

STANDARD CODE OF RULES

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for open age football. These Rules are mandatory for all Competitions at Step 7 of the National League System and below, and The FA Women's Pyramid excluding The FA Women's Super League.

Competitions seeking sanction must draft their Rules in conformity with this Code, putting them in the correctly numbered Rule and showing the standard headings. The mandatory element is printed in normal text and the optional elements in italics. Competitions may add to the core of the Standard Code, which is mandatory, providing the additions are approved by the sanctioning association and do not conflict with the mandatory Rules or any relevant principles and policies established by the FA. Guidance from the Sanctioning Authority should be sought in advance if there is any doubt as to the acceptability of additional Rules.

It should be noted that in many cases Rules are so printed because they are alternatives and the procedure to apply should be retained and the others omitted. In all cases where [] is shown the necessary name, address, number or wording to complete this Rule must be inserted.

DEFINITIONS

1. (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.

"**Deposit**" means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

"Club" means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition and "Team" means a side from a Club especially where a Club provides more than one Team in a division in accordance with the Rules.

"Competition" means the Turkish Community Football League.

"Competition Match" means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

"Secretary" means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration 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.

"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.

"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.

"Player" means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other Player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

"Playing Season" means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

"Rules" means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

"Sanctioning Authority" means [The FA] [the Competition][the.....County Football Association Limited].

"Scholarship" means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the Rules of The FA.

"Team Sheet" means a form provided by the Competition on which the names of the Players taking part in a Competition match are listed.

"The FA" means The Football Association Limited.

"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.

- (B) 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.
- (C) The Competition will be known as "Turkish Community Football League". 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.
- (D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

- 2. (A) This Competition shall consist of not more than 44 Clubs approved by the sanctioning authority.

(B) All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to an affiliated County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form "D" to the London Football Association and to Turkish Community Football Federation. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be 15 Miles from Charing Cross.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the London Football Association(s) and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, *each not exceeding 12 in number*.

(C) Only one team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another team from the same Club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a division comprising of more than one team from the same Club. This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, teams from a Club operating in the same division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

- (D) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

- (i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination

- (ii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.

(E) 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.

(F) *Member Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of F.A. and County F.A. Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee of the Competition.*

(G) *At the Annual General Meeting 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.*

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

3. (A) *Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by Entry Fee of £250 per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election or if elected will become deposit of the Clubs*

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

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

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be £30 per *Team* payable on or before the 30th June each year.

(C) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit.

(D) *Clubs deposit of £250 shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.*

(E) *A Club shall not participate in this Competition until Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid.*

(F) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 1st September of its London Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, *failing which they shall be fined £20.* Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

(G) Clubs must pay all outstanding debts to the Federation before the AGM. Clubs defaulting shall be excluded from Federation Constitution for the next season following the AGM.

To re-enter the federation clubs must make application under rule 2A

OFFICERS AND HONORARY OFFICERS

3.5 (A) *The Officers of the Competition shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting and elected thereat. The Officers of the league shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration Secretary, Referees Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Disciplinary Secretary, Veterans leagues Secretary and 2 members*
(N.B. Auditors/Verifiers and honorary title holder are not Officers).

Chairman nomination can only be made for persons that had served in the T.C.F.F management **Committee at least 3 years in the previous years**

(B) Honorary Titles of the league are Honorary Chairman, Honorary Vice Chairmans and Life Members. Honorary Vice –Chairman position is limited to 3 members only and there are no limits on Life members.

Election of Honorary Positions;

Life Members

There are no formal qualifications to become Life members however long service and superior league support will be guidance. Life Members shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of at least 5 Member Clubs. The nomination(s) shall be approved by management committee and shall be voted on at a monthly council meeting. The Life membership shall be granted if **one more than half** of those present and entitled to vote are in favour. The Life membership is permanent however as a result of bringing disrepute to the league this title can be withdrawn at a monthly council meeting if **one more than half** of those present and entitled to vote are in favour of withdrawal.

Honorary Vice Chairman.

Honorary Vice-Chairmans can only be nominated from Life Members and shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing signed by the Secretaries of at least 5 Member Clubs. The nomination(s) shall be approved by management committee and shall be voted on at an annual general meeting. Vice Chairman title shall be granted if **one more than half** of those present and entitled to vote are in favour. .

Honorary Chairman

Honorary Chairman(s) can only be appointed from the Life Members or Honorary Vice Chairmans. Honorary Chairman shall be appointed by the management committee at the first council meeting at the commencement of the season.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

4. (A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee comprised of the Officers and **2** members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The Association from time to time.

B) All 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 7 Days before declared AGM date in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

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

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

(F) Any person or persons representing any club that owes any money to TCFF will not be allowed to be nominated for TCFF committee election, unless the debt is cleared prior to AGM.

(G) Any candidate can only be nominated to only one Officer's position or member's position unless nomination is taken for unfilled positions on the day of the AGM

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

5. (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.*

(B) Subject to the permission of the London Football Association having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season. (See Rule 6(e)).

(C) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote 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 these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules. **Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.**

With the exception of Rules 5(I), 6(H), 10(A), 11 and 19, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued to the Club concerned The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification of the charge to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-

- (i) Accept or deny the charge
- (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or
- (iii) Put their case before the Management Committee at a personal hearing

All breaches of the Laws of the Game, or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.

Any fines levied shall be in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

(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 10 days.

(F) **More than fifty percent (50%)** of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by 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 having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition, shall be liable to be fined or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(I) All fines and charges are payable forthwith **and must be paid within 21 days of the date of notification of the decision**. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

(J) A member of the Management Committee 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 Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

(L) Upon receiving 5 day notice before the game and the requested fee from the club (should not exceed referee fee T.C.F.F. Management Committee shall appoint an Observant Official to the game and a request a match report for such game from the Observant Official. The Observant Officials duty and right to report will be applicable till both team players and management officials leave the ground that the game has taken part. Once observant official has been requested by a team the request can only be cancelled upon mutual agreement all the club and T.C.F.F. Management Committee following cancellation upon mutual agreement fee will be refunded in full

(M) T.C.F.F. Management Committee shall request a match report for all games from the referee and use this report in all disciplinary enquiries.

(N) All the disciplinary matters shall be dealt by disciplinary committee consisting of 5 members who shall be appointed as follows. The disciplinary secretary elected at the AGM shall be the chairman of the disciplinary committee. In addition to elect a disciplinary secretary the **4 members of the disciplinary committee shall also be elected at the AGM. These 4 elected members shall not be the officers of the competition.** All the members of the disciplinary committee shall have no active involvement with any clubs within the competition. 3 members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the disciplinary committee. All decisions of the disciplinary committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the board of appeal in accordance with rule 16. Decision of the management committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.

(O) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee *may* be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6. (A) *The AGM shall be held not later than 30th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 2/3 of current Members are present and entitled to vote:-*

- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) To consider any business arising there from.
- (iii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- (iv) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee).
- (v) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- (vi) Election of Officers and Management Committee.
- (vii) Appointment of Auditors.
- (viii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
- (ix) Fix the date for the commencement of the season and kick off times applicable to the Competitions.

(x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

(B) A copy of the duly audited/verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, **together with any proposed change of Rules.**

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

(D) Each *Member Club* shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Fourteen days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the season being concluded or who are not continuing Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded. *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 Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given *shall be fined £50.*

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

7. The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club **which is an unincorporated Association and two directors of each Club which is an incorporated entity** shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, A, _____ of _____ (Chairman) and
B _____ of _____ (Secretary) of the
_____ Football Club have been provided with a copy of the
Rules and Regulations of the _____ 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."

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

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8.(A) (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. **NB It is the responsibility of the club to check that a player is not under contract with any other club.**

In the event of a player without a written contract 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 player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that 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) Each Club must have at least 11 Players registered 7 days before the start of each Playing Season.

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

(i) Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, Countersigned by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the (Registrations) Secretary 7 days prior to playing and whose registration has been confirmed by the Competition prior to that Player playing in a Competition Match.

Prior to collecting players licences original ID documents should be produced .This can be their driving licences or passports.

Registration forms may also be submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary by electronic mail.

(ii) While serving in any branch of Her Majesty's Regular Forces, a player must first obtain the consent of his Association Secretary before signing a registration form to play for a Club.

(C) A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played. **In the event that a Player could be required to pay a proportion of a debt due under The FA Football Debt Recovery System then, whether or not the debt has been referred to the relevant County FA, the Competition must not affect the player's registration in any way or refuse to register a transfer due to that debt being**

outstanding. The Competition cannot refuse to register a Player for an unpaid non-footballing debt.

(D) The maximum number of players registered by a Club should not exceed 25 (Twenty –five) per team at any time except for clubs who also has an U20 team and maximum than can be 27 (Twenty-seven) to include the 2 non-Turkish players nominated to play in adult league as described at next paragraph. ***The number of non-Turkish player at an adult game team sheet should not exceed 4 (four) and number of registered non-Turkish players should not exceed 8(eight)*** A fee of £3 shall be paid for players registered.

The Maximum number of players registered by a Club in U20 League should not Exceed 20 (Twenty),per team at any time. The number of non –Turkish players in U20 League should not exceed 10. The 10 players defined as Turkish under this rule shall be granted right to apply for registration to play for both Adult League and U20 League subject to their teams total registration for Adult league does not exceed 25.The remaining 10 non-Turkish players shall not have automatic right of registration for Adult league but clubs can nominate 2 non-Turkish players to have registration to play for both Adult League and U20 .The nomination is made at the beginning of the season and can be amended between 15th and 30th January. Any U20 player wishing to play for a different team other than their teams in Adult league will need to follow the normal registration and transfer rules.

Non-Turkish players may be defined as someone who has no connection to Turkish ancestry and/or Turkish culture

(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 (*Registrations*) Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

In such instances the players registration will be not be issued for 30 days and in cases of transfers will be withdrawn for 30 days.

(F) It shall be a breach of Rule for a player to:-

- (i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.
- (ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.
- (iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

(G) (i) The Management Committee shall have 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 or may fine any player at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered or intending to be registered with.

iv) For a player who has previously had registration removed in accordance with clause (iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusions will be considered to be under probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period should the player

commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of Competition,(excluding standard dismissals),the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute

(Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football Association.) 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 a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.

(H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a Player who is already registered with another Club it shall submit a transfer form 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 three days** of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within three days, the Competition Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the Player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 7 days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

(I) A player may not be registered for a Club in the Competition after 31st January. The player may only be transferred to another Club in the competition between 15th October to 14th November inclusive

(J) 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.

(K) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (Registrations) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Season only.

(L) Any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a match or matches shall have any points gained from that match or matches deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine. The Management Committee may also order that such match or matches be replayed on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee which may also levy penalty points against the Club in default. The Management Committee may vary this decision in respect of the points gained 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. In exceptional circumstances the Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

(M) A fully completed team sheet showing both the name and the registration number must be handed to the referee prior to the commencement of each match. Any player's name appearing on the team sheet shall be deemed to have taken part in that game.

(N) All players registrations with the Federation are cancelled at the end of the playing season (date to be decided at the A.G.M) prior to the season commencing.

(O)

i) No more than three players may transfer from one team to another during the transfer season.

ii) Any player that has had his registration cancelled by his club, and then is re-registered by the same club, shall be deemed to be a transfer and shall not be eligible to transfer to another club in the same season.

(P) Clubs are held responsible to produce registration documents, whether requested by the Committee Members or the opposing teams officials, for what ever reason, shall be put to the management Committee and if case proved shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £50 and shall also lose the game.

(Q) Any player receiving a red card in any Federation League or Cup game shall automatically have his registration withdrawn and shall not be eligible to play until his team completes its next game

(R) A club failing to return the players registration document at the end of the season shall pay £3 for every unreturned registration document. A club losing the players registration document shall pay £3 for every duplicate registration document issued

(S) A player may only be transferred once from one club to another club during whole season.

(T) All teams competing in the LFA Cup competitions are allowed to sign 6 more non Turkish players who can only play in LFA cup games. These players cannot play for any other team in the league unless they are transferred as per league rules.

CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

9. (A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 15TH August who shall decide as to their suitability.

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

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

Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least 6 days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the *home* team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change shall be fined £25.

The Secretary of the Competition may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit. *Shirts must be numbered.*

(B) Any Club wishing to change its name and/or colours must submit in writing to the Secretary before or at the AGM. Any application received after the AGM will not be considered until the following year's AGM.

(C) All clubs in the Federation must have insurance cover for their players.

PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES

10. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season in accordance with Football Association Rules. Original fixtures arranged by the (*Fixtures*) Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than 1st August, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date.

*If mutually arranged at a meeting a list of fixtures must be forwarded to the (*Fixtures*) Secretary within seven days of the meeting. Fixtures are deemed to be accepted unless objections are received by the (*Fixtures*) Secretary within fourteen days of their issue.*

(B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

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

Football Turf pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf pitches. For clubs playing at Step 7 and below a pitch must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three 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(D).

All matches shall have duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (**not less than sixty (60) minutes**) 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. **Two matches involving the same two teams can be played on the same day providing the total playing time is not more than 120 minutes.**

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 Competition at least 7 days prior.**

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home team must provide goal nets and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable.

Corner Flags to be provided by the home team and both teams should have first aid kit at touch line. Should any of these missing the team responsible will pay 20 pound for each missing item. Referees will report the matter

(C) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and all relevant County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the (*Fixtures*) Secretary.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 2 clear days notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(D) The teams will be provided with Club and Team details book containing team grounds, club colours and kick off times at the beginning of the season. If there is a change to noted information before a game The Secretary of the home Club **must give notice** of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least 3 clear days prior to the playing of the match. **If not so provided, the away club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the competition.**

Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of **£10**.

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

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

In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than 11 players they *shall* be fined £20 for each missing player. A minimum of 8 players will constitute a team for a Competition match.

(F) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, 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.*

Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition *Referees Appointments* Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict a fine.

In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (Fixtures) Secretary within 14 days the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date.

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*. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

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 Association 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 (L) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void.

(G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 players.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 15 minutes before the start of the match.

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

(H) The half time interval shall be of 15 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(I) *The League shall require all players and club officials to have signed the FA's Respect Codes of Conduct and produce these if so requested by the League management committee.*

The participating clubs taking part in the fixture shall identify a team captain designated with a captain's armband who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her team mates.

Prior to each match the participating teams and officials shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake and/or participating teams to offer 'three cheers' and handshakes to the opposing team after the match.

(J) Should a player be selected to represent the Federation in a representative game his club must automatically release the player. Clubs shall be permitted on request to the Management committee to postpone any League or Cup Fixture, they are due to play on the day of a League representative match should they have more than one player selected for that game. A player must not play for his club when selected to represent the Federation

(K) Any youth club manager should have minimum Level 1 FA Coaching Certificate. Any adult club manager should have Level 1 FA Coaching Certificate commencing from season 2010-2011. League side manager should have minimum Level 2 FA Coaching certificate commencing from season 2010-2011.

REPORTING RESULTS

11. (A) The Federation Secretary must receive within 4 days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) *and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition.* Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20 and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

(B) *Both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each match to the Web site secretary by 10pm.*

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. The Management Committee shall have power to take such action, as they deem suitable against a Club that submits an incomplete form or incorrect information.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

12. (A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 point for a drawn match. **The 4 teams gaining the highest number of points in the first Division will qualify to play a play-off tournament to determine the champion. The play-off tournament will be played amongst these 4 teams in a league format. All the league rules apply. The team finishing first will start with 3 points, the second team starts with 2 points, the third team starts with 1 point and the fourth team starts with 0 points. Every team plays each other once. The first games will be played on Sunday, The second games will be played during the week and the following Sunday the last round of games will be played. At the end of the tournament The team with the highest points will win the league .If everything is equal between two or more teams then their original league positions will determine the winner. In the second division the team that gains the highest number of points at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winner.** Matches cannot be played for double points

(B) **Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first two and last two teams in each division .The 3rd team from bottom of the first division and the 3 rd, 4th and 5th ranking teams of second division will play knock out tournament which will be played just after the completion of the league matches. First division team will play against 5 ranking and the 3rd and 4th ranking teams will play against each other and the winners will play to decide which team will play first division for the comming season. Matches will be played on mutual grounds duration of 90 minutes; 15 minutes each way extra times and penalty shoot out will be used if needed. Except as provided for here under, subject to the provisions of rule 1(b).**

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points team rankings shall be decided by the aggregate of the two league games played by the teams in question, taking in to account first the points than the goal difference and then highest goal scored. In the event of teams still being equal

the ranking shall be decided by taking into consideration of the lowest goal considered during the season otherwise it will be decided by a play off game.

In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement in any of the two league games the club failing to keep its engagement will be ranked lower than the team being equal on points regardless of the aggregate score.

(i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated.

(ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the season may be filled on any of the following ways:

(a) retention of otherwise relegated team(s)

(iii) The last 2 teams in the lowest Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of paragraph (B)(1) above.

(C) In the event of a team not completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table.

(D) All clubs shall submit at least 11 fully completed registration forms 7 days prior to the League commencement date. Any club failing to comply with this rule shall be fined a sum of £25.

(E) Any Club which fails to play or arrive for 3 fixtures a whole season, without reasonable excuse, shall have its fixtures suspended and for 1st division team will automatically be relegated and for 2nd division team will automatically be removed from membership and will not be eligible to re-apply as a new club, for the ensuing season. The team that fails to fulfil its fixture will pay a fine of £50 for the 1st match and £100 for the following unplayed matches

REFEREES

13. (A) Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association(s).

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the *appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams*. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.

(C) The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any match. Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £5 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 laid down by the sanctioning Association Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to the following match fees **Referee £40.00, Assistant Referees £30.00 inclusive of travel expenses.**

All referees fees shall be shared 50/50 on the match day between Home and Away team before the match. All fees shall be paid prior to the match. Failure to pay the Referees and/or Assistant referees at all will result in a fine in addition to the fees.

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

(G) A Referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their 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 Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed Form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine. **Any club that award the referee a total of less than 60 marks (out of 100) shall write an official letter to the referee secretary explaining the reason. In the cases where no letter is received, the club concerned shall be fined £20 and called before the Management Committee.**

The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the Form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The Football Association/County Association.

(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. The referee should also complete the referee's card issued to him by the TTFF and send to the Referees Secretary a report of all abandoned games and also for any players or officials that have been cautioned or sent off.*

(K) *Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.*

(L) *Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by the FA/County FA or the League.*

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

14. (A) After 31st December in the current Season a Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing *by 31st March* each Season or be liable to a fine not exceeding 15.

All Clubs wishing to remain in membership of the Competition for the following Season must confirm their intention to do so, in writing, to the Secretary by 30th June.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the **Annual General Meeting** for the following Season. **Any Club infringing this Rule shall be forfeiting their deposit of £250.**

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

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

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

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.

If the debt remains unpaid after eighty-four (84) days the Competition may apply to the Club's parent County Association for the debt to be recovered in accordance with the FA Football Debt Recovery System. Once the matter has been passed to the Club's parent County Association the debt can only be cleared by payment to that County Association.

PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

15. (A)(i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee.
- (ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match. Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.
- (B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged in duplicate with the Secretary within 4 days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
- (C) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 16.
- (D) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum of £10. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.
- (E) All parties to a protest or complaint must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and must have received 7 days notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the submission. When dealing with a protest or complaint the Management Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.

BOARD OF APPEAL

16. **(A) All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal,**

claim or complaint and deposit a fee which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee.

(B) All such protests claims complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

(C) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.

(D) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within fourteen (14) days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee 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.

(E) If so requested the Management Committee may arbitrate on any disputes, protests, appeals, claims or complaints between two Clubs in which event both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties to the arbitration.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

17. (A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, 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 votes cast. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.

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

(C) Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either 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.

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

(E) The Officers of the league shall attend monthly meetings and management committee meeting called By the Chairman and/or Secretary and if any Officers of the league fails to attend 3 consecutive Monthly meetings or management committee meetings without a reasonable excuse, The Officer shall be liable to expulsion from the management committee or such penalty Management Committee may decide.

(F) Any member of a club committee should not be allowed to be a member of any other club in the league.

TROPHY:- LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED. AWARDS.

18. (A) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a Trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the sanctioning Association may decide.

(B) 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 _____ Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before _____. 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 as determined by the Management Committee.

(C) *At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.*

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

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

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

At least seven 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 two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only, as will members of the Management Committee.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given *shall* be fined £50.

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

All amendment of Rules can only be implemented once approved by the appropriate sanctioning authority.

ALTERATION TO RULES

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

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Secretary by 24th May in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 1st June and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 15th June. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if two-thirds of those present, entitled to vote **and voting** are in favour.

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

21. RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

(A) Each Member Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee subject to Rule 16. Each Member Club must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conduct.

(B) The clubs shall be obliged to support fixtures and entertainment organised for the benefits of the Federation funds to the extent of ten tickets for each team. The Federation annual presentations of Trophies shall be supported to the extent of **five** tickets per team and **to support of running the federation building £70 to be paid by each team. Both payments to be paid before the start of the first league match of the season.**

FINANCE

22. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
- (B) All expenditure in excess of £500 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.
- (C) The financial year of the Competition will be from 1st June to 31st May
- (D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be *audited* annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

23 CUP COMPETITION RULES

- a. This competition shall be called the Federation Cup or any other Cup competition that the Federation may introduce.
- b. The entrance and Competition fee for this Cup shall be £10.00 per team.
- c. **The entrance for the Federation Cup and 19 Mavis Tournament shall be compulsory for all teams unless otherwise stated by the Committee. And the entrance fee of £20 shall be payable before the start of the first league match of the season. If a team is released from the competition by the committee the fee will be refunded to the team.**
- d. No player may play for a team if he has already played for a different team in the same competition.
- e. The competition will be on a 'knockout' basis.
- f. The playing period shall be 45 minutes each half but must not be less than 35 minutes each half if the referee has to reduce playing time for any reason.
- g. Any team that fails to report to the Match Referee on the field of play, ready to kick-off in excess of 10 minutes after the scheduled kick-off time, shall not be allowed to take part in the Tie. The Referee shall report this in writing to the Management Committee.
- The Management Committee shall investigate the reason for this lateness and may exceptionally excuse the offending club, award the Tie to the non-offending Club and/or impose a fine to the maximum of £25.00.
- h. If the scores are equal at full time, a period of extra time (30 minutes) shall be played. If after completion of extra time the scores are still equal, the Tie shall be decided by kicks from the penalty spot in accordance with the International Board Instructions.
- i. The home club when arranging the venue for the Tie, must ensure that it is booked for a period of time to ensure Full Time, Extra Time and kicks from the penalty spot can be completed.
- j. Any complaint against a club for fielding an ineligible or unregistered player in a Tie, must be submitted in writing to the Management Committee and if proven the offending club may be struck out of the competition, and/or fines up to the maximum of £25.00, and the Tie awarded to the non-offending club.
- k. The costs of the ground and all officials shall be shared equally.
- l. In any cup final when both teams have similar colours, both must change.
- m. All other rules of the constitution shall apply that are not covered here.
- n. Any team or its members that have been found guilty of misconduct or undesirable behaviour may, if proven be removed from the competition.

24 DISSOLUTION

- a. A resolution to dissolve the Federation shall only be proposed at an AGM or SGM and shall be carried by a majority of at least three quarters of the members present.
- b. The dissolution shall take effect from the date of the resolution and the members of the Federation shall be responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Federation.

- c. Any surplus assets remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Federation will be disposed of in such manner as the management committee and current members at the date of resolution shall determine.

25.INSURANCE

All Clubs must have Public Liability Insurance cover of at least £10 million pounds (£10,000,000)

With effect from the 2013-14 season all Clubs must be members of a Players' personal accident scheme which meets the minimum criteria set by the sanctioning Association.

FEES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
3 (A)	ENTRY FEE	£ 250.00
3 (B)	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£ 30.00
3 (C)	DEPOSIT	£ 250.00
8 (E)	REGISTRATION FORM	£ 3.00
8 (I)	TRANSFER FORM	£ 3.00
13 (E)	REFEREE FEES	£ 40.00
13 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	£ 30.00
15 (C),16(A),16(G)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£ 10.00

FINES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
3 (E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	£ 50.00
5 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£ 20.00
5 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN 21 DAYS OF NOTICE	£ 50% more
6 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£ 50.00
7	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£ 20.00
8 (B)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£ 20.00
8 (G)	SIGNING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£ 40.00
8 (H) (ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£ 40.00
8 (O)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£ 25.00
9 (A),10 (B)	DELAYING KICK OFF/NO NETS/ NO CORNER FLAGS	£ 10.00
10 (E)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£ 10.00 each
10 (F) (i) & (iii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE (first, second and third time)	£50, £100, £100
10 (I)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£ 10.00
11 (A) & 11 (C)	LATE TEAM SHEET	£ 20.00
11 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£ 10.00
13 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£ 30.00
13 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£ 30.00
13 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£ 10.00