

PORTSMOUTH YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE
(Founded 1906)



**CHALLENGE CUPS, INVITATION CUPS
& TROPHY EVENT RULES
SEASON 2026-2027**

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1. Challenge Cups, Invitation Cups & Trophy Events.

- i) Cup competitions and development football trophy events will be governed by the League competition rules where appropriate with the addition of the following:
- ii) All Cup competitions, including development competitions (Football Trophy Events), shall be competed for annually on a knock-out basis by all teams within membership of the League.
- iii) The Competition, including the draw for ties, shall be carried out by the Cup Secretaries and their decision shall be final on all matters, the right of appeal to Hampshire County Football Association being reserved. The Management Committee shall determine which Divisions at each age group enter the PYFL Challenge Cup.
- iv) The configuration, draw and organisation of the playing groups of all development football trophy events will be carried out by the League Divisional Secretaries and their decision shall be final on all matters, the right of appeal to Hampshire County Football Association being reserved.
- v) These competitions shall be open to clubs participating in the League only. Challenge, Invitation and Trophy Event Cups are presented after the relevant Cup Final matches enabling teams to have photographs taken but the Cups are NOT permitted to be taken away from the venue by the teams/Clubs.
- vi) All players shall be registered with the club participating in accordance with League Rule 18A (1). 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 result notification form indicating the playing of an ineligible player, a formal charge letter will be issued under rule 18(M)(i). Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such a manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate. The sanction to be considered in respect of this charge, is a maximum fine of £100 and removal from the competition.
- vii) Entrance Fee shall be £5.00 per team.
- viii) The first named club in the draw for any round except the final shall be the home club and assume responsibility as such.
- ix) The League shall be responsible for staging the finals only.
- x) Should 2 Clubs with similar colours be drawn against each other, in the final tie, **both** clubs shall change unless by mutual consent.
- xi) H.F.A. Ltd Rule 22 will apply to all cup competitions.
- xii) 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 accepted) a formal charge letter will be issued. Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such a manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate. The sanction to be considered in respect of this charge, is a maximum fine of £100 and removal 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.
- xiii) In the event that a fixture is cancelled due to the weather, then it shall be played on the following Sunday (the finals accepted, 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.
- xiv) 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.

- xv) **ALL** other League rules shall apply, including the reporting of results by **BOTH** Clubs and the completion of team sheets.
- xvi) In the event of an infringement of the rules the decision of the Management Committee shall be final and binding, the right of appeal to Hampshire County Football Association being reserved. All competition rules detailed within SCORY refer to these competitions except where specific Cup competition rules apply.
- xvii) If a player is sent off in the final of any Challenge Cup, Invitation Cup or Trophy Event, the player **MUST** immediately leave the field of play (and return to spectator area) and although they will receive a medal/trophy, they **will not** be permitted to be awarded this with the rest of the team at the end of the game.

2.) Challenge Cups

- a) U13 Trumans Challenge Cup, U14 Memorial Challenge Cup, U15 Vernon Stokes Challenge Cup, U16 Arthur Hughes Memorial Challenge Cup, U18 Challenge Cup.
- b) To qualify to play in the Semi Final or Final, the player **must** have completed one of the following;
- (i) Must have played a previous round in the same competition in the current season.
- (ii) Played in a minimum of 3 sanctioned competitive matches for that team in the current season. This could include a Hampshire Cup /Local Association Cup match as long as a copy of the result card for the match is received.
- iii) The teams in each Challenge Cup final will be required to complete and return the team sheet sent by the Cup Secretary to be received at least 7 days before the date of the final, giving the names and shirt numbers of the players who will be in the match day squad. These players and these alone will be permitted on the field of play (including technical area as subs).
- iv) The League will permit injured squad players (not wearing playing kit) to sit in the technical area as long as the maximum number of a match day squad is not exceeded:
U12 & U13 - maximum match day squad; 14 (9v9 plus 5 subs)
U14 - U18 - maximum match day squad; 16 (11v11 plus 5 subs)

The duration of matches shall be as follows:

- U12 Challenge Cup 30 minutes each way
- U13 Truman Challenge Cup 30 minutes each way
- U14 Memorial Cup 35 minutes each way
- U15 Vernon Stokes Challenge Cup 35 minutes each way
- U16 Arthur Hughes Memorial Challenge Cup 40 minutes each way
- U18 Challenge Cup 45 minutes each way

In the event of a tie at the end of normal time, then penalty kicks will be taken:

- The kicks taken alternatively by the teams.
- If, before both teams have taken 5 kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete its 5 kicks, no more kicks are taken.
- If, after both teams have taken 5 kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

3.) Invitation Cups

U12 Solent Cup, U13 Geldard Cup, U14 Stuart Madigan Cup, U15 Campbell McFaul Cup, U16 GEC Marconi 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, 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.

In the event that the scores are level after the duration of normal time, records will show the Cup as being shared.

4.) Football Trophy Events

Teams will compete in the following: U8, U9, U10 or U11 Victory Cup or Warrior Cup competitions. Any team losing in the first round of these Cup games will enter Victory Plate or Warrior Plate competitions. All further fixtures in any of the aforementioned competitions are on a knock-out basis.

The duration of matches shall be as follows:

U8 & U9 - 20 minutes each way

U10 & U11 - 25 minutes each way

Power Play is NOT to be used in Trophy Event fixtures.

- In Football Trophy Events, in the event of a tie at the end of normal time, then penalty kicks will be taken: •
- The kicks taken alternatively by the teams.
- If, before both teams have taken 3 kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete its 3 kicks, no more kicks are taken.
- If, after both teams have taken 3 kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS

All teams may enter the Hampshire County Cup Competition. This League will only permit their Member teams to play in their parent County FA, County Cup Competitions. If a Club wishes to enter teams to play in another County FAs County Cup, then the Club needs to apply in writing to the League Management Committee (before 15th June). County Cup fixtures take precedence over all League and Challenge Cup fixtures.



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