

S C R- CDJFL – Season 2017-18

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.

“**Competition**” means the Crowborough & District Junior Football 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.

“**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.

“**Ground**” means the ground on which the Club’s Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

“**Management Committee**” means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

“**Match Officials**” means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

“**Mini Soccer**” means those participating at ages under 7s to under 10s.

“**Non Contract Player**” means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

“**Officer**” means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

“**Participants**” means an Affiliated Association, Competition, Club, Club Official, Intermediary, Player, Official, Match Official, Management Committee member, member or employee of an Affiliated Club and all such persons who are from time to time participating in any activity sanctioned either directly or indirectly by the Association.

“**Player**” means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

	<p>“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.</p> <p>“Rules” means these rules under which the Competition is administered.</p> <p>“Sanctioning Authority” means [The FA][the [] County Football Association Limited].</p> <p>“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the Rules of The FA.</p> <p>“Secretary” means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.</p> <p>“Team” means a team affiliated to a Club.</p> <p>“Team Sheet” means a form provided by the Competition on which the names of the Players taking part in a Competition Match are listed.</p> <p>“The FA” means The Football Association Limited.</p> <p>“WGS” means the Whole Game System and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by The FA from time to time.</p> <p>“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.</p> <p>“Youth Football” means those participating at ages under 11s to under 18s.</p>
B	The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions (the “Standard Code”) determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.
C	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 16.
D	The Competition will be known as The Crowborough & District JFL, (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.
E	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.
F	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.
2	NAME AND CONSTITUTION
A	(A)This Competition shall consist of not more than 120 Clubs, approved by the sanctioning authority.
B	<p>All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be within a radius of 30 miles of Crowborough Cross.</p> <p>This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the County Football Association(s) and the constituent Teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 12 in number.</p>

C	<p>Inclusivity and Non-discrimination</p> <p>(i) The Competition and each member 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).</p> <p>(ii) This Competition and each Member 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.</p> <p>(iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.</p>
D	Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
E	Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing at a particular age group in the Competition in any other competition (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff)
F	At the AGM or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.
3	ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT
A	<p>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 by 31st May each Year and must be accompanied by an entry fee as set out in the Fees Tariff per Team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.</p> <p>At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a Special General Meeting or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.</p>
B	An annual subscription shall be payable as set out in 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 15 th July in each year.
C	A Deposit (as set out in the Fees Tariff), shall be payable 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 15 th July in each year. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
D	A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid. Failing which they shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
E	<p>As requested by the Competition, Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 20th July of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season, failing which they shall be fined (as set out in the Fees Tariff).</p> <p>Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form (A1), of details of its headquarters, Officers and any other information required by</p>

	the Competition.
F	Each Club shall pay a Fines Deposit, to be used to settle any fines imposed under the Rules of the Competition by the Management Committee, (as set out in the Fees Tariff). The Fines Deposit shall also be utilised to adjust the balance of any club due to the number of player registrations (Rule 8(D) refers), and any costs incurred for extra trophy requirements. Any balances shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.
4	MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION
A	The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and a Maximum of ten members who shall all be elected at the AGM. All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.
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 st May in each year. All other candidates for election as Officers or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two member Clubs, not later than 31 st May in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.
C	The Management Committee shall meet as and when required, save that no more than three calendar months shall pass between each meeting. On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.
D	Except where otherwise mentioned, all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary, who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.
E	All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
5	POWERS OF MANAGEMENT
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 F.A. or Affiliated Association.
B	Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained, the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season
C	Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee.) In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
D	The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all

	<p>matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.</p> <p>With the exception of Rules 5(I), 6(H) and 19. In relation to any alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged is required to respond to the charge within 7 days from the date of notification of the charge. In such reply a Club may:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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. <p>Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.</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.</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 £100 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances. No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.</p> <p>All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.</p>
E	All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.
F	50 % of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.
G	The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.
H	A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
I	<p>Subject to its right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16 below, all fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of notification of the decision.</p> <p>Any Club failing to do so will be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Further failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.</p>
J	A member of the Management Committee, or person designated to act in that capacity, appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match, may have any expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.
K	The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or Special

	General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition Playing Season.
L	The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee shall be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
6	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
A	The AGM shall be held not later than the last Thursday of June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least one-third of the Management Committee and Club members are present and entitled to vote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding AGM. (ii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts (iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (iv) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing Playing Season (v) Election of Officers and Management Committee (vi) Appointment of Auditors (vii) Alteration to Rules, if any (see rule 20) (viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competitions. (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 (xi) Election of Vice-Presidents.
B	A copy of the duly verified/audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club and to the Sussex County Football Association, at least 14 days prior to the meeting together with any proposed changes.
C	A signed copy of the duly audited/verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.
D	Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.
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 Playing Season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 17.
F	All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.
G	No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one member Club.
H	Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
I	Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.
J	Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.
7	AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED
A	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 Playing Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

	<p>“We, A, _____ of _____ (Chairman) and B, _____ of _____ (Secretary) of the _____ Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Crowborough & District Junior Football League Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16.”</p> <p>The agreement shall be signed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club Chairman and secretary; or (ii) 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 relevant County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p>
B	<p>Prior to the start of each season, teams are required to complete an Annual Application Form (A2) for each team that it enters. The Application forms request adherence to the Competition’s Codes of Conduct and are to be signed by the Club Secretary and by the appropriate team manager. The Application forms will be available as a ‘download’ from the Competition’s website or on request from the (Competition) Secretary. Teams will not be entered into the Competition until the completed A2 Forms are returned to the (Competition) Treasurer.</p>
8	<p>QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS</p>
A	<p>(i) A registered youth playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink or ballpoint pen, countersigned by his/her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the Registration Secretary at least 4 days prior to the Player playing and whose completed registration ID card has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate any known serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the player’s parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the Club or Competition. (ii) The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player’s proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate. <p>For clubs registering players under Rules 8(A) (i) (a) registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition.</p>
B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Contract Players, are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland. (ii) A Player registered with a Premier League or Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website.

A Player registered with a FA Girls Regional Talent Club may play in this Competition subject to the FA Programme for Excellence (Female) Regulations.

(iii) Each Team must have the following number of Players registered 10 days before the start of each Playing Season:

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

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), and the points for the first match will be awarded to their opponents. After the first game of the Season, players must be registered 4 days prior to playing.

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

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

Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above his or her chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under 7 age group, and may not play in the Under 8 age group, for that Playing Season.

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. 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:

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
6	Under 7	5v5	30x20	27.45 x 18.3	40x30	36.3 x 27.45	12x6	3
	Under 8		30x20	27.45 x 18.3	40x30	36.3 x 27.45	12x6	3
7	Under 8	5v5	30x20	27.45 x 18.3	40x30	36.3 x 27.45	12x6	3
	Under 9	7v7	50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	3
8	Under 9	7v7	50x30	45.75 x	60x40	54.9 x	12x6	3

				27.45		36.6		
	Under 10		50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	4
	Under 10	7v7	50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	4
9	Under 11	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
	Under 11	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
10	Under 12		70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
	Under 12	9v9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
11	Under 13	11v11	90x50	82.3x45. 75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
	Under 13	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
12	Under 14		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
	Under 14	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
13	Under 15		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
	Under 15	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
14	Under 16		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
	Under 16	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
15	Under 17		100x50	91.44 x	130x100	118.87 x	24x8	5

				45.75		91.44		
	Under 18		100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
	Under 17	11v11	100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
	Under 18		100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
16	Open Age		100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
Any player without a photo card shall not be able to take part in the fixture.								
D	A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered, if applicable. Photo copy forms will not be accepted. Each batch of registration forms must be sent to the Registration Secretary together with a first class stamped self-addressed envelope. Where a batch of registration forms are not accompanied by a SAE of sufficient value, this will result in the defaulting Club being fined per batch. Failure to correctly complete the Registration Form and/or failure to provide proof of date of birth where applicable will result in a fine per form. It is the responsibility of the relevant Club Officer to ensure registration counterfoils are correct and have been returned to the club by the Registration Secretary. The Registration Secretary will return photo cards to Clubs in the self-addressed envelope showing the first day the player can play. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).							
E	The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes. In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration.							
F	It shall be deemed a breach of these Rule's for a Player to: (i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred. (ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, Register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season except for the purpose of a transfer. (iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the Player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).							
G	(i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below. (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player, the exercise of such power being without prejudice to the Management Committee's ability to fine a Club							

	<p>at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 16).</p> <p>(iii) The Management Committee shall also have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct, such refusal or cancellation being subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority. Where the Management Committee does not have enough information to enable it to make a decision pursuant to the above power, it may apply, in its absolute discretion, to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA for further information.</p> <p>Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.</p> <p>(iv) For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.</p> <p>(Note: Action under Clause (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 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.</p>
H	<p>Subject to compliance with FA Rule C 2(a) when a Club wishes to register a Player who is already registered with another Club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) , to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the Club for which the Player is registered. Should this Club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the Player concerned within 7 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 7 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the Player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club after receipt of the Players ID Card. In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.</p> <p>Except for Mini-Soccer Alliance games, any player may be transferred only once during a season, except at the discretion of the Management Committee.</p>
I	<p>A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after the last Wednesday of February except by special permission of the Management Committee. No transfer fee is payable between the end of one season and the 1st September in the following season. A transfer within a club is exempt from a fee.</p>
J	<p>A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee. In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated</p>

	<p>'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 8 (C and L).</p> <p>In the event of a Management Committee member (or appointed person) attending a game and undertaking a check of the registration status and medical details held by the Team Manager at a game, the Club is required to produce - as a minimum - the information included in Part C of the Registration form. Failure to meet this requirement will result in fines being imposed as for Unregistered Players.</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 (<i>Registrations</i>) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.</p> <p>In the event of a Non Contract Player changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition his registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 8(B)(i).</p>
L	<p>A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match [as specified in Rule 12(A)] unless the Player has played THREE games for that Team in this Competition in the current Playing season.</p>
M	<p>(i) Subject to Rule 8(M)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a match or matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>(ii) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 8(M)(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.</p> <p>(iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible player in accordance with Rule 8(M)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(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;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or Order that such match or matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).</p>
N	<p>(The following Clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education):-</p> <p>(i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the head teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).</p> <p>(iii) A child under the age of 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 years or more.</p>

	To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16. (Adult Leagues Only)(For Info)
O	<p>A player from a younger age group, who is eligible to play for an older age group, or a player from an older age group who is eligible to play for a younger age group, of the same Club, may only play a maximum of four games for the age group in which he/she is not registered. Where a Club fields more than one team at the "unregistered" age group, the four games accrual can only apply to one of those teams at that age group ie cannot be spread across more than one team.</p> <p>After playing four games the player must return to the age group in which he/she was originally registered or be transferred [Rule 8(l) refers]. The player concerned, if officially transferred, will not be allowed to play any more games for the age group in which he/she was first registered, nor may be transferred back to his/her original age group during the same season, except with the permission of the Management Committee.</p> <p>In the event of a player exceeding the four game limit without having been transferred on a permanent basis, the match will be forfeited and a £15 fine imposed.</p> <p>In the event of an internal club transfer. The club shall need to submit a new photograph to allow for the new card to be submitted and shall return the original ID card within 7 days to the Registration Secretary for disposal. Failure to return the original card shall render a club liable to a fine of up to £100.</p>
P	Any Club wishing to de-register a player may only do so in writing to the Registration Secretary stating the player's name, Club and age group in which he played. Such de-registration will only take effect from the date upon which the Registration Secretary receives written notice and return of the player's Registration Card. In the event that the player is being de-registered temporarily (due to injury or overseas family appointment) then this should be highlighted to the Registration Secretary. When re-registering the player, the original player ID card shall be re-used and there will be no charge for re-registration of the player in these circumstances.
Q	The maximum number of Players registered per team shall not exceed 20 Players at any one time and 18 for 9 v 9. In the event of a Player leaving a Club but not transferring to another within the Competition then the Team Manager is advised to de-register the Player.
9	CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME
A	Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 19th June who shall decide as to their suitability. Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other Players and Match Officials. No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts. Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify it's opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colour of the goalkeepers jersey) at least FIVE days before the match. (By 21.00 hrs. Monday). If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick-off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Shirts must be numbered. in accordance with item 5 in the FA document entitled "REGULATIONS RELATING TO ADVERTISING ON THE CLOTHING OF PLAYERS, CLUB OFFICIALS AND MATCH OFFICIALS". A team not having numbered shirts shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
B	Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
10	PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY. TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES.
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, and 9v9 football, the Rules as set down by The FA.</p> <p>Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches</p>

deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.

Football Turf Pitches are allowed in this Competition. All Football Turf Pitches used must be on The FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches and must be tested (by an accredited test institute) every 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.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 10(C).

All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

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 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 and Under 8	10	20	40	60	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
Under 9 and Under 10	20	30	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	20	30	80	120	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)
Under 12	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 and Under 14	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table

Under 15 and Under 16	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 and Under 18	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table
<p>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.</p> <p>For trophy events, the Competition may award mementos.</p> <p>The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the match with written notification given to the Secretary at least 6 days prior.</p> <p>Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Secretary.</p> <p>The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Secretary if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p>					
B	Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but				

	<p>priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the (<i>Fixtures</i>) Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed). (By 21.00 hrs. Monday).</p> <p>However, no game shall be imposed on the away side that would involve them leaving prior to 08.00 on the morning of the game, allowing for normal journey conditions and a 30 minute warm-up period. Teams may agree to early kick off times, but the away team shall advise the Fixtures Secretary in the event of an early kick off time not being acceptable to the away side.</p>										
C	<p>An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the group and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and the secretary of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match (By 21.00 hrs. Monday). If not so provided, the away 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>										
D	<p>The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="317 630 852 849"> <thead> <tr> <th>FORMAT</th> <th>MINIMUM NUMBER</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>5v5</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7v7</td> <td>5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9v9</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>11v11</td> <td>7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Matches will not be commenced where the difference of numbers of Players in starting line-ups is more than 2. (e.g. 7 play 9, or 8 play 10. etc.). 11-a-side matches will be abandoned in the event that any side is reduced to less than 7 Players and 9 v 9 matches if any side is reduced to less than 6 Players.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p>	FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER	5v5	4	7v7	5	9v9	6	11v11	7
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E	<p>(i) In Competitions where points are awarded home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have the power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.</p> <p>(ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials. Regardless of the reason for</p>										

	<p>the postponement, the Club calling off the game shall send written confirmation to the FIXTURES SECRETARY within 6 days of the game citing the reason for the cancellation. If the game is called off as a result of insufficient players the Club has a FURTHER 14 days to provide the requisite letters. In the event of such INITIAL written confirmation not being received, a fine shall be levied for not corresponding and the match being awarded to their opponents. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>A postponed or abandoned match form, which can be downloaded from the web-site, shall be completed by each side in the event that the game is not concluded. This form shall be used for ALL unfulfilled or uncompleted fixtures (where a team is at fault). In the event of a fixture being called off over 24 hours in advance of the appointed kick off time, then the home Team shall contact the away Team to use their best endeavours to reverse the fixture to the away side if possible.</p> <p>(iii) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (<i>Fixtures</i>) Secretary within 5 days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the 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.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>(iv) The Management Committee shall review all 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 match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponent. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.</p> <p>(v) The Management Committee shall review any match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 8(M)(i) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the match must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.</p>
F	<p>A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any match in this Competition.</p> <p>Where a Competition does allow return substitutes:</p> <p><u>For Under 11s - Under 18s</u> – up to 5 may be selected from 5 substitute Players. A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace any Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.</p> <p><u>For Mini-Soccer</u> – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the Match Official. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to the play as a substitute for another Player. A Team must not have a <u>match day</u> squad greater than double the size of its Team in an age group.</p>

	<p>In Youth Football only, the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 10 minutes before the start of the match and a Player not so named may not take part in the match.</p> <p>A Player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.</p>
G	The half time interval shall be of ten minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the Match Officials
H	The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who may/shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
I	Teams may on one occasion prior to Christmas and one occasion after Christmas (excluding Easter Sunday and the Sunday following Christmas, which shall be automatically free of cast fixtures) during the season request release from fixtures on specific dates by writing to the FIXTURES SECRETARY at least 21 days prior to the requested date. Each application will be treated on merit and whilst every consideration will be given, it does not follow that automatic release from a fixture will be granted.
J	No ALCOHOLIC drink to be consumed on or around the touch line, goal line or dressing rooms. Failure to comply will be subject to a fine not exceeding £50.
11	REPORTING RESULTS
A	The Competition must receive within two days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match, and Cup match, including external Competitions and any abandonment, in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) including the substitutes used, and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13. Failure to do so will incur a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff)
B	Except for Under 7, Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10. Mini-Soccer Alliance games and evening games, the Home Club shall report the result of each match to the relevant Fixtures Secretary by 18.00 on the day of the match. Failure to do so will incur a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Evening games shall be reported before 18.00 the following day.
C	<p>The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition, within TWO (2) days of the match being played. Failure to do so will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>It shall be the responsibility of BOTH Team Managers to correctly complete their respective parts of the form, including the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters). The completed form shall be sent to the REGISTRATION SECRETARY so as to reach him within TWO (2) days of the match being played. Forms arriving after this time, will render the offending Club or team liable to a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>Forms for "MID-WEEK" matches must arrive/be completed within TWO DAYS or a similar fine will be imposed. A Club will be advised if the Match Form is not received within 7 days of the match and, if the form is not received within 7 days of such notification. A fine will be raised (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>Each match must be attended by a person who holds a current FA Emergency Aid Certificate or similar qualification to this minimum standard. It shall be the responsibility of the home team to provide that person but if unable to do so the away team may supply that person, provided this is agreed between the two teams. The person shall make himself or herself known to both Team Managers or Team Leaders and the Referee prior to the match.</p>
D	The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but not publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving U7, U8, U9, U10 Mini Soccer and U11s. 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	The Competition may require a Club to confirm that a set fixture has been played. A fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) may be imposed for a breach of this Rule. The whole of Rule 11 ALSO applies when playing in COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS whether at HOME or AWAY.
12	DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP
A	In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points. In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points Team rankings may be determined by deciding match(es) played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, or the position shared.
B	Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first 2 Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last 2 Teams in each division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 12(B), unless otherwise determined by the Competition Committee.
C	In addition to the team(s) automatically promoted under Rule 12(B), a maximum of one further team shall be promoted by virtue of being the winner of a play-off match or series of matches (the "Play-Offs"). The eligibility criteria and format of the Play-Offs are as follows, determined by the Competition Committee.
D	In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 12 (D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.
13	REFEREES
A	Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Association(s). Referees will not be appointed to Mini-Soccer Alliance games. The Home side shall be responsible for contacting the appointed referee and confirming contact details and match arrangements. Failure to contact an appointed referee shall result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
B	In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any competition. Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the Referee, for example. A 15 year old Referee may only officiate in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.
C	Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), being imposed on the defaulting Team.
D	The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a Ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, the representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted.
E	Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Association, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid their fees and expenses in accordance with the Fees Tariff.

	Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses 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).
F	In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to expenses only. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with the Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
G	A referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to any non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he or she is registered.
H	Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine. Where a mark of 60 or less is given, a written explanation of the reason for the marking must be given. This must be in writing within 7 days of the date of the match. Failure to comply with the Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
I	The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Playing Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.
J	The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the match.
K	Match Officials shall be supplied, each Playing Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.
L	Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the League.
M	Subject to the agreement of the Sanctioning Authority as an alternative to wearing black shirts, referees and assistant referees may wear coloured shirts provided that: (i) the alternative shirts must be plain and almost entirely coloured. (ii) where neutral assistant referees are appointed by the Competition, the colour of the alternative shirts worn by the referee and assistant referees must be the same in a given match; (iii) the referee and assistant referees must revert to wearing black shirts in circumstances where their alternative coloured shirts clash with the shirts of either Club in a given match; (iv) Referee and assistant referees' socks and shorts must be black, save that sock-tops may be black, white or the colour of the shirt or its collar.
14	CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB
A	Any Club wishing to resign from the Competition must do so at least 21 days before the AGM. Failure to do so 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	In addition to the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 5(I), in the event of a member Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee are empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

15	PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS
A	<p>i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.</p> <p>ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the match.</p>
B	Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (as set out more fully at Rule 15 (A) above) (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged in duplicate with the Secretary within 7 days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
C	No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.
D	<p>All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.</p> <p>(i) All parties must have received 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.</p> <p>(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then they should forward a deposit of £35 and indicate such when forwarding the written response.</p>
E	If so requested by all parties concerned, the Management Committee may determine any disputes, protests, appeals, claims or complaints between two Clubs in which event both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such determination shall be final and binding upon the parties concerned. The procedure for such determination shall be determined by the Management Committee.
16	BOARD OF APPEAL
	<p>(A) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff, which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):</p> <p>(i) Invite submissions by the parties involved;</p> <p>(ii) Convene a hearing to hear the appeal;</p> <p>(iii) Permit new evidence; or</p> <p>(iv) Impose deadlines as are appropriate.</p> <p>Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.</p> <p>(B) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.</p>

17	EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS. MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS.
	At the AGM, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further membership which must be supported by (more than) two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.
	At the AGM, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club or Team of 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.
	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 expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.
18	TROPHIES: LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED. AWARDS
A	The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy: "We A _____ and B _____, the Chairman and Secretary of _____ FC, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of Crowborough and District Junior Football League Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition's Trophy Officer on or before the last day of February of the year following presentation. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair. Failure to comply will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
B	At the close of each Competition awards may be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit. It is the responsibility of a Club having been presented with a League or Sportsmanship Cup or Trophy to have it engraved, at its own expense, with the name of the Club and the year of presentation in conformity with any existing engraving before returning it to the Competition. Any Club failing to comply with this instruction will be fined £25 and the cost to the Competition for having the item engraved. Any Club failing to return a Cup or Shield by the last day of February in the year following presentation will be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), followed by an additional fine for each subsequent delay of 14 days or part thereof. Pewter-based trophies (League Winners) should only be cleaned using warm soapy water - metal cleaners or other abrasives MUST NOT BE USED.
19	SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS
	Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting. The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time. At least 7 days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings. Any continuing member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
20	ALTERATION TO RULES
	Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Association, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a Special General

	<p>Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to the Rule relating to the qualification of Players shall not take effect until the following season.</p> <p>Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 20th March in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs 21 days prior to the AGM via the web-site and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary within ten days of posting on to the web-site. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority (51%) of those present and 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 Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.</p>
21	FINANCE
A	The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
B	<p>Any expenditure in excess of £1000 for goods and services, shall be approved by the MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.</p> <p>Cheques shall be signed by at least two officers nominated by the Management Committee.</p> <p>All expenses claimed by Officers, Management Committee Members and Inter-League Managers must be supported by receipts, except for mileage which will be paid at the same rate as referees (Rule 13) provided details of such journeys are given.</p>
C	The financial year of the Competition will end on 31st May.
D	The books, or a certified balance sheet, of the Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited /verified annually by some suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed as independent examiners at the AGM.
22	INSURANCE
	<p>(A) All Clubs must have public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000).</p> <p>(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 Association.</p> <p>Failure to comply with Rule 22(A) or 22(B) will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p>
23	DISSOLUTION
A	Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a Special General Meeting by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant Special General Meeting.
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	<p>The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:</p> <p>(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 Association.</p> <p>(ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a Trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the conditions</p>

	attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Association may decide.
24	FULL LEAGUE MEETINGS
	<p>In addition to the Annual General Meeting, and any special General Meetings that may be called, there shall be two Full League Meetings annually. 14 days' notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Member Club shall be empowered to send any number of delegates to all Full League Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Full League Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined the amount detailed in Rule 6(H). Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Full League Meetings. All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 51% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides. In the event of a tied vote, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.</p> <p>Any Club which does not send a representative to two consecutive FULL LEAGUE meeting(s) and/or ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING(S) (Rule 6 refers) and/or SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING(S) (Rule 19 refers) shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Clubs may also be further dealt with under Rule 17.</p>
25	LIFE PRESIDENT AND LIFE VICE-PRESIDENTS
	<p>There shall also be a League President and Vice-Presidents who may only be proposed and elected at an Annual General Meeting in recognition of their services to the Competition. It is intended that such elections will last until resignation or death. The Management Committee or Member Clubs may propose the election as Vice-President of any person who has served or otherwise supported the Competition in an exceptional manner. Such a proposal from a Member Club must be supported by another Member Club and submitted in writing to the Secretary. All proposals shall be considered at an Annual General Meeting. The President and Vice-Presidents shall have the privilege to receive notice of and to attend all General Meetings of the Competition.</p>
26	MINI-SOCCER ALLIANCE
A	Playing an unregistered player in a competitive Mini-Soccer Alliance fixture will incur a fine in accordance with Rule 8(M). Failure to comply will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
B	At each venue, all Mini-Soccer Alliance fixtures ideally/should be played simultaneously on 2 pitches.
C	Fixtures will be organised as set out for each age group as advised before the start of each season. Fixtures will be organised to allow each team to play as many other Clubs as possible within their age group or section. As a guide, fixtures will be organized every 2 or 3 weeks for the Under 7's and Under 8's, every 2 weeks for the Under 9's, Under 10's, Under 11's and Under 12's. The Clubs will organise a mutually agreeable kick-off time although if there is any dispute the host Club will dictate. If Clubs cannot agree a mutually convenient time the fixture will be played as instructed by the Mini-Soccer Alliance Fixture Secretary and his decision is binding on both Clubs. The host Club must give a minimum of seven days' notice to the visiting Club of the venue and start time of the fixture.
D	<p>All fines for Mini-Soccer are half the fine stipulated in the rules for the 11-a-side Competition (with the exception of those fines relating to Match Return Forms and Registrations, which will be as stated in the Rules) (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>Match return forms shall be returned to the Registrations Secretary, clearly identifying the team returning the form.</p> <p>Failure to return the match return form by H1 or V1 within 5 days shall render the team liable to a fine. (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p> <p>Each match return form shall be returned completed in full. A fine shall be levied for any such incomplete information regardless of which aspect. Failure to comply will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).</p>
E	For the purposes of the Competition, a pair of fixtures at each venue amount to a single fixture for the purpose of fines being levied. In the event of an unregistered player.

F	Where three teams are appointed to a fixture, the single team shall play each of the two teams. Where two teams are appointed to a fixture, then they shall play each other in a pair of fixtures. However, the teams shall also be prepared to fulfil a fixture in a foursome, in the event of another pair of teams not being available.									
27	SUPPLEMENTARY RULES FOR DOUBLE HEADER AND MID-WEEK FIXTURES									
A	When extreme fixture backlogs occur, the FIXTURES SECRETARY in consultation with the Management Committee, will have the power to implement double headers if teams have not met. Double headers, where arranged, shall be played as two separate matches following one another with a 10 minute break as follows: Under 11 to Under 14 - 20 minutes each way in each match; Under 15 to Under 18 - 25 minutes each way in each match. Points will be awarded separately for each match in the normal way. A separate Match Result Form must be completed for each match. The match referee is entitled to a separate fee for each of the matches played within a double header, the payment of which should be made in accordance with the relevant single fixtures. The home team for each fixture shall be determined from the fixtures list. The venue for the double header shall be determined by each side as much as possible. In the event that teams cannot agree, the matter shall be referred to the Fixtures Secretary no later than 5 days prior to the assigned fixture. When reporting the result, the home team for each game needs to report their own result only. If reporting both results, please ensure that it is clear which team is reporting the results.									
B	The date, time and venue for the mid-week fixture shall be determined by each side as much as possible. It is not intended to assign dates on teams, in order to allow flexibility in pitch availability. In the event that teams cannot agree, the matter shall be referred to the Fixtures Secretary with a list of at least five dates that the team is available. The Fixtures Secretary shall then cast the fixture in order to ensure that the fixture is fulfilled.									
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15 (C),16	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£35.00

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2 (B)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£100.00
2 (D)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£100.00
2 (E)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£100.00
3 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£100.00
3 (E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	£100.00
4 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25.00
5 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£100.00
5 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN 14 DAYS OF NOTICE	DOUBLE THE ORIGINAL FINE UP TO £100.00
6 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£100.00
7	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£25.00
8 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£40.00

8 (B)(iii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£50.00
8 (F)	SIGNING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£25.00
8 (G) (ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£100.00
8(M)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£100.00
8 (N)(i)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£50.00
9 (A),10 (A)	DELAYING KICK OFF/NO NETS/ NO CORNER FLAGS	£30.00
9(A)	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00 (per shirt, up to an aggregate maximum of £100)
9 (B)	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£30.00
10 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£100.00
10 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£50.00
10 (D)	FAILURE TO HAVE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT WILL CONSTITUTE A TEAM	£100.00
10 (E) (i),(ii) & (iii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£100.00
10(H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£10.00
11 (A) & 11 (C)	LATE TEAM SHEET	£20.00
11 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£20.00
11(D)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE	£50.00
11(E)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE	£20.00
13(A)	FAILURE TO CONTACT REFEREE	£50.00
13 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£25.00
13 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£25.00
13 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£25.00

13 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£25.00
14 (A)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE	£100.00
14 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE OR COMPLETE FIXTURES	£100.00
18 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£25.00
18(B)	FAILURE TO RETURN A TROPHY	£50.00, followed by an additional fine of £25 for each subsequent delay of 14 days or part thereof.
19	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING	£100.00
22	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£100.00
26 (A)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£100.00
26 (D)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE	£50.00