

QUICKLINE LWGFL HANDBOOK 2026/27

KEY DATES

1. Season Start – 5th September
   Season End (Provisional) – 30th April

2. Silent Support Weekend – 14th & 15h November and 13th & 14th March

2. Cup Finals – 1st, 2nd, 9th, & 10th May @ Bradley Football Centre

3. Presentation Day – 6th June @
   The Drill, Lincoln

4. Festivals – 26th September @Clee Fields, 21st November @Cherry Willingham, 6th February @Broughton, 17th April @Carre's Grammar (TBC)

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QUICKLINE LWGFL RULES 2026/27

LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN & GIRL'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2026/27 SEASON

YOUTH RULES

	1. 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. "**Club Portal**" means the system used by Clubs to affiliate teams as determined by The FA from time to time. "**Competition**" means the [LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN & GIRL'S FOOTBALL] 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, as set out at Schedule A. "**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, as set out at Schedule A. "**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 11s "**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. "**Participant**" shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time. "**Player**" means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club. "**Player Registration System**" means The FA system to register players as determined by The FA from time to time. "**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 [LINCOLNSHIRE] County Football Association Limited. "**Scholarship**" means a Scholarship as defined in The FA rules. "**Season**" means the period of time between an AGM and the subsequent AGM. "**Secretary**" means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition. "**SGM**" means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition. "**Team**" means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules. "**The FA**" means The Football Association Limited. **"Virtual Meetings"** means meetings held electronically. "**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.
1.B	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.
GOVERNANCE RULES	
2. COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION	
2.A	The Competition will be known as [LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN & GIRL'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE] (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). 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.
2.B	This Competition shall consist of not more than [200] Teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority
2.C	The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be [THE COUNTY OF LINCOLNSHIRE & THOSE CLUBS THAT FALL WITHIN 20 MILES OF BORDER].
2.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.
2.E	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 7.
2.F	The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions (the "Standard Code") determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition
2.G	1. All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association. 2. This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding [16]] in number.
2.H	Inclusivity and Non-discrimination **1.** The Competition and each 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). **2.** This Competition and each 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, **3.** Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
2.I	Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, England Football Accredited and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
2.J	All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.
2.K	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 parent County Association Cup 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. A Club must immediately

	inform the Competition of the details of any fixture(s) in any other competition in which the Club has entered, for which written consent of the Management Committee has been obtained
2.L	At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.
3. CLUB NAME	
3	Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
4. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT	
4.A	Applications by clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same club must be made in writing to the Secretary by [31ST MAY] and must be accompanied by an entry fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election but not if the club withdraws its application. At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a SGM or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.
4.B	The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff for each Club/Team (where a Club has more than one Team in membership of the Competition). It shall be payable by a date set by the Management Committee.
4.C	A Deposit of £[40] shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club/Team (where a Club provides more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable on or before [1ST AUGUST] in each year. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
4.D	A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid.
4.E	Clubs must ensure that all its teams participating in the Competition are recorded as affiliated on the Club Portal for the forthcoming Playing Season by the following date [1ST AUGUST]. Clubs must advise the Competition Secretary in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
4.F	N/A
5. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION	
5.A	The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and a minimum of one member (but no more than [12] members), who shall all be elected at the AGM.
5.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 [1ST MAY] in each year. All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than [1ST 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
5.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.
5.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.
5.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.
6. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT	
6.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.

6.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.
6.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 also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee). In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.
6.D	The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified. With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H) and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. 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 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 or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.
6.E	All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.

6.F	50%] of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or 3 for any sub-committee thereof.
6.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.
6.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.
6.I	Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.
6.J	A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or Competition Match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.
6.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 SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season.
6.L	The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile
6.N	The Competition shall not cancel, postpone, or withdraw an entire programme of Competition Matches (e.g. all Competition Matches, or all Competition Matches within a single age group or division, taking place over a single day/week) without prior written approval from the Sanctioning Authority, except in exceptional circumstances of a serious nature (in which event, the Competition must provide notification of cancellation, postponement or withdrawal to the Sanctioning Authority at the same time as affected Teams).
7. PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS	
7.A	1. All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. 2. 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 Competition Match.
7.B	Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within [5] days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition 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 their Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
7.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 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.
7.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. 1. All parties must have received a minimum of 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend. 2. Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response.
7.E	The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.
7.F	An intention to appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 7 days of the Management Committee providing written notification of its decision. A notice of appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 14 days of the Management Committee providing written notification of its decision, accompanied by the relevant fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority. Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.
7.G	No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
8.A	The AGM shall be held not later than [1ST AUGUST] in each year. At this meeting the following business (in the following order) shall be transacted provided that at least [60`%] of members are present and entitled to vote:- 1. To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM. 2. To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts. 3. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies. 4. Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season. 5. Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members. 6. Appointment of auditors. 7. Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14). 8. Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition. 9. Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season. 10. Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM. Clubs currently in membership of the Competition shall be entitled to vote on items 1 to 3 above. Those clubs set to be accepted as Clubs in accordance with item 3 above shall be entitled to attend the AGM, but cannot vote on items 1-3 above. All Clubs (i.e. those Clubs currently in membership of the Competition and those accepted as Clubs in accordance with item 3) shall be entitled to vote on items 4 to 10 above.
8.B	A copy of the duly *audited/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 Rule changes.
8.C	A signed copy of the duly *audited/verified* balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.
8.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 AGM.
8.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 Season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.
8.F	All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands, or count of email or virtual responses (for Virtual Meetings), unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chair so decides.
8.G	No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.
8.H	1. 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. 2. Any club that has submitted a valid application to join the Competition for the forthcoming season must have the opportunity to be put forward for membership and to have a vote taken on their membership application.
8.I	Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a club (See Rule 8.G).
8.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.
9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS	
9.A	Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.
9.B	The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.
9.C	At least seven (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.
9.D	Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.
9.E	Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
9.F	Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs. but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a club (see Rule 9.D).
10. AGREEMENT TO RULES OF THE COMPETITION	
10.A	Membership of the Competition shall constitute an agreement between the Competition and a Club to be bound by and comply with these Rules (including any decision of the Management Committee made pursuant to these Rules).

10.B	Any change of Chair, Secretary or Directors of the Club must be notified to the parent County Football Association to which the Club is sanctioned and to the Secretary of this Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
11. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB	
11.A	Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition must do so at least [7] days before the AGM. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
11.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.
11.C	Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.
12. EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAM. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	
12.A	At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (i) remove a member of the Management Committee from office, (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of 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 member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
12.B	At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, 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.
12.C	Any Officer or member of a Club found guilty of a breach of Rule, other than field offences, shall be liable to 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/or (B) of this Rule.
13. TROPHY	
13.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 [ ] cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before [ ]. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair." Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
13.B	At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.
14. ALTERATION TO RULES	
14	Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season, except in exceptional circumstances where approved by Sanctioning Authority and The FA. Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by [1ST MAY] in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by [AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE AGM] and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by [31st MAY]. 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 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 SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.
15. FINANCE	
15.A	The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
15.B	All expenditure in excess of £[1000] shall be approved by the Management Committee.
15.C	The financial year of the Competition will end on [31ST MAY].
15.D	The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited/verified annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.
16. INSURANCE	
16.A	All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.

16.B	All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates. Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
17. DISSOLUTION	
17.A	Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.
17.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.
17.C	The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows: 1. 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 Authority. 2. 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 Authority may decide.
MATCH RELATED RULES	
18. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS	
18.A	A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has: Registered through the FA Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition Any registration that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed and the player classed as unregistered. If a Club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via the Player Registration System the registration will not be processed. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
18.B	1. 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, or Tiers 1-4 of the Women's Pyramid System. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the 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. 1. A Player registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition, except for those in the under 11 age-group and below where consent has been given by the relevant Premier League or EFL (such consent can be withdrawn at any time). Trial players are not considered to be registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy for these purposes and therefore the prohibition on playing in the Competition does not apply to them. The relevant Premier League/EFL Academy remains responsible for managing the frequency of the player's playing time. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with an FA Emerging Talent Centre or an FA Professional Game Academy may play in this Competition subject to the FA Girls' Emerging Talent Centre Operating Criteria and Professional Game Academy Youth Development Rules. 2. Each Team must have the following number of Players registered [14] days before the start of each Playing Season: FORMAT / MINIMUM NUMBER 3v3 / 3 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.
18.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 their 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 their 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, subject to Rule 4(F), along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. For the purposes of this Rule 18(C), provisions relating to playing in specified age groups shall include participating in training as well as playing in matches. 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	3v3	-	15 X 10	-	20 X 15	4 x 2.5	3
7	Under 8	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 9		30 x 20	27.45 x	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	
8	Under 9	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	
9	Under	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under		50 x 30	45.75 x	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
10	Under	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
11	Under	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under		70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	
12	Under	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x	100 x	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7*	5
13	Under	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x	100 x	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7*	5
	Under		90 x 50	82.3 x	100 x	91.44 x 54.9	24 x 8*	
14	Under	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x	100 x	91.44 x 54.9	24x 8*	5
	Under		90 x 50	82.3 x	110 x	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	
15	Under	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x	110 x	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under		100 x 50	91.44 x	130 x	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Under		100 x 50	91.44 x	130 x	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
16	Under	11v11	100 x 50	91.44 x	130 x	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	Under		100 x 50	91.44 x	130 x	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Open		100 x 50	91.44 x	130 x	118.87 91.44	24 8	

* At Under 14 age group, 21x7 is recommended but 24x8 is also permitted.
* At Under 15 age group, 24x8 is recommended but 21x7 is also permitted.

18.D A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered, if applicable.

18.E The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes taking into account the following.

1. A Player shall not be permitted to register for more than one Club subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)3. below.
2. In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club, in the Competition the valid registration submitted first shall take precedence. The Secretary shall notify the Club last

	applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)3. below. 3. A Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club provided that: a. The Team(s) in which the Player plays in are not in the same age group; or b. Except for the purpose of a transfer. And the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C).
18.F	It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Player to:- 1. Play for more than one Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred. 2. Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except if the provisions set out in Rule 18 (E)3. apply, or where the Competition adopts Rule 18.P. 3. Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through the Player Registration System 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.
18.G	1. The Management Committee shall accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rule 18(G)2. and 3. below. 2. 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 7). 3. The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. 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. 4. For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G)3. 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 Rule 18(G)(3) 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.)
18.H	Subject to compliance with FA Rule C, when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) 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 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 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.
18.I	A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after [15TH MARCH] except by special permission of the Management Committee.
18.J	A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of all matches in which those Players have played for the Club , 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 their Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C).
18.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 an Officer of the Club 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 their status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a club in another competition their registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18(B)(1).
18.L	A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played [3] Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.

18.. M	N/A
18.N	1. Subject to Rule 18(N)2., any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition 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. 2. The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N)1. 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. 3. Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(N)1. above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion, order one or more of the following: (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; and/or (b) Deduct points from the record of the Club in default up to a maximum of 3 points; and/or (c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).
18.O	(The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education):- 1. Priority must be given at all times to the activities of schools and school organisations. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. 2. The availability of children must be cleared with their head teacher (except for Sunday league competitions). 3. A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in the relevant 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.
18.P	*1. If a Club wishes to cancel a Player's registration within the Competition, it must make a request via The FA's electronic player registration system giving the reasons for the request. The Competition may either approve or decline the request.* *2. If a Player's registration is cancelled they will not be eligible to play in the Competition for a period of [3] days from the date of cancellation.*
19. CLUB COLOURS	
19	Every Team must register the colour and design of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by [THE AGM] who shall decide as to their suitability. Any Team wishing to change the colour(s) and/or design(s) of its shirt(s) and short(s) during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee in advance of making that change. Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all 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 4 days before the Competition 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 will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Shirts must all be numbered differently, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Names of Youth Players shall not appear on the shirts, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
20. PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES	
20.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, The Mini-Soccer and Youth Futsal Handbook, or, for 9v9 football, The FA's Guide to 9v9 Football. 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 Competition 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 Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Matches on another ground.

Artificial Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches- https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20(C).

Overhead netting is allowed for 5v5 and 7v7 mini soccer if the overhead netting height is at a minimum of 6m. No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 affiliated matches.

Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are ideally removed for affiliated matches but if they cannot be removed then discretion is given to the match official to restart the match in accordance of the laws of the game.

All Competition 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 Competition Match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

Competition 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 quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer)	Maximum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer only)	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 s
Under 7 *Note: 3v3 matches should each last 6-10 minutes with no breaks.*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	60	Development with no troph
Under 8 and Under 9	5	10	10	20	40	60	Development with a maxim trophy events over 2 week p (6 weeks)
Under 10 and Under 11	10	12.5	20	25	60	90	Development with a maxim trophy events over 4 week p (12 weeks)
Under 12 & Under 13	N/A	N/A	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties i one season lo table
Under 14 and Under 15	N/A	N/A	25	35	100	150	Any varieties i one season lo table
Under 16	N/A	N/A	25	40	100	150	Any varieties i one season lo table
Under 17 and Under 18	N/A	N/A	25	45	120	180	Any varieties i one season lo table

	Competition Matches for age groups from U8 to U11 can be played in either quarters or halves. This Competition uses halves. 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. Youth fixtures in this competition are played on Saturdays. However, midweek fixtures may be needed later in the season in the event of unforeseen fixture congestion. 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 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 (18:00 midweek). 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 and a fine in accordance with the fines tariff. . Referees must order Competition Matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition. 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 Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
20.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 Competition 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 Competition Match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).
20.C	An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground time of kick-off and kit colours (including goalkeeper) to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 4 clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. The opposing Club must confirm receipt and give notice of its kit colours (including goalkeeper) at least 3 days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If either is not provided, the relevant 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.
20.D	The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows: FORMAT / MINIMUM NUMBER 3v3 / 2 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.
20.E	1. 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 decide whether it should either:

	a. award the points from the Competition Match in question to the Club's opponent (without the awarding of goals) OR b. order the Competition Match to be rescheduled. The Management Committee shall also have the power to order the rescheduled Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent Club's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances. In addition, the Management Committee may at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate): a. impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), b. deduct points from the defaulting Club, c. order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents. 2. Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match 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. 3. In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should 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 7 days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. 4. The Management Committee shall review all Competition 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 Competition 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 Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Competition Match. 5. The Management Committee shall review any Competition 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 18(N)1. above. Where both Teams were under suspension the Competition Match must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed. 6. If a Competition Match is abandoned, each participating Club~~s~~ must~~,~~ give notice of the abandonment to the Competition by the deadline set out in Rule 21(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff
20.F	A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match. Where a Competition does not allow return substitutes: For Under 11s - Under 18s – a Club may use up to 5 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 Laws of the Game. For Mini-Soccer, with the exception of 3v3 – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to 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. For 3v3 - no substitutions are allowed. In Youth Football only, the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than [20] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match. A Player who has named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.
20.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 referee.
20.H	The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or 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 their teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

20.I	Where a suspension imposed in relation to 1. a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations); or 2. The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children or Regulations for Safeguarding Adults at Risk upon a Club or Team by The FA or Affiliated Association is not lifted, and/or the Club does not provide confirmation from The FA or Affiliated Association that such suspension is lifted to the Competition Secretary by [*Time*] [*1 or 2*] days before a fixture, that fixture will be treated as an unfulfilled fixture and dealt with in accordance with Rule 20(E)(1).
21. REPORTING RESULTS	
21.A	The (Registration/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 23, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
21.B	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.
21.C	The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
21.D	The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under 11s. 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.
22. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP	
22.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 Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points. In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings may be determined by a deciding match or matches played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, or the position shared.
22.B	*N/A*
22.C	*N/A*
22.D	In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before 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. For the purposes of this Rule 22 (D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.
23. MATCH OFFICIALS	
23.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 Authority.
23.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 Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match. Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the Players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the referee, for example a 15 year old referee may only officiate in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.
23.C	Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) being imposed on the defaulting Club.
23.D	The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.
23.E	Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff and travel expenses of [ ] per mile / or inclusive of travel expenses. Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
23.F	In the event of a Competition 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 plus expenses. Where a Competition 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 and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
23.G	A referee not keeping their engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which they are registered.

23.H	Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition 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.
23.I	The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.
23.J	*The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.*
23.K	*Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.*
23.L	*Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.*

SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	N/A
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£60
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	£40
7 (C),	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£20
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£2 per player
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£20
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	U7-U9 - £10 U10-U11 - £14 U12-U13 - £20 U14-U15 - £22 U16-U18 - £25 Plus 35 per mile
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	£15 plus 35p per mile

FINES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
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
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£10
4(E)	ENSURE TEAMS ARE RECORDED AS AFFILIATED IN THE CLUB PORTAL	£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
10	FAILURE TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	N/A
11 (A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£30
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£100
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£10
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£25
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£25
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£25
18 (B)3	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE PLAYING SEASON COMMENCING	£25
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£25
18 (G)2	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£10
18 (N)(1	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£40 per player
18 (O)1	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£40
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00
19	DELAYING KICK OFF TO DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£20
19	YOUTH PLAYERS NAMES APPEARING ON SHIRTS	£50 per game
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	£20
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£10 per player
20 (E) 1 & 3	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£50
20 (E) 6	FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF ABANDONMENT OF MATCH	£10

20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£10
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	£50.00
23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£25
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1. 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. "Club Portal" means the system used by Clubs to affiliate teams as determined by The FA from time to time; "Competition" means the LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN & GIRL'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE (LWGFL). "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, as set out at Schedule A. "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, as set out at Schedule A. "Ground" means the ground on which the Club's Team(s) plays its Competition Matches. "Management Committee" means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company. "Match Officials" means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match. "Non Contract Player" means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment. "Officer" means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions. "Participant" shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time. "Player" means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club. "Player Registration System" means The FA system to register players as determined by The FA from time to time. "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 LINCOLNSHIRE County Football Association Limited].

	"Scholarship" means a Scholarship as defined in The FA rules. "Season" means the period of time between one AGM and the next AGM "Secretary" means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition. "SGM" means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition. "Team" means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules. "The FA" means The Football Association Limited. "Virtual Meetings" means meetings held electronically "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.
1.B	Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and also the other way around.

GOVERNANCE RULES	
2. COMPETITION NAME, CONSTITUTION	
2.A	The Competition will be known as LINCOLNSHIRE WOMEN & GIRL'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). 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 automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.
2.B	This Competition shall consist of not more than 200 Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
2.C	The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be [THE COUNTY OF LINCOLNSHIRE & THOSE CLUBS THAT FALL WITHIN 20 MILES OF BORDER].
2.D	The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.
2.E	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 to them subject to the provisions of Rule 7.
2.F	The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules (the "Standard Code") determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.
2.G	1. All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association. 2. This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, [each not exceeding [16] in number].
2.H	Inclusivity and Non-discrimination: 1. The Competition and each 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 (including those contained in the Equality Act 2010). 2. This Competition and each 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, 3. Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
2.I	Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, England Football Accredited and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

2.J	All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children and Regulations for Safeguarding Adults at Risk as determined by The FA from time to time.
2.K	Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing in the Competition in any other competitions (with the exception of FA and parent County Association Cup 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. A Club must immediately inform the Competition of the details of any fixture(s) in any other competition in which the Club has entered, for which written consent of the Management Committee has been obtained.
2.L	At the AGM or an SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.
2.M	Only one Team from a Club shall be permitted to participate in a single division unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries in which case the Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority. This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, Teams from a Club operating in the same division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than by transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.
3. CLUB NAME	
3.A	Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority following consultation with the Competition. In the event that permission is granted, the Club must advise the Competition Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
4. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT	
4.A	Applications by clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same clubs must be made in writing to the Secretary by [31ST MAY] and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee for each Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election but not if the club withdraws its application. Applications, of which due notice has been given, will be received at the AGM or an SGM if confirmed by a majority of the accredited voting members present. When Rule 22.B is applied or a Team seeks a transfer or, is compulsorily transferred to another division, no Entry Fee shall be payable
4.B	The annual subscription shall be payable, in accordance with the Fees Tariff for each -Team It shall be payable by a date set by the Management Committee.
4.C	In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid (in accordance with the Fees Tariff) by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
4.D	A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and deposit (if required) have been paid.
4.E	Clubs must ensure that all its teams participating in the Competition are recorded as affiliated on the Club Portal for the forthcoming Playing Season by the following date [1ST AUGUST]. Clubs must advise the Competition Secretary in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
5. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION	
5.A	The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and a minimum of one member (but no more than [12] members), who shall all be elected at the AGM.
5.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 [1st May] in each year. All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than [1st 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 for any office by the date stated in the earlier part of this Rule , nominations may be received at the AGM.
5.C	The Management Committee shall meet a minimum of twice a season or as and when required, 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.
5.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.

5.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.
6. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT	
6.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.
6.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 on each Club to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.
6.C	Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote at all such meetings, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly relating to that ~~-~~member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. ~~(~~This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee)
6.D	In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote.
6.E	The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified. With the exception of Rules 6.J, 8.H, and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may: 1. Accept the charge and /or submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee; or 2. Accept the charge and notify the Competition that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or 3. Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee; or 4. Deny the charge and notify the Competition that it wishes to have 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. 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). 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. With the exception of Teams playing at Regional NLS Feeder League of the National League System, the maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence; taking into account any mitigating circumstances. The maximum fine permitted for a breach of a Rule by a Team playing at Regional NLS Feeder League level is £500. No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined. All breaches of the Laws of the Game~~,~~ or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate sanctioning Association.

6.F	All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.
6.G	A minimum of [50%] of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or minimum 3 members for any of its sub-committees
6.H	The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number.
6.I	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.
6.J	Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.
6.K	A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or Competition Match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.
6.L	The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season, subject to the provisions of the National League System Regulations or Women's Football Pyramid Regulations (which shall take precedence if applicable).
6.M	The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.
6.N	The Competition shall not cancel, postpone, or withdraw an entire programme of Competition Matches (e.g. all Competition Matches, or all Competition Matches within a single age group or division, taking place over a single day/week) without prior written approval from the Sanctioning Authority, except in exceptional circumstances of a serious nature (in which event, the Competition must provide notification of cancellation, postponement or withdrawal to the Sanctioning Authority at the same time as affected Teams).
7. PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS	
7.A	1. All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. 2. Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee prior to the commencement of the Match.
7.B	Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within [5] days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition 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 their Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
7.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 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.
7.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 before the protest or complaint being heard. 1. All parties must have received a minimum of 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend. 2. Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response.
7.E	The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.
7.F	An intention to appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 7 days of the Management Committee providing written notification of its decision. A notice of appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority, with a copy sent to the Secretary, within 14 days of the Management Committee providing written notification of its decision, accompanied by the relevant fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority. Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.

7.G	No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct
7.H	All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and in these circumstances may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee. All such protests, claims, complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within 14 days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.
8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
8.A	The AGM shall be held not later than [1st AUGUST] in each year. At this meeting the following business (in the following order) shall be transacted provided that at least [60%] of members are present and entitled to vote:- 1. Confirm-the minutes of the last AGM. 2. Adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts from the previous season or accounting period. 3. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies. 4. Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season. 5. Election of Competition Officers and Management Committee members. 6. Appointment of auditors/verifiers. 7. Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14). 8. Agree the date for the beginning of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition. 9. Agree the date for the end of the Playing Season (save for Regional NLS Feeder League which shall be determined by The FA). 10. Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted by the Chair as being relevant to an AGM. Clubs currently in membership of the Competition shall be entitled to vote on items 1 to 3 above. Those clubs set to be accepted as Clubs in accordance with item 3 above shall be entitled to attend the AGM, but cannot vote on items 1-3 above. All Clubs (i.e. those Clubs currently in membership of the Competition and those accepted as Clubs in accordance with item 3) shall be entitled to vote on items 4 to 10 above.
8.B	A copy of the duly audited/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 Rule changes.
8.C	A signed copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.
8.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 AGM.
8.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 Season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12
8.F	All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands, or count of email or virtual responses (for virtual meetings), unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chair so decides.
8.G	No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.
8.H.	1. 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. 2. Any club that has submitted a valid application to join the Competition for the forthcoming season must have the opportunity to be put forward for membership and to have a vote taken on their membership application.
8.I	Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a club (See Rule 8.G)
8.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.
9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS	

9.A	On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call an SGM.
9B	The Management Committee may call an SGM at any time
9C	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.
9D	Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.
9E	Any Club failing to be represented at an SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
9F	Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a club (See Rule 9.D)
10. AGREEMENT TO RULES OF THE COMPETITION	
10.A	Membership of the Competition shall constitute an agreement between the Competition and a Club to be bound by and comply with these Rules (including any decision of the Management Committee made pursuant to these Rules).
10.B	Any change of Chair, Secretary or Directors of the Club must be notified to the parent County Football Association to which the Club is sanctioned and to the Secretary of this Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
11. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB	
11.A	Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing of such intention by [1st MAY] each season. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22.B. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
11.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.
11.C	Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6.I, in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.
12. EXCLUSION OF CLUBS, TEAMS. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	
12.A	At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (1) remove a member of the Management Committee from office; (2) exclude any Club or Team from membership. both of 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 member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
12.B	At the AGM~~,~~ or at an SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9~~,~~ the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, provided this is 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
12.C	Any Officer or member of a Club found guilty of a breach of Rule, other than field offences, shall be liable to 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 12.A and/or 12.B of this Rule.
13. TROPHY	
13.A	The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the cup or trophy: "We (A) (name) and (B) (name), the Chair and Secretary of [ ] FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of cup or trophy, and the cup or trophy having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before [ ]. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair." Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

13.B	At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.
14. ALTERATION TO RULES	
14.A	Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at an SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season, except in exceptional circumstances and approved by Sanctioning Authority or The FA.
14.B	Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by [1ST MAY] in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by [AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE AGM] and any amendments to these proposals shall be submitted to the Secretary by [AT LEAST 14 DAYS PRIOR TO THE AGM]. The proposals and proposed amendments to these proposals shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote and voting are in favour.
14.C	A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.
15. FINANCE	
15.A	The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
15.B	All expenditure in excess of £[1000] shall be approved by the Management Committee.
15.C	The financial year of the Competition will end on [31st MAY].
15.D	The accounting records or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.
16. INSURANCE	
16.A	All Clubs must have valid Public Liability Insurance cover for a minimum of ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.
16.B	All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' Personal Accident Insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.
16.C	Failure to comply with Rule 16.A or 16.B will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
17.DISSOLUTION	
17.A	Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at an SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.
17.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.
17.C	The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows: 1. 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 Authority. 2. 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 Authority may decide.

MATCH RELATED RULES

18.QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS	
18.A	A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has: Registered through the Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition. Any registration that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed and the player classed as unregistered. If a Club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via-the Player Registration System the registration will not be processed. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
18.B	1. 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. or Tiers 1-4 of the Women Pyramid System. 2. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the 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. 3. Each team must have at least [11] Players registered [14] days before the start of each Playing Season. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. 4. In the event of a Non Contract Player changing their status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, or with a Club in another Competition their registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18.B.1.
18.C	A Player that owes a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) shall be permitted to register for a Club but will be suspended from football activities if the Player does not comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt.
18.D	A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered.
18.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 in the Competition the valid registration submitted first shall take precedence. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.
18.F	It shall be a breach of Rule for a Player to: 1. Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred. 2. Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season except for the purpose of a transfer, or where the Competition adopts rule 18.P 3. Submit a registration through the Player Registration System –that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
18.G	1. The Management Committee shall accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rules 18.G.2, 18.G.3below. 2. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player or may

	fine any Player, at their discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7). 3. The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the Player is registered or intending to be registered with. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition. A Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18.G.3 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 may consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute. (Note: Action under Rule 18.G.3 shall not be taken against a Player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and then only 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.)
18.H	Subject to compliance with FA Rule C when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer notification to the Competition via the Player Registration System a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff [will] be required. 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 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 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.
18.I	A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after [15th MARCH] except by special permission of the Management Committee
18.J	Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.
18.K	A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule (22.A) unless the Player has played [3] Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.
18.L.	A Team shall not include more than [2] Players who has/have played in [2] or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 clear days has elapsed since they last played. 21 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant Player last played and the day when the Player intends to play again. For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is/are [EAST MIDLANDS WOMENS REGIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE OR EQUIVILENT TIER 5/6 COMPETITONS]. Where a Team fields a Player in a Competition Match or Matches in breach of this Rule, the Management Committee may determine that it has fielded an ineligible player and that the provisions of Rule 18.M shall apply.
18.M	1. Subject to Rule 18.M.2 any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition 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). 2. The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18.M.1 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. 3. Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18.M.1 above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion order one or more of the following: 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; and/or

	b) Deduct points from the record of the Club in default up to a maximum of 3 points; and/or c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).
18.N	The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education: 1. Priority must be given at all times to activities of schools and school organisations. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. 2. The availability of children and young people must be cleared with the Head Teachers or Principals (except for Sunday leagues competitions). 3. To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.
18.O	A Player who has played for a Team in the [PREMIER] division [5] times or more shall not in that Playing Season be eligible to play in a lower division except by permission of the Management Committee. Where a Team fields a Player in a Competition Match or Matches in breach of this Rule, the Management Committee may determine that it has fielded an ineligible player and that the provisions of Rule 18.M shall apply.
18.P	If a Club wishes to cancel a Player's registration within the Competition, it must make a request via The FA's electronic player registration system giving the reasons for the request. The Competition may either approve or decline the request. If a Player's registration is cancelled they will not be eligible to re-register in the Competition for a period of [3] days from the date of cancellation
19.CLUB COLOURS	
19.A	Every team must register the colour and design of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by [THE AGM] and the Competition Secretary shall decide as to their suitability.
19.B	Any team wishing to change the colour(s) and/or design(s) of its shirt(s) and short(s) during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Competition Secretary in advance of making that change.
19.C	Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.
19.D	No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.
19.E	Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents of the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeepers jersey) at least [4] days before the Competition Match.
19.F	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 will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
19.G	Shirts must all be numbered and no two shirts shall have the same number, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff
20.PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES	
20.A	All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board. Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All 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 Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Match(es) on another ground. Artificial Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches - https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register. The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20.C. Within Regional NLS Feeder Leagues, all Competition Matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes. All **other** Competition Matches shall have duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than sixty (60) minutes) is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves. Two matches involving the same two Teams can be played on the same day providing the total playing time is not more than 120 minutes. The times of kick-off shall be agreed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs and the Competition. Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition. The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition If not provided. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 affiliated matches Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are removed for all affiliated matches at Regional NLS Feeder League level For those leagues which are not Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are ideally removed for affiliated matches but if they cannot be removed then discretion is given to the match official to restart the match in accordance of the laws of the game.
20.B	Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally agreed 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 Competition match with the consent of the Competition. 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).
20.C	An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground, time of kick-off and kit colours (including goalkeeper) to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least [4] clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. The opposing Club must confirm receipt and give notice of its kit colours (including goalkeeper) at least [3] days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If either is not provided, the relevant 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.
20.D	In accordance with the Laws of the Game, the minimum number of Players which will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is 7. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
20.E	1. Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall decide whether it should either: a. award the points from the Competition Match in question to the Club's opponent (without the awarding of goals) OR b. order the Competition Match to be rescheduled. The Management Committee shall also have the power to order the rescheduled Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent Club's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances. In addition, the Management Committee may at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate):

	a. impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), b. deduct points from the defaulting Club, c. order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents. 2. Any Club with more than one Team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence:- First Team, Reserve Team, Development Team, A Team. 3. Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the Competition and the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. 4. In the event of a Competition Match not being played or being abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Competition Failing such agreement and notification to the ~~(~~Competition within [7] days the Competition shall have the power to order the Match to be played on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition~~.~~ The Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. 5. The Management Committee shall review all Competition 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 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 award the points for the Match to the opponent. In cases where a Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Match. 6. If a Competition Match is abandoned, each participating Club~~s~~ must~~,~~ give notice of the abandonment to the Competition by the deadline set out in Rule 21(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. 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 18.M above. Where both Teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.
20.F	A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match. A Club may name up to [5] substitute Players of whom not more than [5] may be used. A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace a Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game. Where a Competition does allow return substitutes, a –Team may use up to 5 from 5 substitute Players] in a Competition Match. The referee [and a representative of the opposing Club] shall be informed of the names of the Players taking part in the Match (including the substitutes) not later than [20] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match. Where a Team fields a Player in a Competition Match or Matches in breach of this Rule, the Management Committee may determine that it has fielded an ineligible player and that the provisions of Rule 18(M) shall apply. A Player who has been named as a substitute before the start of the Competition Match but does not actually play in that game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.
20.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 referee.
20.H	The Teams taking part in a Competition Match shall identify a Team captain who [must] wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of their teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
20.I	Where a suspension imposed in relation to : 1. a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations); or 2. The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children or Regulations for Safeguarding Adults at Risk

	upon a Club or team by The FA or Affiliated Association is not lifted, and/or the Club does not provide confirmation from The FA or Affiliated Association that such suspension is lifted to the Competition Secretary by [Time] [1 or 2] days before a fixture, that fixture will be treated as an unfulfilled fixture and dealt with in accordance with Rule 20(E).
20. J	Fixtures in this competition are played on Sundays. However, midweek fixtures may be needed in the season in the event of unforeseen fixture congestion. 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 12:30-15:00 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 14:00 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 and a fine in accordance with the fines Tariff.
21.REPORTING RESULTS	
21.A	The Registration/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 23, or any other information required by the Competition]. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
21.B	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 HOURS AFTER THE MATCH HAS FINISHED. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
21.C	The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Team, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
22.DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP	
22.A	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 Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points. In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings shall be determined by the following criteria, in the order of priority in which they appear: (NB: for Regional NLS Feeder Leagues criteria 1 & 2 are mandatory; for all other Competitions they are optional): 1. [Goal difference (where the goals scored against each Team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Team and the Team with the most favourable goal difference shall be placed highest). 2. In the event of two or more Teams being equal, the Team which has scored the most goals during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.] 3. In the event of two or more Teams being equal, the Team that has won the most matches during the Playing Season shall be placed highest. 4. In the event of two or more Teams being equal, the Team which has the better playing record against the other Team in their head-to-head Competition Matches during the Playing Season will be placed highest. 5. One-off fixture or play-off games as determined by the League management committee.
22.B	Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first [1] Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last [1] Teams in each division except as provided for below subject to the provisions of Rule 2.L. 1. Should one or more Teams withdraw from any one division after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of Teams to those withdrawing in that division shall not be automatically relegated. 2. 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); or b. additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the division below; or c. election. 3. Save for where Rule 2(M) applies, when a senior Team is relegated to a lower division of which the reserve (or other less senior) Team of the same Club is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve (or other less senior) Team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower division. Should the senior Team be relegated to the lowest division, the reserve (or other less senior) Team of the same Club automatically retires from the Competition. Should either or both of the leading Teams in any of the divisions have its senior Team in the next higher division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest Team or Teams in the division concerned. 4. Should either or both of the leading Teams in any of the divisions have its senior Team in the next higher division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest Team or Teams in the division concerned.
22.C	N/A

22.D	In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before 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. For the purposes of this Rule 22.D a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.
22.E	Where a promotion and/or relegation link exists between Competitions [LWGFL & ANY TIER5/6] Clubs, providing they meet the appropriate grading criteria, will be eligible to make application to the [ANY TIER5/6] Competition at their AGM. Should the champion Club not wish for promotion or, alternatively, not have the necessary grading criteria, then the [2nd] or [3rd] placed Club will be eligible under the same conditions. At the end of each Season and depending on the geographical location of Clubs gaining promotion to or being relegated from the Competition, it may be necessary for the Competition either (a) to accept a Club from the Competition, or (b) have a Club transferred to the same Competition. The bottom Clubs in the [TIER 5/6] Competition will be relegated. Each relegated Club will be allocated either to the Competition recommended as most appropriate by the Joint Liaison Committee.
23.MATCH OFFICIALS	
23.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 Authority.
23.B	1.In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed referee the appointed senior assistant referee shall take charge and a substitute assistant referee appointed by the competing Teams. 2. 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 Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match.
23.C	Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
23.D	Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: No Club shall postpone a Competition match on account of the apparent state of the ground. In the event that such circumstances prevail, Clubs should comply with procedures provided for in the document published by The FA "Recommended procedure for the guidance of Clubs and Referees in determining the suitability of grounds in adverse weather conditions". Should the ground be declared unfit it is the responsibility of the home Club to immediately advise the Competition, the Appointing Authority, the visiting Club and the Match Officials. For those leagues which are not Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.
23.E	Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff [and travel expenses of 35p] per mile]. Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
23.F	In the event of a Competition 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 plus expenses]. Where a Competition 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 and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
23.G	A referee not keeping their engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which they are registered.
23.H	Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition 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.
23.i	The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to . the Sanctioning Authority.

23.J	The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.
23.K	Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.
23.L	Match Officials shall comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA and/or Sanctioning Authority adopted by the Competition

SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 A	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£N/A
4 B	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£60
4 C	DEPOSIT	£40
7 C,	PROTEST FEES	£20
18 D	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£2 per player
18 H	TRANSFER FEE	£20 per player
23 E	REFEREE FEES	£35 + 35ppm
23 E	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	£22 + 35ppm

FINES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 I	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£50
2 K	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£20
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£20
4 C	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£10
4 E	ENSURE TEAMS ARE RECORDED AS AFFILIATED IN THE CLUB PORTAL	£20
5 E	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25
6 I	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£50
6 J	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	Fine Doubled
8 H	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50
9E	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£50
11 A	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£30
11 B	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£100
13 A	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£10
16 C	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£25
18 A	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£25
18 B 3	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£15
18 F	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£20
18 G 2	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£10
18 L	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£40 per player
18 M	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£40 per player
18 N	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£10
19 F	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£20
19 G	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£5 per shirt
19 G	FAILURE TO HAVE DIFFERENT NUMBER SHIRTS	£5 per shirt
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 1,3 & 4	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£50
20 E.6	FAILURE TO NOTIFY OF ABANDONMENT OF MATCH	£25
20 H	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£10
21 A	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£10
21 B	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£10
21C	RESULT NOTIFICATION NOT SIGNED BY APPROPRIATE SIGNATORIES	£10
23 C	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£20
23 E	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£30
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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
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    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 and formats for each round will be set at the AGM for each playing season.

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

This competition will be played in Group Stage format as detailed below or as a seeded traight knockout. This will be confirmed at the AGM.

7. When the competition is 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 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 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 & U13 competitions, 70 minutes for U14 & U15 competitions, 80 minutes for 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 £1**0** 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 £40 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 £25.

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.

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 is 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	U7-U9 - £10 U10-U11 - £14 U12-U13 - £20 U14-U15 - £22 U16-U18 - £25 Open Age - £35 Plus 35 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	£10
19	DELAYING KICK OFF TO DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£20
19	YOUTH PLAYERS NAMES APPEARING ON SHIRTS	£50 per game
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	£10
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	£50
23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£25
23 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£25
23 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£25

23 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£25

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.

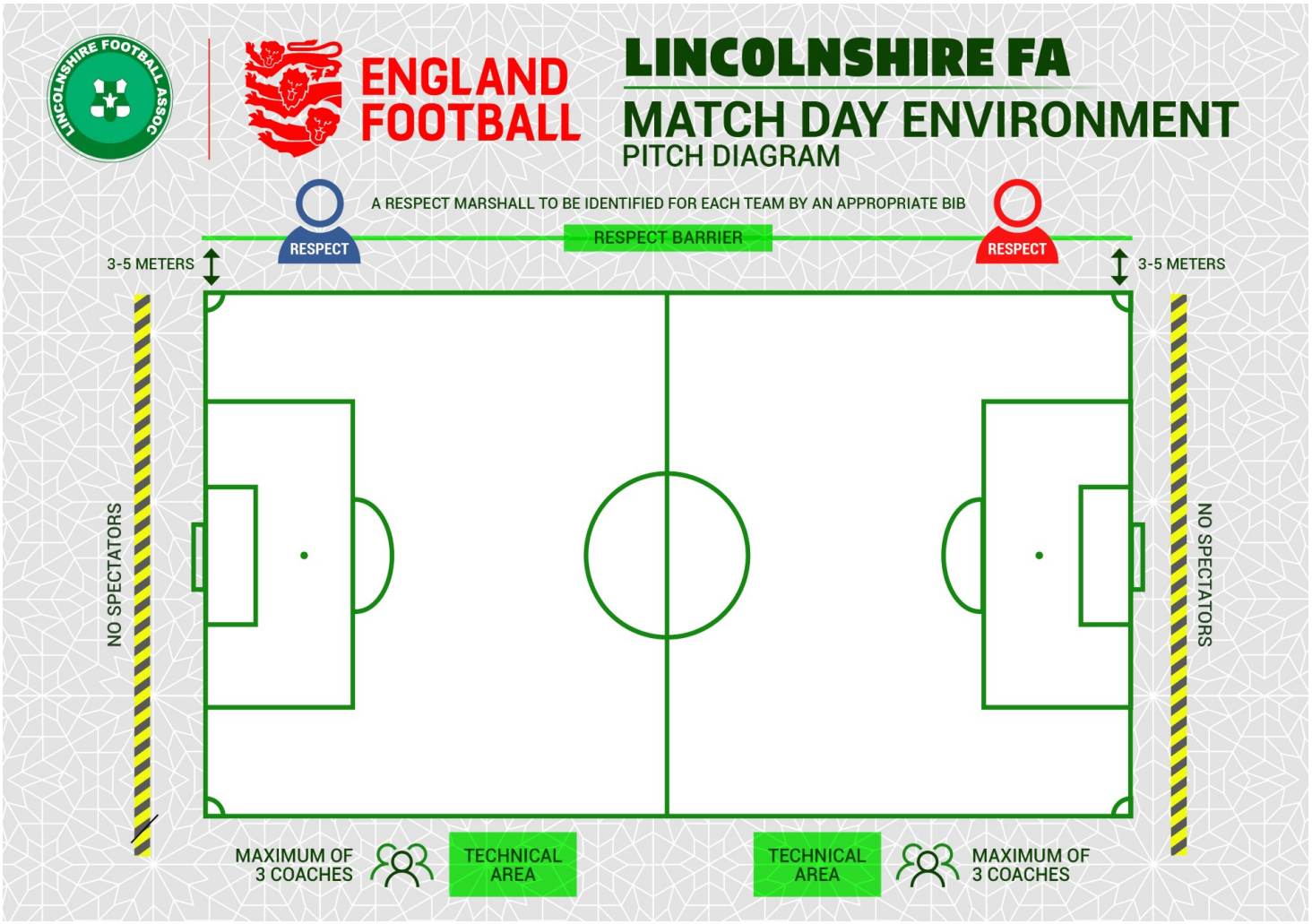
GUIDE TO MARKING FOR REFEREES

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
91-100	The referee was extremely accurate in decision making and very successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play, adding real value to the game.
81-90	The referee was very accurate in decision making and successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play.
71-80	The referee was accurate in decision making and controlled the game well, communicating with the players, making a positive contribution towards fair play.
61-70	The referee was reasonably accurate in decision making, controlled the game quite well and communicated with players, establishing a reasonable degree of fair play.
51-60	The referee had some shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision making and control, with only limited success in communicating with the players resulting in variable fair play.
50 and below	The referee had significant shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision making and control with poor communication with the players which resulted in low levels of fair play

NOTES

- Using a scale of up to 100 allows greater flexibility for clubs to distinguish between different refereeing performances more accurately.
- A mark within each mark range can be given to reflect the referee's performance e.g. a mark of 79 indicates a somewhat better performance than a mark of 71.
- **A mark between 71 and 80 represents the standard of refereeing expected.**
- When a mark of 60 or less is awarded, an explanation must be provided to the League or Competition by completing the appropriate box on the marking form. It must include comments which could help improve the referee's future performances. Even where a referee has significant shortcomings there will have been some positive aspects which should be given credit; extremely low marks (below 20) should be very rare.



POSITIVE MATCH DAY ENVIRONMENT

- A RESPECT BARRIER, A MINIMUM OF 3-5M BACK FROM THE TOUCHLINE AND ALONG THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE TOUCHLINE, SEPARATING THE SPECTATORS FROM THE FIELD OF PLAY.
- SPECTATORS ARE TO STAND BEHIND THE RESPECT BARRIER ONLY AND MUST NOT BE STOOD BEHIND EITHER GOAL DURING THE FIXTURE.
- THE HOME CLUB ARE TO CREATE EITHER A MARKED OR CONED TECHNICAL AREA FOR BOTH SETS OF COACHES, WHICH IS TO BE AT LEAST 2M BACK FROM THE TOUCHLINE AND A MAXIMUM OF 10M WIDE BY 10M IN LENGTH.
- A MAXIMUM OF 3 COACHES WHO ARE LISTED ON THE CLUB PORTAL, ARE PERMITTED TO BE ON ONE SIDE OF THE FIELD OF PLAY WITH PLAYERS/SUBSTITUTES. THESE COACHES ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN IN-DATE FA DBS, SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN QUALIFICATION AND MUST REMAIN IN THEIR TECHNICAL AREA THROUGHOUT THE FIXTURE UNLESS INVITED ONTO THE FIELD OF PLAY BY THE REFEREE TO PROVIDE TREATMENT.
- ANY ADDITIONAL COACHES ARE TO BE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE FIELD OF PLAY WITH THE SPECTATORS BEHIND THE RESPECT BARRIER THROUGHOUT THE FIXTURE.
- A RESPECT MARSHALL MUST BE IDENTIFIED FOR EACH TEAM WHO CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY AN APPROPRIATE BIB.

PARTICIPANTS ENTERING THE FIELD OF PLAY:

- PARTICIPANTS ARE ONLY PERMITTED TO ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY WHERE INVITED TO DO SO BY THE REFEREE TO TREAT AN INJURED PLAYER. PARTICIPANTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER THE FIELD OF

PLAY DURING OR AFTER THE FIXTURE TO CONFRONT THE REFEREE OR CHALLENGE THEIR DECISIONS. SHOULD A PARTICIPANT ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY AND CONFRONT THE REFEREE AND/OR CHALLENGE THEIR DECISIONS, THE REFEREE SHALL ABANDON THE FIXTURE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.

SPECTATORS ENTERING THE FIELD OF PLAY:

- SPECTATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY AT ANY POINT BEFORE DURING OR AFTER THE FIXTURE. SHOULD A SPECTATOR ENTER THE FIELD OF PLAY TO CONFRONT THE REFEREE OR ANY OTHER PARTICIPANT WITHIN THE GAME, THE REFEREE SHALL ABANDON THE FIXTURE WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT.
- FOLLOWING A MATCH BEING ABANDONED OWING TO A PARTICIPANT AND/OR SPECTATOR ENTERING THE FIELD OF PLAY IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED ABOVE, THE REFEREE WILL REPORT THE MATTER TO THE COUNTY FA TO INVESTIGATE.
- *IN ALL CASES WHERE THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ARE SATISFIED THAT A COMPETITION MATCH WAS ABANDONED OWING TO THE CONDUCT OF ONE TEAM OR ITS CLUB MEMBER(S) FOLLOWING A PROVEN MISCONDUCT CHARGE, THEY SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO AWARD THE POINTS FOR THE COMPETITION MATCH TO THE OPPONENT.*