

LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN & GIRL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP RULES.

CHALLENGE CUP (& TROPHY) RULES

The following rules are an extension of the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League Rules for Challenge Cup fixtures.

NAME OF COMPETITION

1. These Competitions shall be called the
 - a. Under 11 Challenge Cup
 - b. Under 11 Challenge Trophy
 - c. Under 12 Challenge Cup
 - d. Under 12 Challenge Trophy
 - e. Under 13 Challenge Cup
 - f. Under 13 Challenge Trophy
 - g. Under 14 Challenge Cup
 - h. Under 14 Challenge Trophy
 - i. Under 15 Challenge Cup
 - j. Under 15 Challenge Trophy
 - k. Under 16 Challenge Cup
 - l. Under 16 Challenge Trophy
 - m. Under 17 Challenge Cup
 - n. Under 17 Challenge Trophy
 - o. Intermediate Challenge Cup
 - p. Intermediate Challenge Trophy
 - q. Open Age Challenge Cup
 - r. Open Age Challenge Trophy
 - s. U11 Seeding Competition
 - t. U11 Round Robin

ENTRY LIMITED TO LEAGUE CLUBS

2. All matches shall be played and carried out in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Byelaws of the Football Association and Laws of the Game
 - (a) The Challenge Cup shall be open for annual Competition amongst affiliated Clubs that are Members of the Competition. The Entry Fee shall be £10 per Team payable no later than seven days after the August Management Meeting. All teams will be automatically entered into the competition.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3. Dates for each round will be set at the AGM for each playing season. Kick off times will be staggered but fixed by the management committee. Any team unable to field a team will forfeit the entry fee and will be fined as per rule for failing to complete a fixture.

CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

4. The entire control of the Competition shall be in the hands of the Management Committee of the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League competition

GATE RECEIPTS AND PROCEEDS OF COMPETITION

5. In all rounds up to the quarter-final the home club shall be responsible for paying for ground costs and the cost of the match official, when appointed. In the semi-final the cost of the match official/s shall be shared by both teams. The home shall be responsible for paying the ground costs.
6. Only players registered with the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League are eligible to play in any Challenge Cup/Trophy.
 - (a) A player can only play for one team per season. A player who has played in a previous round and has since transferred shall be deemed as cup-tied and will be ineligible to play in any future rounds.

FORMAT

7. The competition will be played on a Group basis followed by a knock-out competition.

- (a) Teams in each group will play each other at least 1 time/s. This will be defined by the competition secretary before the start of the competition. There will be 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a defeat in all games.
- (b) In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points their position shall be decided on: (i) goal difference (ii) goals scored (iii) deciding match/s played under the conditions as laid down by the Management Committee. Unless there are an odd number of groups or groups of varying sizes. In this case a points per game average will be used.
- (c) Teams will play two equal halves as per FA guidelines.
- (d) Progression to the knockout stage of the competition will be group winners, and in some cases the best 2nd place finishers. Unless there are an odd number of groups or groups of varying sizes. In this case a points per game average will be used and best placed finishers will progress.
- (e) In knockout matches where two legs are played the team with the highest aggregate score over the two legs will be declared the winner. (i) Away goals do not count double. (ii) If the aggregate score is tied after the two legs, then winner will be decided with kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with Laws of Association Football.
- (f) Seeding will be based on conditions laid out at AGM by Fixtures Secretary. The higher ranked teams will be entered into the Challenge Cup, and the lower ranked teams will be entered into the Challenge Trophy.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

- 8. Winners/Runners up of the competition events will receive medals/trophies.
- 9. (a) The arrangement of the Final shall be left entirely in the hands of the Management Committee who shall appoint dates, Officials, grounds, take all receipts and pay any expenses not to exceed a sum considered reasonable by the Committee. All Clubs in the Competition shall be liable to make their ground available to the Competition for the purpose of the playing of the Final ties. Referees and Assistant Referees shall receive trophies/mementoes in lieu of a fee plus travelling expenses for the Final.

(b) The net proceeds of the Final of the Competition each year shall be devoted to the funds of the Competition.

DURATION OF GAME AND CLUB COLOURS

- 10. a) All matches shall have a duration of 60 minutes for U12 competitions, 70 minutes for U13 and U14 competitions, 80 minutes for U15 and U16, 90 minutes for U17, U18, Intermediate and Open Age competitions unless shorter time is mutually agreed by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves. 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 referee.

(b) If in the opinion of the Referee two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away team shall change, except in the final, then both teams will change, unless mutually agreed otherwise. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change of colours shall be fined £10. Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from other Players and the Referee.
(c) In all matches Players' shirts shall be clearly numbered or a fine of £5 will be imposed.
(d) Goal nets must be provided in all games.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS AND INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- 11. Only players registered with the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League are eligible to play in any Challenge Cup/Trophy.

A player can only play for one team per season in each competition. A player who has played in a previous round and has since transferred shall be deemed as cup-tied and will be ineligible to play in any future rounds.

(a) No Player shall play for more than one competing Club or Team in the same season. Each individual must have been a registered League Competition Player of the Club or Team for which they happens to compete at least seven clear calendar days previous to the registered date fixed for playing the match, or seven clear calendar days previous to the date on which the match is played whichever is the earlier. A Player having played for a Club or Team in one match of the Competition for which she was qualified, shall unless in the meantime he has been transferred to another Club, shall be entitled to play in any subsequent match in the same Competition for the same Club or Team in the same season. To play in their respective Cup Competitions a player must be registered in accordance with FA rules. In the case of postponed or replayed matches, only those Players shall be allowed to play who were eligible for the first match. A Player who has been suspended may, if otherwise qualified; play in postponed, drawn or replayed ties after the term of his suspension has expired. Only Players who were eligible to play in any round up to and including the semi-finals shall be allowed to play in the final.

(b) Ineligible Player – any Club playing an ineligible Player shall be struck out of the Competition and fined £20 per ineligible Player.

APPOINTMENT AND CHARGES OF REFEREES AND LATE STARTS

- 12. (a) Referees shall be appointed as directed by the Management Committee and in any match prior to the Final each Club shall appoint an efficient Assistant Referee or shall be fined £5.

In cases of emergency the League shall appoint a neutral Referee whom it considers will be suitable to the Clubs concerned. In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. The Referee thus appointed shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.

(b) Officials appointed under this rule shall be entitled to charge fee's as per the League's Competition rules. The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses immediately after the match.

A Referee is entitled to half fee and travelling expenses as above if the match to which they were appointed and attended is not played, but where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, then that Club shall pay the Official(s) if they attend at the ground, full fee and allowed expenses.

(c) Referees/Assistant Referees in this Competition shall wear black or yellow shirts with black shorts and socks. Referees under the age of 18 are permitted to wear purple shirts.

(d) Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time if possible and must report all late starts to the Competition and should advise the captains of his intentions.

(e) Kick off times are to be set by the Home club via full-time/Matchday App no later than 14 days before the date of the fixture.

Kick offs must be between 10:00-14:30 (Youth) 12:30-15:00 (Open Age) for weekend fixtures and 18:00-19:45 for Midweek fixtures.

If the Home club fails to set a kick off time within 14 days of the date of the fixture, then the kick off time will default to 10:30 (Youth) 14:00 (Open Age)

Any changes to kick off times less than 14 days before the date of the fixture must be agreed with the opposition.

Any breaches may result in forfeiture of the fixture

Referees must report in writing exact time of kick-off in cases of late starts and also any cases of matches not started or completed, stating the reason for this within three clear days to the Competition Secretary.

OBJECTIONS AND PROTESTS

13. Any objections relative to the field of play or appurtenances of the game must be lodged in writing with the Referee before the commencement of a match. All protests or objections must be made in duplicate and confirmed in writing to the Secretary of the Competition within three clear days after the match, accompanied by a protest fee of £25 which shall be forfeited if the protest or objection fails.

PROCEDURE FOR DRAWN KNOCKOUT STAGE GAMES

14. If the result of the is fixture is level after full-time, the game will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the instructions in the Football Association Handbook.

NOTICE OF RESULTS

15. (a) The Home Club/both Clubs shall use FA Full Time / FA Matchday as directed by the Competition to notify the result of each Competition Match to the [FIXTURES/REGISTRATION SECRETARY] by [2 HOUR AFTER THE MATCH HAS FINISHED]. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
16. Any Club reaching the semi-final or final stage of the Competition shall not be allowed to withdraw or postpone such match but must play its best available Team. In the event of any Club failing to keep its engagement without making application for postponement or giving a satisfactory explanation to the Management Committee, the match shall go against it by default, and a fine of £50 shall be imposed.

In the event of a drawn knockout game no Club shall be allowed to withdraw except by permission of the Management Committee. Any Club not complying with this rule shall be considered to be guilty of gross misconduct, and in addition to being dealt with by the Management Committee shall be compelled to pay the expenses of their opponents.

Note Any Club failing for any reason to play on the date fixed by the Competition for either the Semi-Final or the Final must be struck out of the Competition.

POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

17. (a) The Management Committee shall have power for breach of Rules or other misconduct to inflict fines upon Clubs, to suspend or expel any Player or Club from taking part in the Competition, and to order matches to be replayed on such terms as they decide.

The Management Committee shall be at full liberty from time to time to appoint and to delegate any of their powers to a Sub – Committee and shall have power to appoint Commissions to inquire into any complaints, claims, appeals protest, or any other matters within the jurisdiction of the Competition and the expenses of such Commission shall be borne by the party to whom the Commission shall deem to have been at fault. Subject to confirmation by the Management Committee, the decisions of the Sub – Committee, or Commission shall be considered final, subject to Rule 20.

- (b) The Management Committee shall review all abandoned matches and in cases where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to any of the Clubs, shall be empowered to order the score to stand at the time of the abandonment to be recorded as the result. In all cases where the Management Committee is satisfied that a game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one Club or its Club Member or Members, they shall be empowered to award the tie to its opponent and/or take what other action they deem necessary. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of both Clubs or their Club Members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd or the appropriate County Football Association.

TROPHY: LEGAL OWNERS CONDITION OF TAKING OVER AGREEMENT TO BE ASSIGNED.

18. (a) A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause, the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provides or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide.

- (b) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:

We, _____ and _____

The Chairman and Secretary of the _____ FC members of and representing the club having been declared the winner of the _____ 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 Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League on or before the February 28th each year or when called by the Management Committee or a fine of £50 shall be imposed.. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged while under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or cost of its thorough repair.

A Cup or Trophy must be returned in the same condition it was presented to the Club or a fine of £50 shall be imposed.

- (c) At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners/runners up if the funds of the Competition permit. Fourteen for the players and substitutes, and one for the Secretary. The presentation of any other mementoes or souvenirs is not allowed unless permission has been previously obtained from the Competition.

PRECEDENCE OF OTHER COMPETITIONS

19. The Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Competitions shall take precedence over any fixtures arranged under the rules of this Competition.

BOARD OF APPEAL

20. Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee of the Competition, a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd including a fee as per fees set in the Lincolnshire Football Association handbook for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the cost of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

21. Each Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee subject to Rule 20.
22. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 Substitute Players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 Players.

The Referee shall be informed of the names of the Substitutes before the start of the game.

SUBSTITUTES

23. 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.

A player who has been substituted then becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

FINES

24. All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification. Failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such times as the outstanding payments are settled.

SCHEDULE A – these fines are in association with and an extension of the Lincolnshire Women & Girl’s Football League SCOR & SCOR-Y fines tariff.

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
2 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£10 per competition
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	U8-10 - £120 U11-U14 - £20 U15-16 - £22 U17-18 £22 Open Age - £28 plus 35p per mile expenses
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	£15 plus 35p per mile expenses

FINES TARIFF		
SCOR RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	N/A
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£20
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£20
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£20
5 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£25
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	Fine Doubled
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£50
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£100
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£10
18 (N)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£40 per player
18 (O)(i)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£10
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£1 per shirt up to a maximum of £20
19	DELAYING KICK OFF TO DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£20
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£20
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£25
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£10 per player
20 (E) (i) & (iii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£50
20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN’S ARMBAND	N/A
21 (A) & 21 (C)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£10
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£10
21(D)	PUBLISHING RESULTS/GRADING TABLES FOR FIXTURES INVOLVING U7S, U8S, U9S, U10S OR U11S	£100
23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£20
23 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS’ FEES AND EXPENSES	£30
23 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£15
23 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE’S MARK	£10

KNOCKOUT CUP COMPETITION RULES

The following rules are an extension of the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League Rules for Challenge Cup fixtures.

NAME OF COMPETITION

1. These Competition shall be called the:
 - A. Under 11 League Cup (North/South)
 - B. Under 12 League Cup (North/South)
 - C. Under 13 League Cup (North/South)
 - D. Under 14 League Cup (North/South)
 - E. Under 15 League Cup (North/South)
 - F. Under 16 League Cup (North/South)
 - G. Intermediate League Cup (North/South)
 - H. Open Age League Cup (North/South)

And shall be conducted on the knock-out system. All matches shall be played and carried out in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Byelaws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game.

ENTRY LIMITED TO LEAGUE CLUBS

2. (a) The Cup/Trophy shall be open for annual Competition amongst affiliated Clubs that are Members of the Competition stated in Rule 1 as the Management Committee may from time to time decide

(b) The Entry Fee shall be £10 per Team payable no later than seven days after the August Management Meeting.
All teams will be automatically entered into the competition.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3. (a) The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the same time and place as the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League Competition Annual General Meeting.

(b) The Officers of the Competition shall be the same as those elected at the Annual General meeting of the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League Competition.

(c) Any suggested alterations to these rules may be made but they must have been submitted in writing to the Competition Secretary before 1st May in each year and signed by the Chair and Secretary of the Club proposing such alterations.

(d) Any alterations or additions decided upon shall not become operative until the approval of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall have been obtained.

CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

4. The entire control of the Competition shall be in the hands of the Management Committee of the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League competition

GATE RECEIPTS AND PROCEEDS OF COMPETITION

5. In all rounds up to the quarter-final the home club shall be responsible for paying for ground costs and the cost of the match official, when appointed. In the semi-final the cost of the match official/s shall be shared by both teams. The home shall be responsible for paying the ground costs.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

6. (a) The arrangement of the Final shall be left entirely in the hands of the Management Committee who shall appoint dates, Officials, grounds, take all receipts and pay any expenses not to exceed a sum considered reasonable by the Committee.

All Clubs in the Competition shall be liable to make their ground available to the Competition for the purpose of the playing of the Final ties.

Referees and Assistant Referees shall receive trophies/mementoes in lieu of a fee plus travelling expenses for the Final.

- (b) The net proceeds of the Final of the Competition each year shall be devoted to the funds of the Competition.

DURATION OF GAME AND CLUB COLOURS

7. (a) All matches shall have a duration of 60 minutes for U12 competitions, 70 minutes for U13 and U14 competitions, 80 minutes for U15 and U16, 90 minutes for U17, U18, Intermediate and Open Age competitions unless shorter time is mutually agreed by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves. The half time interval shall be of 5 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed 10 minutes the half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(b) If in the opinion of the Referee two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away team shall change, except in the final, then both teams will change, unless mutually agreed otherwise.

Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change of colours shall be fined £10.

Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from other Players and the Referee.

(c) In all matches Players' shirts shall be clearly numbered or a fine of £1 will be imposed.

(d) Goal nets must be provided in all games.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS AND INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

8. (a) No Player shall play for more than one competing Club or Team in the same season. Each individual must have been a registered League Competition Player of the Club or Team for which he happens to compete at least seven clear calendar days previous to the registered date fixed for playing the match, or seven clear calendar days previous to the date on which the match is played whichever is the earlier. A Player having played for a Club or Team in one match of the Competition for which he was qualified, shall unless in the meantime he has been transferred to another Club, shall be entitled to play in any subsequent match in the same Competition for the same Club or Team in the same season.

To play in their respective Cup Competitions a player must be registered in accordance with FA rules.

In the case of postponed or replayed matches, only those Players shall be allowed to play who were eligible for the first match. A Player who has been suspended may, if otherwise qualified; play in postponed, drawn or replayed ties after the term of his suspension has expired. Only Players who were eligible to play in any round up to and including the semi-finals shall be allowed to play in the final.

(b) Ineligible Player – any Club playing an ineligible Player shall be struck out of the Competition and fined £20 per ineligible Player.

APPOINTMENT AND CHARGES OF REFEREES AND LATE STARTS

9. (a) Referees shall be appointed as directed by the Management Committee and in any match prior to the Final each Club shall appoint an efficient Assistant Referee or shall be fined £5.

In cases of emergency the League shall appoint a neutral Referee whom it considers will be suitable to the Clubs concerned. In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. The Referee thus appointed shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.

(b) Officials appointed under this rule shall be entitled to charge fee's as per the League's Competition rules.

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses immediately after the match.

A Referee is entitled to full fee and travelling expenses as above if the match to which they were appointed and attended is not played, but where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, then that Club shall pay the Official(s) if they attend at the ground, full fee and allowed expenses.

(c) Referees/Assistant Referees in this Competition shall wear black uniforms. Referees under the age of 18 shall wear purple shirts.

(d) Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time if possible and must report all late starts to the Competition and should advise the captains of his intentions.

(e) The Management Committee shall fix the time of kick-off for each match. Any Club turning out later than the specified time, failing satisfactory explanation being given shall be fined according to the severity of the offence. In the event of any late start preventing the completion of any match, the defaulting Club shall be liable to forfeit the match.

Referees must report in writing exact time of kick-off in cases of late starts and also any cases of matches not started or completed, stating the reason for this within three clear days to the Competition Secretary.

OBJECTIONS AND PROTESTS

10. Any objections relative to the field of play or appurtenances of the game must be lodged in writing with the Referee before the commencement of a match. All protests or objections must be made in duplicate and confirmed in writing to the Secretary of the Competition within three clear days after the match, accompanied by a protest fee of £25 which shall be forfeited if the protest or objection fails.

ARRANGEMENTS AND REGISTRATION OF ROUNDS

11. (a) Dates shall be appointed by the Management Committee for each round at the Annual General Meeting, and immediately furnished to the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd, and all matches must be decided on or before the dates so chosen, unless the special permission of the Management Committee be obtained for an extension of time. Clubs first drawn in the ballot shall have choice of ground.

(b) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control it shall, subject to Rule 15(b) be replayed in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee, but failing such agreement the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on or before a named date.

NOTICE OF RESULTS

12. (A) The registration Secretary must receive within 3 days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20 or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.
(B) Both Club shall electronically notify the result of each match to the fixture secretary before midnight on the date of the match. Clubs failing to comply shall be fined £20 for each offence.
13. Any Club reaching the semi-final or final stage of the Competition shall not be allowed to withdraw or postpone such match but must play its best available Team. In the event of any Club failing to keep its engagement without making application for postponement or giving a satisfactory explanation to the Management Committee, the match shall go against it by default, and a fine of £50 shall be imposed.

In the event of a drawn game no Club shall be allowed to withdraw except by permission of the Management Committee. Any Club not complying with this rule shall be considered to be guilty of gross misconduct, and in addition to being dealt with by the Management Committee shall be compelled to pay the expenses of their opponents.

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PROCEDURE FOR DRAWN GAMES

14. If the result of the fixture is level after full-time, the game will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the instructions in the Football Association Handbook.

POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

15. (a) The Management Committee shall have power for breach of Rules or other misconduct to inflict fines upon Clubs, to suspend or expel any Player or Club from taking part in the Competition, and to order matches to be replayed on such terms as they decide.

The Management Committee shall be at full liberty from time to time to appoint and to delegate any of their powers to a Sub – Committee and shall have power to appoint Commissions to inquire into any complaints, claims, appeals protest, or any other matters within the jurisdiction of the Competition and the expenses of such Commission shall be borne by the party to whom the Commission shall deem to have been at fault. Subject to confirmation by the Management Committee, the decisions of the Sub – Committee, or Commission shall be considered final, subject to Rule 20.

(b) The Management Committee shall review all abandoned matches and in cases where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to any of the Clubs, shall be empowered to order the score to stand at the time of the abandonment to be recorded as the result. In all cases where the Management Committee is satisfied that a game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one Club or its Club Member or Members, they shall be empowered to award the tie to its opponent and/or take what other action they deem necessary. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of both Clubs or their Club Members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd or the appropriate County Football Association.

TROPHY: LEGAL OWNERS CONDITION OF TAKING OVER AGREEMENT TO BE ASSIGNED.

16. (a) A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause, the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provides or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide.

(b) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:

We, A _____ and B _____
The Chairman and Secretary of the _____ FC members of and representing the club having been declared the winner of the _____ 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 Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League on or before the February 28th each year or when called by the Management Committee or a fine of £50 shall be imposed. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged while under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or cost of its thorough repair.
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17. The Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Competitions shall take precedence over any fixtures arranged under the rules of this Competition.

BOARD OF APPEAL

18. Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee of the Competition, a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd including a fee as per fees set in the Lincolnshire Football Association handbook for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the cost of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.

CLUBS ENTERING OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS

19. A Club having been granted permission by the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd to enter any Competition outside of the County is not allowed to postpone or cancel any match within the jurisdiction of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd without their permission.

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

20. Each Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee subject to Rule 18.

SUBSTITUTES

21. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 Substitute Players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 Players.

The Referee shall be informed of the names of the Substitutes before the start of the game.

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.

A player who has been substituted then becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

FINES

22. All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification. Failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such times as the outstanding payments are settled.

SCHEDULE A – these fines are in association with and an extension of the Lincolnshire Women & Girl’s Football League SCOR & SCOR-Y fines tariff.

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
2 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£10 per competition
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	U8-10 - £12 U11-U14 - £20 U15-16 - £22 U17-18 £22 Open Age - £28 plus 35p per mile
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	£15 plus 35p per mile expenses

FINES TARIFF		
SCOR RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	N/A
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£20
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£20
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£20
5 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£25
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	Fine Doubled
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£50
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£100
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£10
18 (N)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£40 per player
18 (O)(i)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£10
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£1 per shirt up to a maximum of £20
19	DELAYING KICK OFF TO DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£20
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£20
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£25
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£10 per player
20 (E) (i) & (iii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£50
20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN’S ARMBAND	N/A
21 (A) & 21 (C)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£10
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£10
21(D)	PUBLISHING RESULTS/GRADING TABLES FOR FIXTURES INVOLVING U7S, U8S, U9S, U10S OR U11S	£100
23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£20
23 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS’ FEES AND EXPENSES	£30
23 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£15
23 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE’S MARK	£10

FESTIVAL RULES

The following rules are an extension of the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League Rules for Festival fixtures.

1. All matches shall be played and carried out in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game
 - a) The Festivals shall be open for annual Competition amongst affiliated Clubs that are Members of the Competition
 - b) The Entry Fee shall be £25 per Team. Any team withdrawing from the competition after having accepted the invitation for entry will forfeit its entry fee, unless otherwise directed by the Management Committee.
2. Only players registered with the Lincolnshire Women & Girl's Football League are eligible to play in any festival.
 - a) A player can only play for one team per festival.
 - b) A player can only play for the team they have registered for in the Lincolnshire Women & Girl's Football League. Any team playing a player registered for another team may be withdrawn.
3. The competition will be played on a "Festival" League basis for all age groups.
 - a) There will be 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a defeat.
 - b) In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points their position shall be decided on:
 - (i) goal difference (ii) goals scored (iii) deciding match/s played under the conditions as laid down by the Management Committee. If two or more teams are equal on (i) and (ii) for the purpose of championship this will be shared.
 - c) U7/8 teams will play a maximum of 60 minutes per day. U9 teams and above will play a maximum of 90 minutes per day.
 - d) Teams will be split into two equal qualifying groups followed by a knockout competition.
 - e) In knockout matches where the score is equal at the end of full-time matches will be decided by the taking of penalties (3 per team) in accordance with the Laws of Association football.
4. All teams will be responsible for helping to erect/take down goals, respect markings, refereeing and respect officer duties.
5. Match officials (referees) where available will be appointed to matches. £10 is payable on the day to the league official to cover these costs.
6. All games within the group will be played in a round robin style up to a maximum of the FA's guideline hours as per table seen in League Handbook.
7. All games will be played minutes one way.
8. Winners and runners up will receive medals/trophies.
9. An example schedule is available below. Note times will be set per festival based on venue and availability of time.

8 Team Schedule

Quarter Finals

Game 1 - 1st Place Group A Vs 4th Place Group B
Game 2 - 2nd Place Group B Vs 3rd Place Group A
Game 3 - 1st Place Group B Vs 4th Place Group A
Game 4 - 2nd Place Group A Vs 3rd Place Group B

Semi Finals

Winner Game 1 Vs Winner Game 2
Winner Game 3 Vs Winner Game 4

6 Team Schedule

Semi Finals

1st Place Group A Vs 4th Place Group A
2nd Place Group A Vs 3rd Place Group A

Trophy event rules

The following rules are an extension of the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League Rules for Trophy Event fixtures.

1. All matches shall be played and carried out in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game
 - a) The Trophy Events shall be open for annual Competition amongst affiliated Clubs that are Members of the Competition
 - b) The Entry Fee shall be £15 per Team payable no later than seven days after the August Management Meeting. The league may weaver an entry fee for any particular season which shall be agreed by the management committee. All teams will be automatically entered into the competition.
 - c) All ground costs associated with the event will be shared between the participating teams.
 - d) Dates for each round will be set at the AGM for each playing season. Kick off times will be staggered but fixed by the management committee. Any team unable to field a team will forfeit the entry fee and will be fined as per rule for failing to complete a fixture.
2. Only players registered with the Lincolnshire Women & Girls Football League are eligible to play in any trophy event.
 - a) A player can only play for one team per season. A player who has played in a previous round and has since transferred shall be deemed as cup-tied and will be ineligible to play in any future rounds.
3. The competition will be played on a "Festival" League basis for all age groups.
 - a) There will be 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a defeat.
 - b) In the event of two or more teams having the same number of points their position shall be decided on:
 - (i) goal difference (ii) goals scored (iii) deciding match/s played under the conditions as laid down by the Management Committee. If two or more teams are equal on (i) and (ii) for the purpose of championship this will be shared.
 - c) U7/8 teams will play a maximum of 60 minutes per day. U9/10 teams and above will play a maximum of 90 minutes per day. U11 teams will play a maximum of 120 minutes.
 - d) The 1st & 2nd place teams from each group will progress into the "Champions League" events, 3rd & 4th place teams will progress into the "Europa League" events, 5th & 6th place teams with progress into the "Conference League" events.
 - e) All teams will play a round robin in both stages with the winner of the second round being declared the winner.
4. All teams will be responsible for helping to erect/take down goals, respect markings, refereeing and respect officer duties.
5. Where match officials (referees) are appointed the cost(s) will be covered by the Management Committee.
6. All games within the group will be played in a round robin style up to a maximum of the FA's guideline hours.
7. All games will be played one way unless the group is made up of 3 teams where games will be played each way.
Winners of the "Champions League", "Europa league", & "Conference League" events will receive medals/trophies.