

CUP COMPETITION RULES

1. The League shall hold all cup competitions annually.
2. There shall be a Divisional Knockout Cup for each division, a Subsidiary Cup (if held) and the Godfrey Wild Knockout Trophy. It may be necessary to amend the arrangements for the holding of these competitions due to bad weather and other factors.
3. All teams shall enter the Divisional Cup if held in their respective division.
4. All teams from all divisions shall enter the Godfrey Wild Knockout Trophy.
5. All teams eliminated in the first round proper of the Godfrey Wild Knockout Trophy shall enter the Subsidiary Cup (if held).
6. In the event of the Godfrey Wild Knockout Trophy, a Divisional or Subsidiary Cup competition being level after 90 minutes play, then extra time of 15 minutes each way shall be played. Should the scores still be level then the tie is to be decided by a penalty shoot out in accordance with Football Association rules. (the best of five, followed by alternate penalties) In the semi-finals of these competitions, should the scores be level after extra time, then the game shall be replayed and then decided on penalties should the scores be level after extra time.
7. In the event of a Cup Final, in respect of any of the Cup Competitions, being level after 90 minutes play, then extra time is to be played and if the scores are still level, then the tie shall be decided on a penalty shoot out in accordance with the Football Association Rules.
8. Any Club failing to appear, or to have kicked-off, or refusing to play the Club, against which it is drawn, upon the date fixed for the match to be so played, and not having received approval of the League Management Committee may be adjudged to have lost the match and be liable to be dealt with.
9. The competing team members shall be bona-fide members of their respective Clubs. The players in each team may be changed but no player shall be allowed to play for more than one team in the same Cup Competition in any one season. For the purpose of this rule, the Divisional Knockout Cups shall be regarded as one and the same competition as shall the Subsidiary Cup and the Godfrey Wild Knockout Trophy. In order to participate in any cup competition semi-final or final tie each player must have competed in two or more previous League fixtures during the same season with that team.
10. In the case of drawn, replayed or postponed matches, only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible on the date fixed for the original match.
11. The duration of play for all cup competition matches shall be the same as that of League matches. (See appropriate League Rule)
12. Any team causing the game to be abandoned, or playing an ineligible player, will be struck out of the competition and subjected to disciplinary action by the League Management Committee. The game will automatically be awarded to their opponents, or points expunged, according to the arrangements for the competition in that one year.

13. In all cup ties, up to the semi-final ties, the competing Clubs shall share the referees fee. In semi-final ties the competing Clubs shall share expenses. The team drawn out first shall be responsible for the provision of nets, corner flags and match balls. In the event of the Clubs not being able to agree on the venue for the playing of a semi-final tie then the League Management Committee shall decide.
The League shall be responsible for all expenses in respect of Cup Finals.
14. Should there be a colour clash in a semi-final tie, then the team drawn out second will change.
15. Should there be a colour clash in a final tie then ,unless the two teams can agree between themselves, both teams will change to colours that do not clash.
16. All Cup Competition trophies must be returned to the League Treasurer, by the March meeting of Clubs of the year following the competition, otherwise, the offending Club will be fined a minimum of £11.
17. No Club may enter any Cup Competition, other than a County F.A. Cup Competition, outside the League without first having obtained the permission of the League Management Committee.

BYELAWS AFFECTING THE CHESHIRE AND MANCHESTER SUNDAY LEAGUE TO BE READ IN ADDITION TO THE APPROVED STANDARD CODE OF RULES.

1. PLAYERS REGISTRATION FORMS

Duplicate copies of the registration forms, containing a photograph, duly endorsed by the Players Registration Secretary, shall be available for inspection on the day of the fixture, by the match official and the opposing Club Secretary, if requested.

Failure to accede to such request, and the matter having been brought to the attention of the League Management Committee, will result in appropriate action being taken, and, in the event of Cup fixtures may result in expulsion from the competition.

2. UNDESIRABLE CONDUCT

Any player or official, proven guilty of undesirable conduct by a County F.A. Commission shall appear before the League Management Committee, if, in the opinion of the Player's Registrations and Disciplinary Secretary such conduct merits this, and the Management Committee shall determine on that player's or official's future with the League.

Failure by a player or official to attend, when summoned, will result in a fine of £5 being imposed and the player or official being suspended from all League competitions until he appears.

3. MATCH CARD

In the event of a match card not being received by the Players Registrations Secretary, then he shall report this fact to the next meeting of the League Management Committee when, following consideration of the relevant mitigating circumstances, the Club may be liable to a fine of not less than £25.

4. KICK OFF

The time of kick-off shall be 11 a.m. throughout the season. Fixtures may be allowed to kick-off in the afternoon or evening, in exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the League Management Committee.

5. COLOURS

The referee is to report any team who fails to turn out in a complete set of individually numbered shirts between 1 and 16 (i.e. 15 of one colour or colours plus goalkeeper). A fine of £3 shall be imposed for each offence and persistent offenders will be dealt with by the League Management Committee.

6. ACCOMMODATION

Clubs using Manchester Corporation pitches shall be responsible for ensuring that such pitches are paid for, in advance, at each monthly meeting, upon the request of the League Treasurer. Clubs using private pitches should ensure that the dressing rooms are kept clean and tidy.

7. REFEREES

The League to have a Referees Performance Marking System.

Any Club giving marks below 40 must send a written explanation to the Referees Secretary. The League Management Committee to have full control of the system used.

Failure by Clubs to comply will result in a fine of £5 being imposed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Any correspondence requiring a response from a League officer must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope. Any correspondence from a League officer requiring a reply must be acknowledged within two days, otherwise a fine of £5 will be imposed.