule 2 Cup Ownership

All Trophies shall remain the property of the SUSSEX COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED.

Rule 3 Control of Competitions

The entire control and management of the Competitions shall be vested in the Council, whose decisions shall be final.

For the administration of the Competitions the Council may depute all or any of its powers to the Competitions Committee or any Sub-Committee of the Competitions Committee.

The Competitions Committee or Sub-Committee shall deal with any infringement of the Rules.

Rule 4 Eligible Clubs/Leagues

The entry of any Club/League may be rejected. Subject to the approval of the Competitions Committee, the Competitions shall be open to all Clubs/Leagues affiliated to the Sussex County Football Association Limited, and in respect of Competitions 2 and 3 also to all Clubs affiliated to neighbouring Associations which normally participate in Sussex County Football.

A Club/League may not enter two teams in the same Competition.

The qualification for entry into the Competitions listed in Rule 1 shall be as detailed below.

All Clubs/Leagues must provide adequate dressing room accommodation for each team and the match Official(s).

ADULT COMPETITIONS - INTER CLUB

1. SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

Saturday Clubs that affiliate at Senior level.

2. ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES CHARITY CUP

Saturday Clubs that affiliate at Senior level.

3. FLOODLIGHT CUP

Saturday Clubs that affiliate at Senior level. Any Clubs not of Senior status that normally play at facilities satisfying Senior status requirements.

4. INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE CUP

Saturday Clubs that compete at Intermediate level as approved by the Sussex County Football Association Limited.

5. JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP

Saturday Clubs that compete at Junior level as approved by the Sussex County Football Association Limited.

6. SUNDAY CHALLENGE CUP

Sunday Clubs that compete in the following Sunday Leagues as approved by the Sussex County Football Association Limited:- Chichester & West Sussex Sunday League Division 1, Hastings & East Sussex Sunday League Division 1 Lewes & District Sunday League Premier Division, Sussex Sunday Football League Premier and Intermediate Divisions, Worthing & Horsham District Sunday League Premier Division.

7. SUNDAY CHALLENGE TROPHY

Sunday Clubs that compete at Junior level as approved by the Sussex County Football Association Limited.

8. WOMEN'S CHALLENGE CUP

Women's Clubs that compete in all Leagues other than Sussex County FA Women's League.

9. WOMEN'S CHALLENGE TROPHY

Only Women's Clubs that compete in the Sussex County FA Women's League.

10. INTERMEDIATE INTER LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

Saturday Leagues having at least one Division at Intermediate level as approved by the Sussex County Football Association Limited.

11. JUNIOR INTER LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

Saturday Leagues having at least one Division at Junior level as approved by the Sussex County Football Association Limited.

YOUTH COMPETITIONS

Youth Clubs/Leagues as approved by the Sussex County Football Association Limited. Clubs may only enter one Team in each Competition for which it qualifies by age.

INTER CLUB

12. YOUTH CUP (Under 18)

13. MINOR CUP (Under 16)

14. STAN BEATTIE MEMORIAL TROPHY (Under 15)

15. C.P.MASON CUP (Under 14)

16. CHALLENGE TROPHY (Under 13)

17. W.J.JEWELL TROPHY Under 12)

INTER LEAGUE

18. J.E.KIBBLEWHITE TROPHY (Under 16)

19. PRESIDENT'S SHIELD (Under 15)

20. ARTHUR GUMBRELL MEMORIAL TROPHY (Under 14)

21. GEORGE REES TROPHY (Under 13)

22. GEORGE SMART MEMORIAL CUP (Under 12)

Rule 5 Dates for Entry, Entry Fee, Withdrawals and Unfulfilled Matches

(a) Each Club/League entering shall complete an entry form and return it to the Chief Executive of the Association so that the form is received on or before July 1st of the season in which the Club/League proposes to compete in respect of Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10,11,12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21and 22. (See Appendix).

An Invoice will be issued for the Entry fee which must be settled within 14 days of the invoice date. Failure to pay any invoice within the stated period will result in a fine of £25, to be paid within 14 days, failing which further disciplinary action may be taken.

(b) A Club/League withdrawing after entry, without a reason acceptable to the Competitions Committee, may be liable to a fine and may not be allowed to enter the Competition the following season. This will include any Club/League which is under suspension by the County Football Association to which it is affiliated. (See Appendix)

(c) A Club/League failing to fulfill a match, without a reason acceptable to the Competitions Committee, may be liable to a fine and may not be allowed to enter the Competition the following season. This will include any Club/League which is under suspension by the County Football Association to which it is affiliated. (See Appendix)

Rule 6 Qualifications of Players, Substitutes and Team Sheets.

(a) Each competing team shall consist of bona fide registered playing members of their Club/League. Any Club/League failing to carry out these provisions may be liable to a fine (See Appendix)

(b) A player shall not in the same season play for more than one Club/League in any one of the Competitions, but the members of each respective team may be changed during the series of matches. Any Club/League failing to carry out these provisions may be liable to a fine (See Appendix)

(c) A player must have been registered by their Club with the appropriate League(s) in which their Club competes at least 24 hours immediately prior to the commencement of the match. Any Club/League contravening this requirement may be liable to a fine and other disciplinary action at the discretion of the Competitions Committee. (See Appendix)

(d) In Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 a Club/League may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use up to three substitute players who may be selected from up to five players nominated to the Referee prior to the commencement of the match.

In Competitions 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 a Club/League may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use up to three substitute players who may be selected from up to three players nominated to the Referee prior to the commencement of the match. A player who has been substituted then becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

(e) Clubs/Leagues must hand team sheets listing the players taking part in the match, including nominated substitutes, to the Referee and to a representative of their opponents, in the presence of the Referee, at least 45 minutes before the advertised time of kick off in respect of Competitions 1, 2, 3, 10 and 11, and at least 15 minutes before the advertised time of kick off in respect of Competitions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Any Club/League failing to carry out these provisions may be liable to a fine. (See Appendix)

(f) Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury after the submission of the team sheet to the Referee and before the kick off, that player may be replaced, provided the Referee and opponents are informed.

Rule 7 Objections to Qualifications and other Protests

(a) All queries relating to matches, the qualifications of Clubs, Leagues or players, the interpretation of these Rules, or any dispute, protest or complaint whatsoever shall be referred to the Competitions Committee.

(b) Every protest or complaint must be made in writing and must contain particulars of the grounds upon which it is founded and must be lodged with the Chief Executive of the Association, accompanied by the appropriate fee within four days of the match to which it relates.

(c) The Chief Executive of the Association shall send a copy of the protest and particulars to the Club/League protested against.

(d) The Competitions Committee may order any Club/League engaged in a dispute, protest or complaint to pay such sum as may be considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred. The protest fee shall be forfeited to the Association in the event of the protest not being sustained or the complaint being considered frivolous. Any Club/League making a frivolous objection or losing a protest may additionally be fined by the Competitions Committee and may be ordered to pay the full costs of any inquiry.

(e) If the Competitions Committee shall have any doubts as to the qualification of a player taking part in a Competition match it shall have the power to call upon that player, the Club/League for which the player took part and the Club/League with which the player is a member, to prove to its satisfaction that the player was qualified according to the Rules. Failing such proof the Competitions Committee may determine such player to have been ineligible and will remove the Club/League from the Competition, and deal otherwise with such player or Club/League as it deems fit.

(f) Any protest relating to the ground, goal posts, or bars, or other appurtenances of the game shall not be entertained by the Competitions Committee unless notice with particulars has been given by the Club/League immediately it comes to their knowledge and an objection lodged with the Referee, in writing, before the commencement of the match. The Referee shall require the responsible Club/League to remove the cause of the objection if this is possible without unduly delaying the progress of the match.

(g) When an objection has been lodged with the Referee, a protest must be made to the Association, and no objection or protest shall be withdrawn except by leave of the Competitions Committee.

(h) In dealing with any protest, the Competitions Committee may take into consideration the possession by the protesting Club/League of any knowledge which, if properly used, might have obviated the protest.

(i) If an offending Club/League is removed from a Competition, the Competitions Committee shall have the power to take such action as it deems fit in regard to any particular match. (See Appendix)

(j) If a Member of the Council is connected with a Club/League concerned in a protest, he shall not be present while the protest is being considered.

Rule 8 Organisation of the Competition.

(a) The Competitions Committee shall have the power to divide the competing Clubs/Leagues into geographically convenient districts if thought necessary.

(b) The Competitions Committee shall have the power to select any number of Clubs/Leagues to be exempt until the Second or subsequent round of the Competition.

(c) (i) In Competition 1 the format of the Competition will be decided by the Competitions Committee from time to time.

(ii) In Competitions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 the Clubs competing in each round of the Competition shall be drawn in couples. The couples shall play a match, subject to the Laws of the Game, and the winners shall compete in the next round in the same manner until the final tie.

(iii) In Competitions 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 the same arrangements as stated in Rule 8 (c)(i) will apply unless the Competitions Committee at their discretion decide that they will arrange for a Competition to be run on a League basis for which it will set down specific Rules.

(d) The Chief Executive of the Association shall circulate to each Club/League the name of its opponent in each round and, where possible, date and time when the fixture shall be played. Scheduled dates for matches may be affected by the precedence order for fixtures and shall be rearranged as directed by the Competitions Committee.

If Clubs/Leagues drawn together mutually agree the tie may be played in the week preceding the scheduled date or as directed by the Competitions Committee. The secretaries of Clubs/Leagues drawn at home must advise the Chief Executive of the Association as soon as possible of the date and time of the match if it is not to be played on the scheduled date.

All ties in each round shall be scheduled to be played on the same Saturday or Sunday but if floodlights of the approved level are available on the ground of the first drawn Club/League, except in exceptional circumstances approved by the Competitions Committee, ties shall be played in the week preceding the scheduled Saturday or Sunday, or as directed by the Competitions Committee.

In all Competitions, kick off times shall be decided by the Competitions Committee, any alterations to the kick off time, must be mutually agreed by the Home Team, Visiting Team, and Referee. Kick off times that are altered must be notified to the Chief Executive of the Association. Any Club/League failing to comply with any part of this Rule may be liable to a fine. (See Appendix)

Rule 9 Ground for Cup Ties

(a) In each tie prior to the Semi Finals in Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 and prior to the Finals in Competitions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, the game shall be played on the ground of the Club/League first drawn unless otherwise mutually agreed with the consent of the Competitions Committee for the match to be played on the opponents or an alternative ground. No monetary or other consideration shall be asked for, offered or paid in connection with negotiations for a change of venue.

Should the tie be postponed on two occasions due to the poor condition of the ground the Competitions Committee shall order a change of venue.

If the ground of a Club/League drawn to play at home is considered by the opponents to be unsuitable for the tie it must appeal to the Chief Executive of the Association within three days of receiving official notification of the draw. Such appeal must be accompanied by the appropriate fee, (See Appendix) which may be forfeited if the appeal is not sustained. The Competitions Committee may order the tie to be played on the opponents or a neutral ground. The payment of costs incidental to the appeal shall be at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.

The Home Club in Competitions 1, 2 and 3, shall supply 10 complimentary passes for the Visiting Club Officials.

(b) Dimensions of Field of Play

COMPETITION Numbers 1, 2 and 3

The dimensions of the field of play for Cup Ties shall be:

Maximum length: 120 metres (130 yards)

Minimum length: 100 metres (110 yards)

Maximum width: 90 metres (100 yards)

Minimum width: 64 metres (70 yards)

The playing area must be enclosed.

COMPETITION Numbers 4, 6, 10 and 11

The dimensions of the field of play for Cup Ties shall be:

Maximum length: 120 metres (130 yards)

Minimum length: 90 metres (100 yards)

Maximum width: 75 metres (80 yards)

Minimum width: 55 metres (60 yards)

COMPETITION Numbers 5, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22

The dimensions of the field of play for Cup Ties shall be:

Maximum length: 120 metres (130 yards)

Minimum length: 90 metres (100 yards)

Maximum width: 75 metres (80 yards)

Minimum width: 45 metres (50 yards)

Goal nets must be used in all ties.

(c) All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Competitions Committee. 3G pitches can only be used if both clubs mutually agree. Each Club/League must take every precaution to keep its ground in playing condition and, if necessary, either Club/League may apply to the Association, which shall require the Referee or his/her appointed representative, to examine the ground and decide as to its fitness for play in sufficient time to save journeys incurring avoidable expenses for the Club/League. Subject to this Rule the Match Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches.

Saturday Matches in Competitions 1, 2, 3, and 4. Where floodlights are available which meet the approval of the Competitions Committee (see below) shall kick-off at 3.00pm

Floodlit matches. The kick off time for all matches will be as directed by the Competitions Committee.

Matches may be played wholly or partially under floodlights providing that the installation meets with the approval of the Competitions Committee (Floodlights – minimum standard required is Ave lux 120 – divergence 25%)

The Home Club/League in Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 18 and 19 is responsible for providing a minimum of three size 5 match balls. The Home Club/League in Competitions 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 22 is responsible for providing a minimum of three size 4 match balls Any Club/League failing to comply with this Rule may be liable to a fine. (See Appendix)

In the event that the home club has included in its pitch markings the Dug-out/Technical Area the following shall be strictly adhered to:

Only eight occupants, including the five named substitutes shall be allowed to occupy the dug-outs, only the nominated coach/manager may convey tactical instructions to the players during the match and he/she must return to his/her position immediately after giving these instructions. He/she and other officials must remain within the confines of the Technical Area and they must behave in a responsible manner at all times.

Rule 10 Club /League Colours & Provision for Matches preceding Semi Final Ties

(a) The Secretary of the Home Club/League must give notice in writing to their opponents and to the appointed Referee and Assistant Referees, stating the location of the ground and the dressing room, the team colours and the appointed time of kick off. In respect of Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 such notice must be given at least four days before the date fixed for playing the tie. In respect of Competitions 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 such notice must be given at least fourteen days before the date fixed for playing the tie. Clubs/Leagues failing to comply with this Rule may be liable to a fine. (See Appendix)

(b) Where the colours of both competing Clubs/Leagues are similar the Visiting Club/League shall change its colours and shall advise the Home Club/League of the alternative colours. No Club/League shall be permitted to wear black or very dark coloured shirts or colours that may conflict with the Match Officials. (See Appendix). In Semi-Finals or Finals both teams may be directed to change colours if necessary.

(c) In Competitions 1, 2 and 3 the Secretary of the Visiting Club must at least three days prior to the match notify the Home Club of its probable team with full names in number order. Clubs failing to comply with this requirement shall be liable to a fine. (See Appendix)

Rule 11 Duration of matches

(a) (i) The duration of each match in Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, shall be 90 minutes (45 minutes each half). The half time interval shall be of 15 minutes duration and may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

(ii) The duration of each match in Competitions 13, 14, 18 and 19 shall be 80 minutes (40 minutes each half). The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration and may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

(iii) The duration of each match in Competitions 15, 16, 20 and 21 shall be 70 minutes (35 minutes each half). The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration and may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

(iv) The duration of each match in Competitions 17 and 22 shall be 60 minutes (30 minutes each half). The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration and may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

(b) (i) In any match in which the score is level at the end of normal time in Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 extra time of 15 minutes each way shall be played.

(ii) In any match in which the score is level at the end of normal time in Competitions 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 extra time of 10 minutes each way shall be played.

(c) In any match in which the score is level at the end of extra time in Competitions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Board.

(d) Any match in which the score is level at the end of extra time in Competition 1 shall have one replay which will take place on the ground of the Club which played away in the first match. If the score is again level at the end of extra time in this second match the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Board.

(e) In any Semi Final or Final match in which the score is level at the end of normal time in all Competitions extra time (as set out in (b) (i) or (ii) above) shall be played. If the score is still level at the end of extra time the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Board

Rule 12 Postponed and Abandoned matches

- (a) Matches which are abandoned for any reason, in normal or extra time, shall be dealt with by the Competitions Committee which shall have the power to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand as the result of the match, to order the match to be replayed and to determine on which ground the match shall be played, or to take any other action which it sees fit to determine.
- (b) Matches which are postponed shall be rearranged by the Competitions Committee as follows:
- (i) Matches in Competitions 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 shall be rearranged to take place seven days after the original date of the fixture unless the Competitions Committee decide otherwise.
 - (ii) Matches in Competitions 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall be arranged to take place as stated in Rule 12
- (b)(i) except matches postponed in the months of October and November which shall be rearranged to take place fourteen days after the original date of the fixture unless the Competitions Committee decide otherwise.

Rule 13 Reporting Results

- (a) The Secretary of both Clubs/Leagues shall ensure that on the day of the match the result or postponement is reported as directed by the Competitions Committee.
- (b) The Secretary of both Clubs/Leagues shall ensure that an official match return card is received by Chief Executive of the Association within four days following the match. The match return card must be completed in full.
Cards can be returned by post or by downloading the official form from the Association website and e-mailed
- (c) A Club/League deliberately falsifying the information on a match return card shall be fined and excluded from the Competition
- (d) Each Club/League shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed Form provided.
- (e) (i) A Club/League intending to scratch from a Competition must submit a written report, stating the reason for the decision to scratch, to be received by the Chief Executive of the Association at least fourteen days before the date fixed for the match, or immediately if the decision to scratch is taken less than fourteen days prior to the match..
- (ii) A Club/League failing to give a satisfactory reason for scratching or withdrawing from a Competition without first obtaining the consent of the Competitions Committee shall not be allowed to enter the Competition the following season. A Club/League failing to comply with this Rule shall pay any expenses, including ground hire fees, incurred by their opponents and shall be liable to a fine which the Competitions Committee shall determine.
- A Club/League failing to play in a Semi Final or Final tie, without showing good and sufficient cause, may be adjudged by the Competitions Committee to be guilty of serious misconduct and liable to be dealt with under Membership Rule 17 of the Association.
- Clubs/Leagues failing to comply with any part of this Rule may be liable to a fine. (See Appendix)

Rule 14 Provisions concerning Referees and Assistant Referees

- (a) The Association shall appoint the Referees to all matches in all Competitions.
The Association shall appoint the Assistant Referees to all matches in Competitions 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22.
The Clubs shall appoint Club Assistant Referees in all matches prior to the Semi-Final ties in Competitions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17. In Competition 4, the appointed Club Assistant Referee must not be a nominated substitute.
The Association shall appoint the Assistant Referees to all Semi-Final and Final ties in all Competitions and if possible the Fourth Official to all Final ties in all Competitions and Semi-Final ties in Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8.
- (b) If an appointed Referee fails to arrive for a match in Competitions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 another registered Referee, if available, shall be invited to officiate. Otherwise the Home Club shall provide a Referee who shall be entitled to receive the fee for the match.

(c) In the event that an Assistant Referee is not appointed or an appointed Assistant Referee fails to arrive for a match in any Competition a suitable Assistant Referee shall be provided by the competing Clubs/Leagues. Such Assistant Referees shall report to the Referee prior to the commencement of the match and shall be provided with standard flags by the Home Club/League. Failure to comply with any part of this Rule will incur a fine. (See Appendix)

(d) The fees and travelling expenses of all officials appointed by the Association to officiate in any match prior to the Semi-Final ties in all Competitions shall be paid by the Home Club/League.

(e) Match Officials shall be entitled to claim lowest ordinary rail or bus fare if travelling by public transport, or the appropriate rate if travelling by private transport. (Shown in the Appendix)

(f) Where play is not possible owing to causes beyond the control of either Club/League, the Referee and Assistant Referees, if present, shall be entitled to their travelling expenses, but in the event of a Match Official attending a fixture cancelled or postponed without his/her knowledge, the Home Club/League may be required to pay one half of the usual fee, together with his/her expenses.

(g) The Home Club/League must, even in cases where gate money is insufficient, pay the fees and travelling expenses of the Officials.

(h) The Scale of Fees to be paid to Match Officials is as shown in the Appendix.

Rule 15 Late Start

Referees must report late starts to the Chief Executive of the Association and inform the defaulting Club/League that it is being reported. The Secretary of the defaulting Club/League must send an explanation in writing of the reason for the late start to the Chief Executive of the Association within four days of the match. The defaulting Club/League shall be liable for a fine at the discretion of the Competitions Committee. (See Appendix)

Rule 16 Proceeds of matches

(a) (i) In Competition 1 the proceeds of matches prior to the Semi-final ties (except replayed matches in consequence of breach of rule) shall after paying out the travelling expenses of the visiting Clubs, the fees and travelling expenses of the match Officials, and other match expenses ie floodlights (not to exceed £50.00), advertising, printing, posting, police charges and gatemen only, be divided equally between the two Clubs. In cases where receipts are not sufficient to cover the entire expenses of the match allowed by this Rule, the Home Club shall share the loss with the visiting Club.

(ii) In Competition 2 the proceeds of matches (except replayed matches in consequence of breach of Rule) shall after paying there out 33 1/3% of the gross gate receipts (net of VAT where applicable) to the Sussex County Football Association Benevolent Fund, the travelling expenses of the visiting Clubs, the fees and travelling expenses of the Match Officials, and other match expenses i.e. floodlights (not to exceed £50.00), advertising, printing, posting, police charges and gatemen only, be divided equally between the two Clubs.

In cases where receipts after payment of 33 1/3% of the gross gate receipt (net of VAT) to the Sussex County Football Association Benevolent Fund are not sufficient to cover the entire expenses of the match allowed by this Rule, the Home Club shall share the loss with the Visiting Club.

Where a match is postponed through causes over which neither Club has any control, the expenses shall be paid out of the receipts of the second match. In any match ordered to be replayed in consequence of a breach of Rule, the Club in default shall not, without the consent of the Competitions Committee, which will only be given in exceptional circumstances, receive any share of the proceeds of the replayed match, except the reimbursement of reasonable travelling expenses for the players and officials. If such consent is not given the share shall be taken by the Association. Within fourteen days following the match the Home Club shall forward a full Receipts and Payments statement, including the number of paid admissions and the admission fees charged, together with a cheque for the amount of money due under this Rule, to the opposing Club and to the Chief Executive of the Association. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule will be fined. (See Appendix)

(iii) In competitions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 the proceeds of matches prior to the Semi-final ties shall be retained by the Home Club/League unless otherwise determined by the Competitions Committee.

(b) The minimum admission fees for matches within all Competitions shall be those charged by the Home Club/League for its normal matches.

(c) **Travelling Expenses**

In all rounds, up to the Semi final ties in Competitions 1, 2 and 3 match expenses shall include travelling expenses actually incurred, which must not exceed £3.00 per coach mile. If private cars are used, then the expenses which can be claimed will be for the maximum of five cars at the set rate. See Appendix

Rule 17 Provisions for Semi Final and Final Ties

(a) In Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 11 Clubs/Leagues must hand team sheets listing the players taking part in the match, including nominated substitutes, to the Referee and to a representative of their opponents, in the presence of the Referee, at least 45 minutes before the advertised time of kick off. In Competitions 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 Clubs/Leagues must hand team sheets listing the players taking part in the match, including nominated substitutes, to the Referee and to a representative of their opponents, in the presence of the Referee, at least 30 minutes before the advertised time of kick off. Any Club/League failing to carry out these provisions may be subject to a fine. (See Appendix)

(b) (i) In Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 the Competitions Committee shall fix the ground, the date and the time of kick-off for Semi-Final and Final ties and shall have direct control of the arrangements connected with the matches. In Semi-Final and Final ties the Competitions Committee may order both Clubs/Leagues to change their colours. Players must wear numbers on the back of their shirts and the players nominated to form the team shall wear numbers corresponding to those listed in the match programme. Any Club not complying with this Rule will be liable for a fine for each player in default.

(ii) In Competitions 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 Semi Final ties shall be played on the ground of the first drawn Club/League. The Match Official fees and expenses shall be paid by the Association.

(c) (i) In Competition 1 the proceeds of Semi-Final and Final ties (except replayed matches in consequence of breach of rule) shall after paying out the travelling expenses of the Clubs, the fees and travelling expenses of the match Officials, and other match expenses ie ground charges, floodlights, advertising, printing, posting, police charges and gatemen only, be divided as follows: 25% to each of the competing Clubs and 50% to the Sussex County Football Association Limited.

(ii) In Competition 2 the proceeds of Semi-Final and Final ties) shall after paying there out 33 1/3% of the gross gate receipts (net of VAT where applicable) to the Sussex County Football Association Benevolent Fund, the fees and travelling expenses of the Match Officials, and other match expenses i.e. floodlights (not to exceed £50.00), advertising, printing, posting, police charges and gatemen only, be divided as follows: shared equally between the two Clubs. In cases where receipts after payment of 33 1/3% of the gross gate receipt (net of VAT) to the Sussex County Football Association Benevolent Fund are not sufficient to cover the entire expenses of the match allowed by this Rule, the Association shall bear any losses. Where a match is postponed through causes over which neither Club has any control, the expenses shall be paid out of the receipts of the second match. In any match ordered to be replayed in consequence of a breach of Rule, the Club in default shall not, without the consent of the Competitions Committee, which will only be given in exceptional circumstances, receive any share of the proceeds of the replayed match, except the reimbursement of reasonable travelling expenses for the players and officials. If such consent is not given the share shall be taken by the Association.

(iii) In Competitions 3, 4 and 8 the proceeds of Semi-Final and Final ties will be taken by the Association, which will bear any losses.

(iv) In Competitions 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 the proceeds of the Final tie will be taken by the Association, which will bear any losses.

(d) The Association will determine the admission fees for Semi Final ties in Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 and all Final ties.

(e) Clubs/Leagues participating in Semi Final and Final ties shall comply with the instructions given by the Chief Executive of the Association. Any Club/League failing to comply with any part of the instruction may be liable to a fine at the discretion of the Competitions Committee. (See Appendix)

(f) The Association shall present sixteen plaques, medals or other suitable mementos to players in each team and a suitable memento to the manager of each team in the Final tie. A Club/League which has participated in a Final tie may apply in writing to the Chief Executive of the Association for other players who took part in the Competition during the current season. The application must contain full details of the players involved and the reason for the request. Any such awards approved by the Competitions Committee shall be at the expense of the applying Club/League. All applications for additional awards must be posted within 28 days following the Final tie involved.

(g) When the winning Club/League has been ascertained the Chief Executive of the Association shall deliver the trophy to that Club/League, which in return shall give a written undertaking, in a form approved by the Competitions Committee, to return the trophy in good condition to the Chief Executive of the Association on or before the 1st day of February in the following season. Before the trophy is returned it must be suitably and uniformly engraved at the expense of the Club/League. Any Club/League failing to return a trophy on time or failing to have a trophy engraved shall be liable to a fine. (See Appendix) The Association shall present a permanent memento to the winning Club/League.

Rule 18 Payment of Fines

Failure to comply with the requirements of these Rules will result in a charge of breaching Competition Rules and a fine as listed in the Appendix, to be paid within 14 days, failing which further disciplinary action may be taken.

Rule 19 Contingency

The Competitions Committee shall have the power to appropriately deal with any contingency not provided for in these Rules, including the imposition of any penalties.

Rule 20 Roy Hayden Trophy.

- (a) The Competitions Committee may invite two Senior Clubs to compete for the Trophy annually.
- (b) The Competitions Committee shall fix the ground, date and time of kick-off and shall have direct control of the arrangements connected with the match.
- (c) Clubs participating in the match shall comply with the instructions of the Chief Executive of the Association conveyed to them in writing. Any Club failing to comply with any part of the instruction may be liable to a fine.
- (d) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use up to five substitute players, from a maximum of five players, who are nominated to the Referee prior to the commencement of the match.
- (e) If at the end of normal time the scores are level, the result shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by The International Board.
- (f) The proceeds of the match shall after payment of all expenses be donated to the Sussex County Football Association Benevolent Fund or as the Board shall otherwise decide.
- (g) The Association shall present sixteen plaques, medals or other suitable mementos to players in each team.

Rule 21 Respect.

In all Competitions the RESPECT programme requirements prevailing for that season - minimum of pre-match handshakes, the wearing of Captains' Armbands, and, for Youth matches, pitch-side barriers - must be observed. Clubs failing to comply with this requirement shall be liable to a fine of up to £25, and possible expulsion from the Competition.

APPENDIX

Rule 5

(a) **Entry Fee**

Competition 1.	£80
Competitions 2 and 3	£50
Competition 4,	£30
Competitions 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11,	£30
Competitions 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17	£25
Competitions 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22	£25

(b) and (c) **Withdrawal / Unfulfilled Fixture**

Competitions 1, 2 and 3	Fine not exceeding £100
Competitions 4, 6, 8, 10 and 11	Fine not exceeding £75
Competitions 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22	Fine not exceeding £50

Rule 6

(a), (b) & (c) **Qualification of Players**

Competitions 1, 2 and 3	Fine not exceeding £100
Competitions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Fine not exceeding £50
Competitions 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22	Fine not exceeding £25

(e) **Team Sheets**

Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22	Fine not exceeding £25
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Rule 7

Provision relating to Protests	Protest Fee of £30
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Rule 8

Organisation of the competition	Fine not exceeding £25
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Rule 9

(a) Ground for Cup Ties and Replays	Appeal fee £35
(e) Match Balls	Fine not exceeding £20

Rule 10

(a) **Club /League Colours & Provision for Matches preceding Semi Final Ties**

Competitions 1, 2 and 3	Fine not exceeding £25
Competitions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22	Fine not exceeding £15

(b) **Provision for Matches preceding Semi Final Ties**

Competitions 1, 2 and 3	Fine not exceeding £20
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(c) Competitions 1, 2 & 3	Fine not exceeding £50
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Rule 13

Reporting Results (Any part of this Rule)

Competitions 1, 2 and 3	Fine not exceeding £25, except for deliberate falsification, which shall be fined £100
Competitions 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,	

17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22

Fine not exceeding £25, except for deliberate falsification, which shall be fined £50

Rule 14

Provisions concerning Referees and Assistant Referees

Assistant Referees

Competitions 1, 2 and 3

Fine not exceeding £20

Competitions 4, 6 and 10

Fine not exceeding £15

Competitions 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11

Fine not exceeding £10

Competitions 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22

Fine not exceeding £5

(e) Mileage 28p per mile

(h) Scale of Fees to be paid to Officials

Senior

(up to County Cup Semi-Finals)

Referee £35.00

Assistant Referee £28.00

(Semi-Finals)

Referee £37.00

Assistant Referee/4th Official £29.00

Intermediate

(up to County Cup Semi-Finals)

Referee £28.00

Assistant Referee £25.00

(Semi-Finals)

Referee £30.00

Assistant Referee/4th Official £27.00

Junior

(up to County Cup Semi-Finals)

Referee £25.00

Assistant Referee £20.00

(Semi-Finals)

Referee £27.00

Assistant Referee/4th Official £21.00

Youth

(up to County Cup Semi-Finals)

Referee £21.00

Assistant Referee £17.00

(Semi-Finals)

Referee £23.00

Assistant Referee/4th Official £18.00

All Finals

Referee Assistant Referee and Fourth Official: A souvenir plaque, medal or other suitable memento.

Rule 15

Late Start

Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,

17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22

Fine not exceeding £25

Rule 16

(a)(ii) Proceeds of Matches

Competition 2

Fine not exceeding £25

(c) Travelling Expenses

Mileage

28p per mile

Rule 17

Provisions for Semi Final and Final Ties

(a) Team Sheets Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22

Fine not exceeding £25

(b)(i) Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22

Fine £5 per player

(e) Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,
16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22

Fine not exceeding £100

(g) Competitions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,
17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22

Fine not exceeding £50
plus the cost of engraving.

COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

for Season 2008-2009

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