

Mid-Sussex Youth Football League

League Cup Rules

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION 1. This competition shall be designated the Mid Sussex Youth Football League Cup Competition and shall consist of the teams of the Member Clubs of the Mid Sussex Youth Football League (thereinafter called "The League") in membership as at 31 July each year. The Rules of The League shall apply to this Competition except where they are inappropriate or are amended by these rules. The Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sussex County Football Association and a separate Cup Competition will be organised for each age group from Under 9 to Under 18 comprising the League each season. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION DRAW

2 The Management Committee have the power to decide the number of teams to receive byes into the second round of the Competition in each age group. The draw for all rounds of the Competition shall be made by 31 August each year. The teams will be drawn in pairs. The teams in each pair will compete and the winners will go forward into the next round and this arrangement will continue until the winning club is determined. All matches in each round of each age group Competition will be played on a fixed date. Postponements will not apply for League Plate matches. If any teams are involved in Sussex County FA Cup or representative matches on this fixed date, then the matches in this Competition involving these teams will be played the following week or as otherwise decreed by the Fixtures Secretary. GROUND FOR MATCHES AND DRAWN MATCHES

3 (A) Each match will be played on the ground of the first team drawn but in the event of a team not having a suitable ground available, they may mutually agree to play upon another ground or, failing this, will play on such a ground as the Management Committee shall decide. In the event of any dispute the Management Committee will adjudicate, and their decision will be final. For age groups Under 9 to Under 18, 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/technical area, and only the nominated Manager/Coach may convey tactical instructions to the players during the match, and they must return to their position immediately after giving these instructions. They and other officials must remain within the confines of the dug-out/technical area and must behave in a responsible manner at all times. (B) All matches will be played to a finish. In the event of the scores being level at the end of normal time, **Should the scores be level at the end of Normal time, the winners will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International FA Board. Extra Time will be played in the Finals if required.**

(C) **Immediately prior to the Respect handshake of every match the two managers of the participating teams will check the Players' Identity Team Sheet** of all players nominated to play for the opposing team including substitutes, around the centre circle. League Cup Competition Rules Handbook 121 Any Player without an identity card or with a defaced or altered identity card will not be permitted to play. Any team with a player with no identity card cannot use that Player or they will be classed as having played an ineligible Player in accordance with rule 18 (N). Any team without identity cards must concede the match. If the match is reported to have been played as a League match by the Referee, a member of the League Management Committee, or the opposition, despite no identity cards being shown by

either or both teams, then both teams will be fined, in accordance with the Fines Tariff, for Rule 18 (N) and the match declared void. POSTPONED AND ABANDONED MATCHES

4 Postponed matches will be played on a date to be advised by the Fixtures Secretary. If either team is involved in Sussex County FA Cup or Representative matches on this date, then the match will be played the following week or as otherwise decreed by the management Committee.

5 All abandoned matches will be reviewed by the Fixtures Secretary who will rule whether: (A) the score at the time of abandonment will stand as the result of the match or (B) the match is to be replayed on the ground of the home team or (C) the match is to be replayed on the ground of the away team or (D) the match is to be replayed on a neutral ground where the Fixtures Secretary determines there are special circumstances. PROVISION FOR FINAL MATCHES

6 (A) The Management Committee will select the venue, date and time of kick-off for the Final Matches and will have direct control over the arrangements. (B) Where the colours of the two teams in a Final Match are the same or similar, the Management Committee may order both teams to change their colours. (C) In the Final Matches the whole of the proceeds will be taken by the Competition who will pay all approved expenses of the matches. Match expenses will not include the travelling expenses of the competing teams. REPORTING RESULTS

7 League Rule 21(B) shall not apply. For Under 9 to Under 19 matches both Clubs shall text the result by 4.30 p.m. on the day of the match or within ninety minutes of any match concluding after 4.30 p.m. Each Club shall also e-mail the postponement of any match to the Competition Fixtures and Referees Secretary by the above times, and notify reasons for the postponement. Failure to comply with this rule shall make the defaulting club liable to a fine not exceeding £20. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8 (A) Only those players registered with The League who are eligible to play in the same age group of the League as the age group of the Competition will be eligible to compete. (C) A player shall not play for more than one team in any age group in the Competition in the same season. (D) In the case of postponed or replayed matches, only those players who were eligible on the date originally fixed for the playing of the round, will be allowed to play. (E) Any team playing an ineligible player will be expelled from the current competition and will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff for each offence and may be further dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee. League Cup Competition Rules Handbook 122 WITHDRAWING TEAMS AND UNFULFILLED FIXTURES

9 A Club withdrawing a team at any stage of the Competition or failing to fulfil a fixture in the Competition must provide a written explanation to the Fixture Secretary within 7 days stating full reasons for the withdrawal or failure to fulfil the fixture. The Management Committee may impose a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff for each team withdrawn or failing to fulfil unless it considers there is a wholly satisfactory explanation. Any team withdrawing during the Competition must immediately advise the opposition, the Fixtures Secretary, the Referee and the Referees Secretary. PROVISION CONCERNING REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES

10 (A) The Referees Secretary will endeavour to appoint a Referee for all matches in this Competition and will appoint the Referee and Assistant Referees for the Final Ties. (B) Scale of fees to be paid to officials:- All rounds prior to the Final Match: As determined by the Management Committee for matches in The League. Final Matches: Referees and Assistant Referees to receive mementoes in lieu of the fees. AWARDS

11 The League will present 16 mementoes to players from each side competing in the Final Ties. Applications may be made to the Secretary within 21 days of a Final Match for consideration to be given to award additional mementoes for players who have competed in previous rounds of the Competition but have been precluded through serious injury or other special cause from participating in a Final Match. Applications must include number of games played by such players in the Competition. The Management Committee will adjudicate on all applications.

12 The Management Committee will have the power to remove any Club or team from the Competition (subject to Rule 7) who in their opinion continually flouts the spirit of the Competition and its Rules or is likely to bring the integrity of the Competition into disrepute.