

PORTSMOUTH YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

(Founded 1906)



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SECTION ONE

INTRODUCTION

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HISTORY OF THE LEAGUE

Founded in 1906, originally part of the Portsmouth League that played on Saturday & Sunday, the original Youth section comprised Under 18's only. The League celebrated its centenary in 2006.

The League is currently part of the Portsmouth Divisional Football Association and subsequently draws its teams from Clanfield & Petersfield to the North, Emsworth & Hayling Island to the East, Gosport, Fareham & Whiteley to the West and of course the Island of Portsea to the South and all areas in between.

The League consists of approximately 45 Clubs at any given time with over 4,500 players registered during the past few seasons. Many Clubs in the membership of the League have over 30 years experience in providing youth football to their communities, these include:

AFC Portchester, Clanfield, Denmead Youth, Fleur De Lys, Gosport Falcons, Havant & Waterlooville, Jubilee 77, Meon Milton, Travaux, Waterlooville Boys & Widbrook United.

In past years the League whilst providing football for all ages and abilities have seen players move through the Youth League into Semi-Pro & Professional football teams including:

Duncan Pratt, Liam Daish, Malcolm Waldren, Clive Greenwood, Gary O'Neill, Luke Nightingale and Joel Ward.

Over the past 15 years we have progressed and improved, we are not only a Respect League but also a Charter Standard League. The Charter Standard League is a kitemark that sets an operational benchmark for FA sanctioned leagues.

We have a Committee that is forward thinking with a good balance of people and mix of backgrounds, all working towards the same goal ! We have a solid financial base and a good solid core of Clubs to move into the future.

We are also on Facebook. Facebook is a social utility that connects people with friends and others who work, study and play football together.

<https://www.facebook.com/portsmouthyouthfootballleague>

@PortsYFL

CHILD WELFARE IN FOOTBALL

Our focus is on safeguarding the welfare of all young people who participate in the Portsmouth Youth Football League whilst protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying.

Serious causes for concern are fortunately rare if and when they occur they should be reported to the League's CWO& CWO at Hampshire County F.A. for further investigation.

There is however equal concern for incidents which affect the conditions under which Youth Football is played, particularly those which are considered poor practice. These incidents range from conflict between opposing teams' parents, spectator incursion onto the pitch and general threatening behaviour towards players, officials and supporters. Such incidents have become too common and every Club needs to work towards their elimination to ensure that the children in their charge are provided with a safe environment in which to play.

Clubs are held responsible for the behaviour of their Managers, Coaching Staff, Players, Parents& Spectators (and may incur considerable fines if this duty is neglected) Clubs are expected to advocate responsible behaviour by way of education and example. Codes of Conduct for all of the above can be found later in this Handbook.

A mandatory requirement under F.A. rules is the appointment of a Child Welfare Officer by each Club and these persons have an important role in the implementation of the spirit of Child Welfare. They are trained to a high standard and act as first point of contact for anyone having concern in such matters.

For help and further details contact PYFL CWO:

Mrs Karen Stevens

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F.A. RESPECT PROGRAMME

Following on from Child Welfare in Football, the Portsmouth Youth Football League and our entire member Clubs are committed to the F.A. RESPECT programme which has been developed to eliminate poor practice at all levels with the sport of football.

We expect ALL participants of the League to vigorously support the programme and trust in turn that ALL will benefit by its adoption.

LEAGUE DIARY & KEY DATES**2016**

AUGUST	20th	Annual Subscription due
	25th	League Meeting
SEPTEMBER	4th	Start of Season
OCTOBER	2nd	Transfer Window Open
	20th	League Meeting
NOVEMBER	13th	Remembrance Sunday – Optional Playing Date our Competition Hampshire Cup
DECEMBER	1st	Deadline for Proposed Rule Changes to League Secretary
	25th	Christmas & New Year Break – No League fixtures

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JANUARY	1st	Christmas & New Year Break – No League fixtures
	19th	League Meeting
	31 st	Last day to complete Player Registrations & Transfers
MARCH	23rd	League Meeting
APRIL	16th	Easter Sunday – Optional Playing Date
	20th	League Meeting
MAY	31st	Last day of Playing Season
JUNE	1st	Annual General Meeting (AGM)

SECTION TWO

DIRECTORIES

Officers of the League

Management Committee

Divisional Secretaries

Club Secretaries

Mini Soccer/Fixtures Secretaries

Club Colours

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 97/03 MR. D. BENFIELD
 03/16 MR. J. CARTER
 16/- MRS. L. HIND

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 88/00 MR. A. E. HARMER
 00/01 MR. G. SCAMMELL
 01/02 MR. M. MEEHAN
 02/03 MR. R. FLEMING
 03/04 MR. M. COLE
 04/16 MR. P. ADAMS
 16/- MRS. L. WEBB

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 88/90 MR. M. WILKINS
 90/93 MR. J. MCINTYRE
 93/99 MR. C. HAYES
 99/02 MR. T. CAFFERKY
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 09/- MRS. L. HIND (7)
 11/- MR. P. CHANDLER (5)
 10/- MRS. T. DOWELL (6)
 12/- MR. R. PARTRIDGE (4)
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 15/- MR S ANDREWS (1)
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 15/- MR D WOOD (1)
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 11/16 MRS. M. DOVE (4)
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Fareham Town Youth	Pete Robinson	07840 968846	Fixture Secretary	fixturesffc@outlook.com,
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CLUB COLOURS			
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AFC Portchester Youth	Orange	Black	Orange
Baffins Milton Rovers Youth	Blue	Blue	Blue
Berewood Panthers Youth	Green	White	White
Bridgemary Buccaneers	Blue	White	Blue
BSS Youth	Blue	Blue	Blue
Castle United Youth	Orange	Black	Black
Clanfield Youth	Blue & Black Stripes	Black	Black
Cowplain Youth	Green	Black or Navy	Black or Navy
Crofton Saints Youth	Blue/White Stripes	Blue	Blue
Denmead Youth	Royal Blue	White	Royal Blue
Denmead Warriors Youth	Green	Black	Black
East Lodge Youth	White	Black	Black
Fareham Town Youth	Red/Black Striped	Black	Red
Fleur de Lys Youth	White & Black sleeves	Black	Black
Gosport Borough Youth	Yellow	Blue	Blue
Gosport Falcons Youth	Purple	Black	Black
Gosport Football Club Youth	Yellow	Royal Blue	Yellow
Havant & Waterlooville Youth	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue
Hayling St Andrews Youth	Royal Blue/White	Royal Blue	Royal Blue
Hayling United Youth	Black & White Stripes	Black	Black
Horndean Hawks Youth	Red/Black stripes	Black	Black
Horndean Youth	Red	Red	Red
Hurstwood Rangers Youth	Green	Black	Black
Infinity Youth	Gold	Black	Black
Jubilee 77 Youth	Red/white	Black	Red
Kenny Bruce Soccer	Purple	Purple	Purple
Meon Milton Youth	Yellow	Blue	Blue
Moneyfields Youth	Navy/Yellow	Navy Blue	Navy Blue
Padnell Rovers	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Paulsgrove Youth	Red	Red/Black	Red
Pickwick Youth	Navy & Sky Blue	Navy & Sky Blue	Navy & Sky Blue
Phoenix Youth	White	White	Red
Purbrook Athletic Youth	Sky/Navy	Navy	Navy/Sky
Purbrook Youth	Blue/Yellow	Blue	Blue
Ranvilles Rangers Youth	Orange	Black	Black
Skilful Soccer Youth	Blue	Black	Black
Soccer Scholar Academy Youth	Orange	Black	Orange
Travaux Youth	Royal/Scarlet	Royal	Royal
United Services Portsmouth Youth	Navy Blue & Red stripes	Navy Blue	Navy Blue
Whiteley Wanderers Youth	White	Black	Black
Widbrook United Youth	Red	Black	Black

SECTION THREE

COMPETITION RULES

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.

"Club" means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

"Competition" means the Portsmouth Youth 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.

"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 Hampshire County Football Association Limited].

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

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

"Team" means a team affiliated to a Club.

"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.

"Youth Football" means those participating at ages under 11s to under 18s.

- (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 the Portsmouth Youth 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.
- (E) 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.

NAME AND CONSTITUTION

- 2. (A) This Competition shall consist of not more than 100 Clubs or 400 Teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (B) 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).
The area covered by the Competition membership shall be the Portsmouth Divisional Football Association.
This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Hampshire County Football Association(s) and the constituent Teams of member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 10 in number.
- (C) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination
 - (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).
 - (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.
 - (iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
- (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 the 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.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

- 3. (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an entry fee as set out in the Fees Tariff per Team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.
At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a Special General Meeting or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.

- (B) An annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club and shall be payable on or before 20th August in each year.
- (C) A Deposit of £50.00 shall be payable per Club and shall be payable on or before 20th August 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.

[Note: Each club shall receive and return a copy of the League code of conduct, duly signed by the Secretary of each club to confirm their acceptance and endorsement of the code. A club shall not be allowed to play in this competition(s) until this document have been received by the Secretary of the competition. Identified Mini soccer co-ordinators and Club Registration Secretaries will be recognised by the League providing all their details have been registered with the League on the competition entry documentation. Mini soccer co-ordinators shall be recognised with regard to Mini soccer only for purposes of Fixture co-ordination. The Club shall bear the responsibility for ensuring that other clubs are kept informed regarding the status and details of these co-ordinators. The League shall pass fixtures to a nominated person, whilst all general correspondence shall continue to be passed through the Club secretary.

All managers and coaches shall be registered with the league on an annual basis and must carry their registration with them at all times whilst on League business. All Manager Registrations must be completed by the opening day of the season. In the event of a manager being appointed after the start of the season, he/she must be correctly registered with the League before taking charge of the next scheduled fixture.]

- (E) If requested by the Competition, Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 17th July of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season, failing which they shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
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.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

- 4. (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and 15 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 15th 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 10th 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).

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. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.

- (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 matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 6(H) and 19, and subject to Rule 5(I), 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:-

- (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

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.

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.

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).

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.

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.

- (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) 25% 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) 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. 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.
- (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 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 may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6. (A) The AGM shall be held not later than 12th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 50% members are present and entitled to vote:-
 - (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding AGM.
 - (ii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
 - (iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
 - (iv) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing Playing Season.
 - (v) Election of Officers and Management Committee.
 - (vi) Appointment of Auditors.
 - (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (See Rule 20).
 - (viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
 - (ix) Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season.
 - (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.
- (B) A copy of the duly verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting together with any proposed changes.
- (C) A signed copy of the duly verified Balance Sheet and 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.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

7. 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.

"We, (A), (name) [] of (address) [] (Chairman)/Director and (B) (name) [] of (address) [] (Secretary/Director) of [] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Portsmouth Youth 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."

The agreement shall be signed by:

- (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.

Any alteration of the Chairman and /or secretary of the Club on the above agreement must be notified to the Hampshire 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).

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

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

Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the (Registrations) Secretary 3 days prior to playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate the 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.

Registration forms may also be submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary by electronic mail or facsimile machine prior to the Player playing. The original document must be forwarded by post within three days of the match to the appropriate Officer.

The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with proof of the Player's date of birth.

If a Player's age is required for registration purposes a Competition must accept an original birth certificate or a photocopy. In cases where the birth certificate is not available a Competition is required to accept a photocopy of the Player's passport or other official document issued by a Government Agency attesting to the Player's date of birth.

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

[Note: Prior to the start of all matches, the managers from each team will provide their registration cards to the opposition manager who shall check the cards and players prior to the start of the match. Each Manager must produce his teams Registration forms on request from opposition, Club Officials, or any officer of the League or be fined in accordance with the fines tariff under this Rule.

If a Registration Card is not presented, then the player cannot participate in the match. If the player participates without a valid registration card present, they shall be deemed ineligible.

Lost or mislaid registration cards can be duplicated by the League and re-issued. It is the clubs responsibility to ensure that they have the cards prior to the match.

Completion of the back of the existing Club's copy of the original registration form will be accepted as written approval providing the appropriate option is selected.]

- (B)(i) Contract Players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

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.

(iii) 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.

(iv) Each Team must have the following number of Players registered 14 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).

(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 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	3
	Under 10		50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	4
9	Under 10	7V7	50x30	45.75 x 27.45	60x40	54.9 x 36.6	12x6	4
	Under 11	9V9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
10	Under 11	9V9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
	Under 12		70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
11	Under 12	9V9	70x40	64 x 36.6	80x50	73.15 x 45.75	16x7	4
	Under 13	11V11	90x50	82.3x45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
12	Under 13	11V11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
	Under 14		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
13	Under 14	11V11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
	Under 15		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
14	Under 15	11V11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
	Under 16		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
15	Under 16	11V11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
	Under 17		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	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
	Open Age		100x50	91.44 x 45.75	130x100	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5

- (D) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered, if applicable.
 [Note: No Team shall have registered more than 18 players at any one time for 11 a-side teams, except the Under 17 & Under 18 age groups that may register up to a maximum of 20 players. No Team shall have registered more than 14 players at any one time for 9-a-side teams.]
- (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 Rules 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 signed for one Club in the Competition, sign 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 at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 16).
- (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.
- Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.
- (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.
- (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.)
- (H) 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 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 from such date or 3 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 nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 31st January except by special permission of the Management Committee.

[Note: No more than one player may transfer between the same two Teams until 28 days have elapsed between applications. (The date used to determine the 28 Days shall be taken as the date of registration (not receipt) of the 1st application to Transfer).

No more than two (2) players may transfer between the same two teams (in one direction) during the season. No one team may transfer into that team more than three (3) Players in any one season. A player may only Transfer in this Competition once per season.

No player will be permitted to transfer until after the 1st October in each season.]

- (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.

In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, Players will be registered for one 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).

- (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 Playing Season only.

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).

- (L) 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 4 league games for that Team in this Competition in the current Playing Season.
- (M)(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).
- (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.
- (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:
- (a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed;
 - (b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
 - (c) Order that such match or matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

(The following Clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education):-

- (N)(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).
- (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the head teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).
- (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.

CLUB COLOURS - CLUB NAME

9. (A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 30th April who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other Players and the 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 its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least 5 days before the match.

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.

- (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).

PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES

10. (A) 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.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition 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 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	25	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

For round robin/trophy events, the maximum duration of play per half cannot be exceeded, but the minimum duration of play per half may be adjusted.

For trophy events, the Competition may award mementos.

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 5 days prior.

[Note: Kick Off Times will be determined by the home club and pitch availability, but no earlier than 9:30am and no later than 2:30pm (except by permission of the League and opposition) unless otherwise agreed at the AGM.]

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

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).

(B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but 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 (*Fixtures*) 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).

(C) 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. 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).

(D) The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5V5	4
7V7	5
9V9	6
11V11	7

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

(E) (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.

(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.

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

(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.

(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.

(F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any match in this Competition.

For Under 11s - Under 18s – 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.

For Mini-Soccer – 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 match day squad greater than double the size of its Team in an age group.

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.

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.

(G) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the Match Officials.

(H) The Teams taking part in Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

REPORTING RESULTS

11. (A) The(Divisional/Fixtures) Secretary must receive within 2 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(in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (B) Both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each match to the Divisional Secretary by 8pm. Clubs in default shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to do so will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (D) The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOTpublish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under11s. 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.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

12. (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 and relegation shall be applied for the first 2 and last 2 Teams in each division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(B).

(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 Playing Season may be filled in any of the following ways:

(a) retention of otherwise relegated Team(s);

(b) additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the division below; or

(c) election

(C) In the event of a Team not 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.

REFEREES

13. (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).

(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.

(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 Club.

(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 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 half fee 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. 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 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 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 (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(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) Not applicable to this Competition

(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.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

14. (A) Any Club wishing to resign from the Competition must do so at least 30 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(l), 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.

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 or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.
- (ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the match.
- (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 of £25.00 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) 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.
- (i) All parties must have received 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
- (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then they should forward a deposit of £10.00 and indicate such when forwarding the written response.
- (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.

APPEALS

16. 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):
- (i) Invite submissions by the parties involved;
- (ii) Convene a hearing to hear the appeal;
- (iii) Permit new evidence; or
- (iv) Impose deadlines as are appropriate.

Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.

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.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS

MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

17. (A) At the AGM or 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.
- (B) 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 whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, 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. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (C) Any Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to 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.

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

18. (A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-
- “We A [name] and B [name], the Chairman and Secretary of []FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of Portsmouth Youth 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 Secretary on or before 14th February. 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.
- (C) The Competition shall be responsible for having the Trophy engraved with the winning club's name and the year in which it was won, the cost of which may be claimed from the winning club.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

19. 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).

ALTERATION TO RULES

20. 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 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 Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 1st December in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 15th January and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 10th February. 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 2/3 [a majority] of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

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) 28 days prior to the date of the meeting or by 1st April whichever is sooner.

FINANCE

21. (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 £350 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 end on 30th April.
- (D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be verified annually by some suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

INSURANCE

22. All Clubs must have public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

DISSOLUTION

23. (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) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:
- (i) Any surplus assets, save for a Trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Association.
 - (ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a Trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Association may decide.

FAIR PLAY MARKS

24.) Each Team shall provide a Fair play mark to the opposition on a weekly basis. The mark shall be entered on the Match result card (directly below the Referee Number. The mark shall be applied as follows:-

- 1 – Poor fair play.
- 3 - Below Average fair play.
- 5 - Average Fair play.
- 7 - Above Average Fair play.
- 9 - Exceptional Fair play

The awarding of marks is limited to the above only. Any Team failing to award a fair play mark shall be fined £30.00 max and a default mark of 3 shall be awarded to the opposition.

The League shall compile a Fair play rankings table for all clubs in the League. The individual teams performance shall also be monitored. Dependent upon availability of funding, a prize shall be awarded each season to the club with the highest Fair play ranking.

In order to ensure a parity of rankings, the league shall apply the average mark of all games played throughout the season. Any fixtures that are not played, where neither team are deemed at fault will be awarded a default mark of 3 to both sides. Where the management Committee have deemed one or both teams at fault, a default mark of 1 shall be applied to one or both teams.

Advice on Fair Play Marking

Where spectator performance and / or opposition player and / or coaching performance is considered to be significantly below the expected standard, a mark of 1 should be applied.

Where spectator performance and / or opposition player and / or coaching performance is considered to be below the expected standard, a mark of 3 should be applied.

Where spectator performance and / or opposition player and / or coaching performance is considered to be of the expected standard, a mark of 5 should be applied.

Where spectator performance and / or opposition player and / or coaching performance is considered to be above the expected standard, a mark of 7 should be applied.

In the event that the fair play of the opposition is sufficiently high that exceptional recognition should be awarded, then a mark of 9 should be awarded.

FEES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	PYFL FEE
3 (A)	ENTRY FEE	£12.00 Mini soccer £16.00 9 & 11-a-side
3 (B)	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£50.00
3 (C)	DEPOSIT	£50.00
8 (D)	REGISTRATION FORM	£1.50 Additional £3.00 will be charged for registration forms received between 1 st Aug – 20 th August
8 (H)	TRANSFER FORM	£10.00
13 (E)	REFEREE FEES	£25.00 inclusive of expenses (11-a-side) £16.00 inclusive of expenses (mini soccer)
13 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	£17.00 inclusive of expenses (11-a-side).
15 (C),16	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£25.00 (Protest Fee) £50.00 (Appeal Fee)

FINES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (B)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£300.00
2 (D)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£50.00
2 (E)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£50.00
3 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£50.00
3 (E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	£30.00
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	£40.00
6 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£40.00
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)(iv)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£25.00
8 (F)	SIGNING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£25.00
8 (G) (ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£50.00
8(M)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£50.00
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, upto an aggregate maximum of £30)
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	£30.00
10 (D)	FAILURE TO HAVE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT WILL CONSTITUTE A TEAM	£40.00
10 (E) (i) & (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 (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 FAILURE TO RETURN TROPHY BY SPECIFIED DATE	£25.00 £20.00 for the first 2 weeks then £5.00 per week thereafter.
19	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING	£40.00
22	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£50.00
24	FAILING TO AWARD FAIR PLAY MARKS	£40.00

PORTSMOUTH YOUTH LEAGUE CHALLENGE, INVITATION CUPS & TROPHY EVENTS.

- 1.) The entire control and management of these competitions shall be invest in the Management Committee of the Portsmouth Youth Football League and except as hereby varied or as may be inconsistent or irrelevant the Rules of the Portsmouth Youth Football League shall apply to these competitions and be given effect to as if there inserted.

2.) **Arthur Hughes Memorial Cup**

The cup to be played for under the rules of the football association shall be called “the Portsmouth Youth League Arthur Hughes Memorial Cup” and shall not become the property of any one club.

The competition shall be open to Clubs taking part in the Portsmouth Youth Football league or any other recognised Youth Organisation or club not connected with any League, at the discretion of the Committee.

All players shall be under 16 at midnight on 31st August of the current season and be registered with the club at least 3 days to be eligible to compete. All other rules as per Challenge Cup.

3.) **Vernon Stokes Cup**

The cup to be played for under the rules of the football association shall be called “the Portsmouth Youth League Vernon Stokes Cup” and shall not become the property of any one club.

The competition shall be open to Clubs taking part in the Portsmouth Youth Football league or any other recognised Youth Organisation or club not connected with any League, at the discretion of the Committee.

All players shall be under 15 at midnight on 31st August of the current season and be registered with the club at least 3 days to be eligible to compete. All other rules as per Challenge Cup.

4.) **Truman Cup**

The cup to be played for under the rules of the football association shall be called “the Portsmouth Youth League Truman Cup” and shall not become the property of any one club.

The competition shall be open to Clubs taking part in the Portsmouth Youth Football league or any other recognised Youth Organisation or club not connected with any League, at the discretion of the Committee.

All players shall be under 13 at midnight on 31st August of the current season and be registered with the club at least 3 days to be eligible to compete. All other rules as per Challenge Cup.

5.) **Challenge Cups, Invitation Cups and the above Cups.**

- a.) These competitions shall be open to clubs participating in the League only. Trophies shall not become the property of any one club. For Mini soccer (Under 9 & Under10) were there are 5 or more Divisions, the cup competitions shall be split into a Junior Cup (Lowest 3 divisions) and Senior cup (remaining divisions). Both competitions shall be subject to the standard cup competitions as detailed within section 24.
- b.) All players shall be registered with the club participating in accordance with League Rule 8.A player may only play in one challenge competition per season, and for one team in that competition, any club playing an ineligible player or providing a team sheet indicating the playing of an ineligible player shall be fined in accordance with Rule 8(Q) and shall be removed from the competition.
- c.) Entrance Fee shall be £5.00 per team.
- d.) The first named club in the draw for any round except the final, shall be the home club and assume responsibility as such.
- e.) The League shall be responsible for staging the finals only.

f.) The duration of matches shall be as follows:

U18 / U17 Challenge Cup	45 minutes	each way
U16 Arthur Hughes Memorial Cup, U15 Vernon Stokes Cup	40 minutes	each way
U14 Memorial Cup, U13 Challenge	35 minutes	each way
U12, U11 Challenge Cup	30 minutes	each way

In the event of a tie at the end of normal time, extra time will be played. In the event of a tie at the end of extra time then a penalty shoot out will be played in all rounds except the final, which will be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

U18 / U17 Challenge Cup	15 minutes	each way
U16 Arthur Hughes Memorial Cup, U15 Vernon Stokes Cup	15 minutes	each way
U14 Memorial Cup ,U13 Truman Cup & U12,	10 minutes	each way
U11 Challenge Cup	10 minutes	each way

Due to time and light constraints, Under 17 & Under18 challenge cup fixtures shall commence no later than 13:30.

g.) Should 2 Clubs with similar colours be drawn against each other, in the final tie both clubs shall change unless by mutual consent.

h.) H.F.A. Ltd Rule 22 will apply to all cup competitions.

If any club shall refuse, or fail to play a match in the competition, on the date fixed for it, (the exigencies' of the weather alone excepted) it shall be removed from the competition, and in the final tie, the council shall have the power to reinstate the Club beaten in the Semi-Final by the defaulting Club. Further, and in addition, a defaulting club shall be liable to a penalty to be decided by the council.

In the event that a fixture is cancelled due to the weather, then it shall be played on the following Sunday (the finals excepted, subject to the precedence of competitions). In the event that the home venue is unfit for a second week then the fixture shall be reversed. In the event that both venues are unfit for 2 weeks each then the competition committee shall nominate an alternate venue with costs shared by both clubs. Any team withdrawing from a cup competition after the draw has been made, shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding £10.00. In addition the Competition may refuse any further application from the same team to be involved in future cup competitions.

i.) All other League rules shall apply.

j.) Cup Result Cards shall be sent to the relevant Divisional Fixtures Secretary for checking prior to being forwarded to the League Secretary. Result cards not received within 5 days shall incur the Club a fine of £5.00, if not received within 5 days the fine will be £5.00 per week, or part of, until such time as it is received.

k.) In the event of an infringement of the rules the decision of the management committee shall be final and binding. All competition rules detailed within the handbook refer to these competitions except where specific Cup competition rules apply.

6.) **Invitation Cups**

“CampbellMcFaull Cup” , “Geldard Cup” , “GEC Marconi Cup” , “Stuart Madigan Cup”

The above cups are played for annually, by teams who, upon nomination by Divisional Secretaries and Officers of the League are invited to do so by the Management committee. Any Club with a proven record of sportsmanship, and Friendship, and whose activities, both on and off the field of play, are conducted in an orderly and efficient manner, with special regard to the rules of the League, may be nominated for the above trophies.

Additional invitation cups may be included at other age groups on an ad-hoc basis providing that sanction is approved by the County FA and that such competition meets the FA trophy event criteria where appropriate.

The age groups normally considered for these Cups are:-

GEC Marconi Cup	Under 16's
CampbellMcFaull Cup	Under 15's
Stuart Madigan Cup	Under 14's
Geldard Cup	Under 13's

Appendix A

For matches to decide a championship, the following amounts of extra time will be played if the score remains level at the end of normal time, depending upon the Age group playing.

Age Group	Total Amount Of Extra Time	Total length of Each halve
U18 / U 17	30 minutes	15 minutes
U16	30 minutes	15 minutes
U15 / U14	30 minutes	15 minutes
U13 / U12 / U11	20 minutes	10 minutes

Appendix B – Optional Playing dates

- 1.) Easter Bank Holiday weekend
- 2.) Remembrance Sunday (date to be confirmed each season).

SECTION FOUR

GUIDANCE

Advice on Referee Marking

Advisory Notes on League Rule 10

Hints to Secretaries & Managers

Data Protection

Laws of the Game Changes - June 2016

GUIDE TO REFEREE MARKING (From Hampshire FA Handbook)

The mark awarded by a club must be based on the Referee's overall performance. It is most important that the mark is awarded fairly and not based upon isolated incidents or previous games. The Referee's performance should be determined by the table below which should act as a guide for the overall mark which should fall within the mark range for each standard of performance.

Mark Range	Comment
100-86	The Referee demonstrated very accurate decision-making and controlled the game very well using management and communication skills effectively to add value to the game.
85-76	The Referee demonstrated accurate decision-making and controlled the game well using management and communication skills to contribute positively to the game.
75-61	The Referee demonstrated reasonably accurate decision-making and despite some shortcomings generally controlled the game well.
60 and below	The Referee demonstrated shortcomings in the accuracy of decision-making and control which affected the game.

Notes

- Club officials should use the full range of marks within each category to help distinguish between different performance levels, e.g. within the 85-76 category a mark of 84 indicates a better performance than a mark of 77.
- While some Referees may have below average performances, there will usually have been some positive aspects of their performance, so extremely low marks should be very rare.
- When club officials are marking a Referee, they should always look at the game as a whole and not isolated decisions. The result of the match should not influence the mark and disciplinary action should be judged objectively.
- When a mark of 60 or lower is awarded, an explanation must be provided to the Competition using the box provided on the marking form. The purpose of this is to assist Referees to improve their performance levels, so the comments should be as helpful as possible.

HOW TO DECIDE ON THE REFEREE'S MARK

The following questions focus on the key areas of a Referee's performance. They are intended as an "aide memoire", are not necessarily comprehensive and need not be answered individually. It is, however, worth considering them before committing yourself to a mark for the Referee.

CONTROL AND DECISION MAKING

- How well did the Referee control the game?
- Were the players' actions recognized correctly?
- Were the Laws applied correctly?
- Were all incidents dealt with efficiently/effectively?
- Were all the appropriate sanctions applied correctly?
- Was the Referee always within reasonable distance of incidents?
- Was the Referee well positioned to make critical decisions, especially in and around the penalty area?
- Did the Referee understand the players' positional intentions and keep out of the way accordingly?
- Did the Referee demonstrate alertness and concentration throughout the game?

- Did the Referee apply the use of the advantage to suit the mood and temperature of the game?
- Was the Referee aware of the players' attitude to advantage?
- Did the Referee use the assistants effectively?
- Did the officials work as a team, and did the Referee lead and manage them to the benefit of the game?

COMMUNICATION AND PLAYER MANAGEMENT

- How well did the Referee communicate with the players during the game?
- Did the Referee's Level of involvement/profile suit this particular game?
- Did the Referee understand the players' problems on the day – e.g. difficult ground/ weather conditions?
- Did the Referee respond to the changing pattern of play/mood of players?
- Did the Referee demonstrate empathy for the game, allowing it to develop in accordance with the tempo of the game?
- Was the Referee pro-active in controlling of the game?
- Was the Referee's authority asserted firmly without being officious?
- Was the Referee confident and quick thinking?
- Did the Referee appear unflustered and unhurried when making critical decisions?
- Did the Referee permit undue questioning of decisions?
- Did the Referee deal effectively with players crowding around after decisions/incidents?
- Was effective player management in evidence?
- Was the Referee's body language confident and open at all times?
- Did the pace of the game, the crowd or player pressure affect the Referee negatively?

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Always try to be objective when marking. You may not obtain the most objective view by marking immediately after the game.
- Judge the performance over the whole game. Don't be too influenced by one particular incident.
- Don't mark the Referee down unfairly because your team was unlucky and lost the game or some disciplinary action was taken against your players.

Advisory Notes on League Rule 10

- (E) Fixtures scheduled on dates /periods as listed in Appendix B shall be optional. In all cases any team which takes up its option not to play any fixtures on these dates must provide the League and opposition a minimum of 14 days notification of their intentions. Any club failing to provide the correct period of notification shall be considered to fail to fulfil their fixture and shall be dealt with in accordance with the above paragraph (10 (F) 1st Paragraph).
- (i) Double Headers (subject to approval from Hampshire FA) may be authorised by the management Committee in the event that it is deemed necessary to the completion of the competition. All double headers must be played in accordance with Rule 10 (B) paragraph 9 the details of which shall be clearly confirmed by the Secretary of the competition.
- (G) In the event that a match sheet is incorrectly completed and no indication is made with regard to players used then ALL named players on the result sheet will be considered as having played in the fixture.
- (I) ALL teams shall provide at every match a First Aid Kit, which must be available for inspection by any league or match official. Failure to comply will result in a £10.00 fine.

Hints to Secretaries & Managers

Clubs are reminded that small sided tournament regulations and laws are laid down by the County Association to whom all applications must be made to obtain the required sanction. If a competition does not have the required sanction then Clubs from this Competition must not enter.

Clubs are not permitted to enter teams of Under 6 or below in any football competition or players registered with affiliated Clubs.

Clubs are warned that they must not compete in any unsanctioned competition or with any unaffiliated Clubs or Teams.

Should the Competition cease to exist then all monies remaining at the time of closure shall be donated to the Member clubs.

Prompt attention to correspondence of an official nature will be greatly appreciated. Your Club and Address should be given on all communications. Any change of address should be notified to the League Secretary immediately. Please date all correspondence.

Be sure that all players are properly qualified in accordance with the rules and that their names are correctly sent in, in accordance with the rules on all Result Cards.

The Secretary of the home team should send to the appointed referee and the opposing club at least 5 days prior to the match, particulars of grounds, times etc.

If the appointed referee does not turn up, the home club is responsible for providing a referee. Keep a whistle in your pocket.

Be careful that your colours do not clash, this is most essential.

If summoned to attend a meeting of the League arrange for the Club to be represented without fail or the case may be decided in the absence of your representative.

Ensure that your managers are in possession of copies of player's registrations.

It is strongly recommended that Club managers should hold details of any medical conditions in case of any problems arising during training / matches.

The League recommends that all teams have a registered first aider in attendance at all matches.

DATA PROTECTION ACT – In making an application to join the Competition, the personal information of the Secretary plus other of its Club members and the consent of all will be presumed unless otherwise notified.

The Management Committee point out that it is a condition of entry to the Competition that this information is held on computers used by members of the Management Committee and that **email** shall be used as a form of communicating correspondence within the Portsmouth Youth Football League

NOTE: Although the male context may be used this is not meant in any way to offend any females involved with this Competition, member Clubs and officials"

Many of you will be aware of the recent changes to the Laws of the Game which have come into place as of the 1st June 2016. Please find link below to Hampshire FA website with regards to the new laws.

<http://www.hampshirefa.com/referees/laws-of-the-game>

The latest version of the Laws of the Game can be downloaded directly by using the following links:

- [FIFA Laws of the Game - 2016/17](#)
- [Summary of Law Changes - Law by Law - 2016/17](#)
- [Summary of Law Changes, Players, Coaches and Media 2016/17](#)

We therefore ask that you make everyone in your club aware of the new changes for the forthcoming season.

2016-7 LAW CHANGES

A SUMMARY OF THE CHANGES MOST LIKELY TO BE ENCOUNTERED IN LOCAL FOOTBALL FOR PLAYERS & COACHES

The full changes and the revised wording of the laws can be found using the links as above.

- **Ball hitting an official**
If the ball hits a match official (including an assistant referee who is off/outside the field) play continues unless the ball went out of play

- **Denial of an obvious goal scoring opportunity (DOGSO)**

If a player commits a DOGSO inside the penalty area it will now be a yellow card (caution) if the foul was an attempt to play the ball or challenge an opponent for the ball. However, the following offences will still be a red card (sent off).

Handball

Holding, pulling or pushing

Not attempting to play the ball

Not having the chance to play the ball

Serious foul challenges, violent conduct etc

- **Equipment**

Any material on/covering the socks must be the same colour as the part of the sock it is covering (new wording covers all material, not just tape)

Undershorts/tights must be the same colour as the main colour of the shorts or the lowest edge (hem); the team must wear the same colour

A player who accidentally loses his footwear (boot) or shinguard(s) can continue playing until play next stops

A player can return to the field of play during play after changing/correcting equipment once it has been checked (by referee, 4th official or AR) and the referee signals

- **Fouls**

If a foul involves contact with the opponent it is a direct free kick

- **Fouls off the field**

A foul off the field of play will be penalized with a free kick on the boundary line nearest to where the foul occurred (penalty kick if in offender's penalty area)

- **Goal Kick**

An opponent who is in the penalty area when a goal kick is taken cannot touch the ball until another player has touched it (the goal kick is retaken if this occurs)

- **Handball**

Not all handball offences receive a yellow card (caution) – it usually depends on the effect/outcome of handball e.g. stopping a promising attack

- **Interfering with play by a substitute or team official**

If a substitute, substituted player, team official or a player who has been sent off enters the field and interferes with play or an opponent it will be a direct free kick (penalty kick if in their own penalty area)

If something or someone (other than a player) touches a ball which is going into the goal and it still goes in the goal, the goal can be awarded if the defenders were not affected and the ball does not go into the opponents' goal

- **Kick Off**

At the kick off the ball can now be kicked in any direction, including backwards so no team mates are allowed to stand in the opponents' half

- **Offside**

The halfway line is 'neutral' for offside – the player must be in the opponents' half

Players' arms and hands (including the goalkeepers) are not considered when judging offside

Offside free kicks will be taken from the place where the player commits the offside offence - this can be in their own half

A player cannot be in an offside position in their own half but can move back into their own half from an offside position in the opponents' half and commit an offside offence (play the ball, challenge an opponent etc) this is where the free kick is taken from

A defender who goes off the field over the goal line and stays off is considered to be on the goal line until play stops or the defender's team plays the ball towards the halfway line and it is out of their penalty area

- **Penalties (during normal play)**

If the goalkeeper moves early and causes the penalty kick to be retaken, the goalkeeper will receive a yellow card (caution)

If the ball is kicked backwards it is an indirect free kick

If the kicker stops and 'feints' at the end of the run it will always be an indirect free kick & yellow card (caution) even if they score (i.e. no retake)

If the wrong player takes the kick, that player will receive a yellow card (caution) & it will be an indirect free kick

- **Penalties at the end of a match (kicks from the penalty mark)**

The referee will toss a coin to see which end to use, unless there are ground, safety or other considerations

There is no need to tell the referee which players will take the kicks or the order

A player temporarily off the field at the final whistle (e.g. injured, changing equipment) can take part

If one team loses a player during the kicks (injured, sent off) the other team removes one player (the same as at the end of the match)

If a player leaves the field of play during the kicks, the kicks are not delayed and if the player is not back in time to take the kick then their kick is forfeited /missed

A kick is completed/over when the ball stops moving (including being held by the goalkeeper), goes out of play or there is an infringement ; the kicker cannot play the ball a second time

- **Send off offences before the match**

A player maybe sent off any time after the referee enters the field of play for the pre match inspection. If this happens:

Before team lists have been submitted – the player cannot appear on the list

After the team lists have been submitted but before kick off – a player can be replaced by a substitute who cannot be replaced, a substitute cannot be replaced

In both cases the team starts the match with 11 players & can still make the maximum number of substitutions permitted

- **Sending off offences**

Attempted violence is a red card (send off) even if no contact is made

A player who deliberately strikes an opponent on the head or face will receive a red card (send off) unless the force used was minimal/negligible

If a player commits a red card (send off) or a second yellow card (caution) offence and the referee plays advantage, that player cannot then be involved in play; the red card will be shown next time play stops. If the player becomes involved the referee will stop play, show the red card (send off) & award an indirect free kick

- **Substitutes**

A substitute can take any restart (including a throw in or corner kick) but must first step onto the field of play (to complete the substitution procedure)

- **Thrown In**

The ball must be thrown with BOTH hands & not thrown by one hand and guided by the other

- **Treatment for an injury**

If a player is injured by a foul which results in a red card (send off) or yellow card (caution) for the opponent, the injured player can have a quick assessment or treatment on the field of play & not have to go off; if the assessment/treatment is not quick the player will have to go off

SECTION FIVE

CODES OF CONDUCT

Players

Spectators, Parents & Carers

Match Officials

Coaches, Team Manager's & Club Officials

RESPECT

Code of Conducts

All the participants in Football have a duty to ensure that the highest standards of behaviour are maintained at all times and that everyone subsequently has an enjoyable time before, during and after playing or watching the game that we all love.

As such each Club In our League is expected to ensure that the appropriate code of conduct has been provided to and signed by those that take part. This includes, Players, Spectators, Managers, Coaches and anyone else that is regularly involved in the great game.

Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

As a player, you have a big part to play.

That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

When playing football,

I will:

- ✓ Always play to the best of my ability.
- ✓ Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time.
- ✓ Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager.
- ✓ Play by the rules, as directed by the referee.
- ✓ Shake hands with the other team and referee prior to the Start and end of the game.
- ✓ Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me.
- ✓ Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may:

- ✓ Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- ✓ Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
- ✓ Be dropped or substituted
- ✓ Be suspended from training
- ✓ Be required to leave the club

In addition:

My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any Infringements of the Code of Conduct. The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

Spectators, Parents & Carers

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

This League is supporting The FA's **Respect** programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything.

Play your part and observe The FA's **Respect** Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

I will:

- ✓ Remember that children play for FUN.
- ✓ Applaud effort and good play as well as success.
- ✓ Always **Respect** the match officials' decisions.
- ✓ Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided).
- ✓ Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do.
- ✓ Encourage the players to **Respect** the opposition, referee and match officials.
- ✓ Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- ✓ Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- ✓ Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- ✓ Required to meet with the club committee
- ✓ Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- ✓ Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- ✓ Requested by the club not to attend future games
- ✓ Be suspended or have my club membership removed
- ✓ Required to leave the club along with any dependents

In addition:

The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club

- ✓ Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

Match Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game – both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct of match officials at all time.

I will:

- ✓ Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- ✓ Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- ✓ Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- ✓ Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct

- ✓ Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials

- ✓ Support my match official colleagues at all times
- ✓ Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing **Respect** to everyone involved in the game

- ✓ Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- ✓ Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains

- ✓ Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- ✓ Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/ all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Required to meet with The FA/County FA Refereeing Official
- Required to meet with The FA/County FA Refereeing Committee

Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

In the FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline.

Play your part and observe the Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

On and off the field, I will:

- ✓ Show **Respect** to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators.
 - ✓ Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game.
 - ✓ Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour.
 - ✓ Always **Respect** the match official's decision.
 - ✓ Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
 - ✓ Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
 - ✓ Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.
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When working with players, I will:

- ✓ Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning.
- ✓ Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me.
- ✓ Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations.
- ✓ Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- ✓ Develop mutual trust and Respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- ✓ Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- ✓ Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- ✓ Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- ✓ Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- ✓ Required to meet with the club committee • Monitored by another club coach
- ✓ Required to attend a FA education course
- ✓ Suspended by the club from attending matches
- ✓ Suspended or fined by the County FA
- ✓ Required to leave or be sacked by the club

In addition:

- My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn