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## **1. NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION (INCLUDING RULES AND REGULATIONS)**

(A) This Competition shall be designated The Southampton and District Tyro League and known as The Southampton & District Tyro League and shall consist of not more than 120 Clubs who shall all be Full Member Clubs.

All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to an affiliated County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form "D" to the Hampshire Football Association Limited. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be the Southampton area as designated by Hampshire Football Association Limited.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Hampshire Football Association Limited and the constituent teams of Member Clubs shall be grouped firstly by age (under 11, under 12, under 13, under 14, under 15) and secondly in divisions.

Member Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of F.A. and County F.A. Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee of the Competition.

The competition will provide 11-a-side football for players who have attained the age of 10 as at midnight 31<sup>st</sup> August in a playing season.

## **2. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT**

(A) Applications by Clubs for admission of their teams to this Competition must be made in writing to the Competition Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £ 10.00 which shall be returned in the event of non-admission. The application will include confirmation that a member of the club will be qualified in First Aid, to a standard at least equal to the F.A. Emergency Aid Course, and that such a member will be in attendance at each match played by that club.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be £ 40.00 per team. Applications must be made, in writing, on the designated form to the appropriate Age Group Sub-Committee Secretary no later than 31 May, the application will include details of the designated person within the Club responsible for Child Protection.

(C) Each Club shall, within 10 days of receipt of confirmation that their application has been accepted, pay a deposit of £ 50.00, which shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided that they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit has been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Competition Secretary in writing by 15 August of its County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, together with the name of the Club's Child Protection Officer. Clubs must advise the Competition Secretary in writing, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

(F) Each team must submit a minimum of 9 Official Player Registration Forms by 1 August. Teams failing to comply will only be admitted at the sole discretion of the relevant Age Group Section Committee. Teams that have their application rejected for failure to submit the minimum number of official player registration forms by the due date will forfeit their Annual Subscription



### **3. OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Competition shall be the Chairman/President, Vice-Chairman/President, Treasurer, Secretary, Minutes Secretary' and Child Protection Officer to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

The Referee Appointments Secretary / Co-Ordinator for Youth Football shall be permitted to attend and speak at all Meetings of the Management Committee or Age Group Sections, but will not be able to vote in any circumstances.

(N.B. Auditors, The Referee Appointments Secretary / Co-Ordinator for Youth Football, and Honorary Life Vice Presidents are not Officers).

### **4. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION**

(A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee (The Tyro Council) comprised of the Officers of the Competition and representatives of each Age Group Sub-Committee ( under 11, under 12/13 and under 14/15 ). Each Age Group Sub-Committee shall comprise Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Registration Secretary, Fixtures Secretary and Minutes Secretary, all of whom shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the relevant Age Group.

(B) Retiring Competition Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Competition Officers shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, or by two current Age Group Sub-Committee Members or two current Competition Officers or any combination of these two not later than 1 April in each year. Candidates for election as Age Group Sub-Committee Members shall be nominated to the Age Group Sub-Committee Secretary by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs of that Section, or by two current Age Group Sub-Committee Members of that Section or any combination of these two not later than 1 April in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the relevant Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any position, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

The Management Committee may elect Honorary Life Vice Presidents in recognition of their service to Youth Football or to the Southampton & District Tyro League. Nominations may be made in writing to the Competition Secretary by the Secretary of any Member Club, Competition Officer or Age Group Sub-Committee Member by 1 April for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of the Competition.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet monthly to deal with business as it arises. Each Age Group Sub-Committee must be represented by a minimum of one member.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the Competition Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Competition Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through its Secretary.



## 5. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

(A) The Management Committee shall appoint such other sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary to such committees.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Hampshire County Football Association 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. (See Rule 6(e)).

(C) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend all Management Committee Meetings. Each Officer of the Competition shall have one vote and each Age Group Sub-Committee up to 3 votes to be cast individually, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club so represented. (This shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman/President shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules. Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Official or Player alleged to be in breach of a Competition Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before the Management Committee. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules.

The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse admission to the League of any Club, or Team from within a Club, or refuse the Registration of any Player(s) or Club Official(s) together with the power to discipline and invoke such penalties or fines as they think fit, either directly or through the Age Group Sub-Committees, including the expulsion of any Club or Team or Player from the Competition, for breach of any Rule.

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal in accordance with Rule 16.

Decisions of the Management Committee or Age Group Sub-Committees must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.

(F) Five members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee, provided that a member of each Age Group Sub-Committee and at least one Officer of the Competition are present, and a simple majority of members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by Age Group Sub-Committees or any other sub-committee of the Competition.

(G) The Management Committee or any sub-committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.

(H) A Club having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee or Age Group Sub-Committee, or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition shall be liable to be fined or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee/ Age Group Sub-Committee.



(I) All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification.

Clubs, Officials or individuals committing a breach of this Rule will incur such penalties as the Management Committee / Age Group Sub-Committee may impose.

(J) An Officer appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(K) The Management Committee or The Age Group Sub-Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

## 6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.1 (A) The Annual General Meetings of the Age Group Section shall be held not later than 31 May in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that notice has been advised to all members entitled to attend and vote:-

- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) To consider any business arising therefrom.
- (iii) To receive and adopt the Age Group Section Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- (iv) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- (v) Election of Age Group Sub-Committee Members.
- (vi) Appointment of Auditors.
- (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
- (viii) Fix the date for the commencement and conclusion of playing season.
- (ix) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

(B) A copy of the duly audited Age Group Section Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be made available at the Meeting to each Club entitled to attend.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited Age Group Section Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Competition Treasurer within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Age group Section during the 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.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

(G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Full Member Club.



(H) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the relevant Age Group Section Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined at the discretion of the Age Group Sub Committee.

(I) Age Group Sub-Committee Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Age Group Section Annual General Meeting.

6.2 (A) The Annual General Meeting of the Competition shall be held not later than 30 June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that notice has been advised to all members entitled to attend and vote:-

- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) To consider any business arising therefrom.
- (iii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- (iv) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- (v) Election of Competition Officers, Honorary Life Vice Presidents and delegates to Hampshire Football Association and Southampton Football Association.
- (vi) Appointment of Auditors.
- (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
- (viii) Confirm the date for the commencement and conclusion of playing season.
- (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

(B) A copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be made available at the Meeting to all attendees.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Hampshire County Football Association within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each Competition Officer and Age Group Sub-Committee Member shall be empowered to attend the Competition Annual General Meeting. Each attendee shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the attendees qualified to vote or the Chairman/President so decides.



## 7. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, A, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) and  
B \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (Secretary) of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Youth Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Southampton & District Tyro League and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if accepted into Membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16."

Any alteration of the Chairman and /or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition and to the Age Group Sub-Committee Secretary of each section in which the Club has a team.

(Note: The spaces above are intended for the inclusion of the signatures and addresses of officers and members).

## 8. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(A) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are permitted in this Competition. No player registered with a F.A. Premier League or Football League Academy will be permitted to play in this competition. A Player registered with a Centre of Excellence may only play in this Competition subject to the Regulations of the Programme for Excellence.

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

Signed a single fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink to play for one team within the Club, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the relevant Age Group Section Registration Secretary 7 days prior to playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate any known serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the players parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the Club or Competition.

The Qualifying Dates for the Competition shall be as follows:

The player must have attained the age of 10 by midnight 31 August in the playing season

Under 11 - the player must be under the age of 11 as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the playing season.

Under 12 - the player must be under the age of 12 as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the playing season.

Under 13 - the player must be under the age of 13 as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the playing season.

Under 14 - the player must be under the age of 14 as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the playing season.

Under 15 - the player must be under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the playing season.



In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player under the age of 14 as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in the playing season must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

(The above qualification dates are subject to the provisions contained in FA Rule C.4 (a)(v)).

In accordance with Rule 2.(F) each team must submit a minimum of 9 Official Player Registration Forms by 1 August. Clubs failing to comply will only be admitted at the sole discretion of the relevant Age Group Section Committee. Clubs that have their application rejected for failure to submit the minimum number of official player registration forms by the due date will forfeit their annual subscription.

(C) Not applicable, intentionally left blank.

(D) A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played.

(E) The competition entry fee entitles each team to 15 player registration forms. Additional Player Registration Forms, required for whatever reason, may be obtained from the relevant Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary on prepayment of 50p per form. Teams are limited to a maximum of 15 registered players at any particular time during the season.

(F) The Age Group Sub-Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

In the event of a player signing a registration form for more than one Club, the Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(G) It shall be deemed misconduct for a player to:-

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

(H) Intentionally left blank.

(I)

(i) The Management Committee, through the Age Group Sub-Committee, shall have power to accept the registration of any player.

(ii) The Management Committee, through the Age Group Sub-Committee, shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee, through the Age Group Sub-Committee, shall have power to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct. (Subject to



Rule 16). Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in the competition.

(iv) The Age Group Sub-Committee shall have the power to investigate any player registration cancellation. The player registration cancellation form must be completed by the players parent/guardian and must include the reason for the cancellation, the players address and contact number, the players signature, the players parent/guardian signature and the signature of the Secretary of the players club, and must be sent, together with the players registration acknowledgement slip to the Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary. The players registration will only be deemed cancelled once this has been confirmed to the Club Secretary in writing.

(Note: Action under Clause (ii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct on the field of play until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute.)

(J) Subject to The Football Association Rules dealing with players without a written contract when a player desires a transfer, the Club wishing to register the player shall submit an application to approach to the Secretary of the players existing club, with a copy to the relevant Age Group Section Registration Secretary accompanied by a fee of £20.00. Should the Club object to the approach it should state its objections in writing to the other Club, with a copy to the Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary within seven days of receipt of the application to approach. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within seven days, the Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary may, on behalf of the Age Group Sub-Committee, advise the applying Club that they may approach the player regarding a transfer. If the player agrees, a correctly completed transfer form must be submitted to the Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary by the approaching club, together with the players current registration counterfoil. The player shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club once they have received a new registration counterfoil for that player from the Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary.

A club may not apply for permission to approach a player registered with another club, nor seek to register a new player, within 8 weeks of an application to cancel the registration of a player in the same age group, without the express permission of the Age Group Sub-Committee.

Transfers may only take place after 1 October and before 31 January in the playing season. Properly completed transfer documentation must be received by the Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary no later than 5.00pm on 31 January. No player shall be transferred more than once in any one season. Not more than one player shall be transferred to, or application to approach made, from one team to the same team within a period of 28 days. No club can apply to approach the same player more than once in the playing season.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision. All transfers are allowed at the discretion of the Age Group Sub-Committee.

(K) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 31 January. All players registered to a Club on 1 February shall remain as Registered Players of that Club until 30 May.

(L) A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee. Such records must be retained by the Club for a minimum of one year after the end of the season to which the registration relates.



In the event a Club has more than one team in an age group, each team must be clearly designated "A" and "B" or similar. In such cases, players will be registered for one team only.

(M) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Season only.

(N) Not applicable, intentionally left blank.

(O) Not applicable, intentionally left blank.

(P) (i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players shall have the points gained in the match deducted from its total and may be fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the age Group Sub-Committee.

(ii) In addition the team may have up to 6 points deducted from its total at the discretion of the Age Group Sub-Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner deemed appropriate.

(iii) The Management Committee in exceptional circumstances may, at its discretion, award any points deducted from a Club under this Rule to the opponents in the match in question, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

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

(Q) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).

(iii) Children under 14 shall not play in a team involving players who are more than 2 years older.

(Note: For players under the age of 18 the provisions contained in Football Association Rules will apply.)

## **9. CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME**

(A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Management Committee as part of its application who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players and the referee.

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 the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least 7 days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change shall be fined at the discretion of the Age Group Section Committee.



The Secretary of the Competition may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit. Shirts must be numbered.

(B) Any Club wishing to change its name and/or colours must seek permission from its affiliated County Football Association and from the Management Committee who may refer the matter to the relevant Age Group Section Sub-Committee.

#### **10. PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES**

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the commencing and concluding dates for the ensuing season which shall be in accordance with Football Association Rules. No Club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date. Original fixtures arranged by the Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date determined by the Annual General Meeting.

Matches must be played on the date and kick off time specified by the Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary. Matches can only be postponed by the Referee or Groundsman for adverse weather conditions or other reasons of climate. The referee should take into account that the players are youngsters and should not be allowed to play in severe conditions. Postponed games will be rearranged by the Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary. Rearranged games agreed by the teams involved must be agreed by the Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary. Postponements for any reason other than weather or associated pitch conditions must be agreed with the Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary at least 48 hours before the scheduled kick off time. No game shall take place unless a suitably qualified first aider is in attendance, responsibility for non-fulfilment of the fixture will be placed on both clubs. The Maximum penalty for breach of this rule is a fine at the discretion of the Age Group Sub-Committee and/or the deduction of 2 points.

A team may apply to the Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary for postponement of a match when one or more of their players have been selected to play for the Competition Representative Team on the same day. No club shall play a player on the day they have been chosen to play for the Competition Representative Team.

Any Club failing to be represented at an Age Group Section Meeting for an Age Group in which they participate may be liable for a fine or other punishment at the discretion of that Age Group Sub-Committee.

(B) All 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 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.

Pitches should be school size or larger; goal nets are desirable but not compulsory. The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.



All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged, and confirmed in writing, by the two managers in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

The duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time. For under 11, under 12 and under 13, 30 minutes each half; for under 14 and under 15, 35 minutes each half.

The minimum time for any game will not be less than 20 minutes each half for players in the under 13 age group and below and 25 minutes each half for all other age groups.

No player under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in any season shall be permitted to play more than one game or, in the event the competition allows the playing of a double-header, i.e.: two separate matches, 100 minutes per day in this Competition.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the Competition Management Committee. The under 11, under 14 and under 15 divisions will kick off at 10.00am. The under 12 and under 13 divisions will kick off at 2.00pm. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined a sum not exceeding £10.00 or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine, unless authority to alter the kick off time has been given by the Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary.

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

The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. The size of football to be used shall be - size 4 for those playing under 11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups; and size 5 for those playing in the under 15 age group.

(C) Except by permission of the Age Group Sub-Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and all relevant County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary.

(D) The Secretary of the home Club must give notice in writing of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match.

Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine or otherwise dealt with as the Age Group Sub-Committee may determine.

(E) Every Club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the Competition.

In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than 11 players they may be fined for each missing player. A minimum of 7 players will constitute a team for a Competition match.

(F) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Club,

award the points to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.



Any Club with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfil all of its fixtures, within the Competition, without regard to any order of precedence. Clubs in breach of this requirement shall be fined or otherwise dealt with by the relevant Age Group Sub-Committee.

Notice of postponement of any match must be given without delay by the postponing Club. Such notice must be given at the earliest opportunity by the Club to the Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary, the local Referees Youth Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Age Group Sub-Committee who may inflict any penalty it shall deem suitable.

In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date fixed by the Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary.

The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponents and/or take what other action they shall deem necessary. In cases where a match is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams 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 appropriate Affiliated Football Association.

(G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 4 substitute players in any match in this Competition who shall be selected from 4 named players. Entry into the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A player who has been substituted 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.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 15 minutes before the start of the match.

A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.

(H) The half time interval shall be at the discretion of the match referee but generally shall be not less than 5 minutes and not more than 10 minutes duration.



## 11. REPORTING RESULTS

(A) The Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary must receive within 48 hours of the completion of the match, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of not less than £5.00 and not more than £10.00 and/or the Club being dealt with as the relevant Age Group Section Committee decide.

(B) The Home Club shall telephone the result of each match if so instructed in the manner prescribed by the relevant Age Group Sub-Committee.

(C) The single match result card must be correctly completed by a representative of both the home and away clubs in accordance with the instructions of the appropriate Age Group Sub-Committee. The Age Group Sub-Committee shall have power to take such action as they deem suitable against a Club that submits an incomplete form or incorrect information.

(D) The relevant Age Group Section Fixtures Secretary must be informed by a representative of the Club of any disciplinary action taken by the match referee in respect of a player, club official or supporters by telephone on the day of the match, including matches abandoned. This must be confirmed, in writing, by the Club Secretary to the relevant Age Group Sub-Committee Secretary within 4 days.

## 12. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

(A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 2 points to be awarded for a win and 1 point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points team rankings shall be decided in the following manner:-

- (i) superior goal difference between goals scored and goals conceded, then if necessary
- (ii) higher number of goals scored

When teams have the same points, the same goal difference and the same goals scored, their positions in the division will be equal.

(B) There is no automatic promotion or relegation. Applications to play in the competition in the following season will be considered by the relevant Age Group Sub-Committee and teams placed in divisions at their discretion. There is no appeal against this decision.

Should one or more teams withdraw from any one division after the fixtures have been issued but before any games have been played, the Age Group Sub-Committee may, at their discretion, move teams between divisions if deemed appropriate.

(C) In the event of a team not completing all of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table. The goal scored in games involving that team shall similarly be removed.



### 13. REFEREES

(A) The local Youth Appointment Secretary may appoint officials to any match in the competition. A Club cannot refuse to accept an appointed official. All communication between a club and the Youth Appointment Secretary must be through the Club Secretary only. Requests for appointed officials may be made to the Local Youth Appointment Secretary by the Secretary of the Home Club or an Age Group Sub-Committee Member only. Such appointments are at the sole discretion of the Local Youth Appointments Secretary.

(B) In the event that an official is not appointed by the Youth Appointments Secretary it shall be the responsibility of the home club to supply a suitable person to referee the match, such person having the full powers, status, authority and responsibility of a Registered Referee and the match must be played.

(C) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee acceptable to the referee in charge of the match. Failure to do so will result in a fine at the discretion of the Age Group Section Committee being imposed on the defaulting Club.

(D) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play.

(E) Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to charge standard class public transport expenses or private car expenses and any other permitted expenses actually incurred together with match fees, in accordance with the schedule of fees and expenses published in the current Hampshire Football Association Handbook.

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

(F) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus expenses. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses.

(G) A Referee not keeping his engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may be reported to the County Football Association with which he is registered.

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed Form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

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 County Football Association.

(I) The local Youth Appointments Secretary shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.



#### **14. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB**

(A) The Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary can issue, from 31 January, registration forms for the following season to enable clubs to invite exiting players to register for the following season, if they so wish. After 31 May, a player is free to register with any club for the coming season provided that they have not registered with their previous or any other club.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the acceptance of their application for the following Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £25.00 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(C) In the event of a Member Club which is an un-incorporated association withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition.

In the event that any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of twenty-one (21) days then such obligation shall be met by the then current Club Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age. Until a Member's pro rata obligation is discharged in full the Member shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition, which may apply to the Club's Parent County Association for a suspension order.

#### **15. PROTESTS AND APPEALS**

(A)(i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match. Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

(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 in duplicate with the Competition Secretary within 7 days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

(C) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 16.

(D) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum of £25.00 and no more than 7 days have elapsed since the incident occurred. 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 enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.



(E) All parties to a protest or complaint must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and must have received 10 days notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the submission. When dealing with a protest or complaint the Management Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.

## **16. BOARD OF APPEAL**

Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee, the Age Group Sub-Committee or 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 Hampshire Football Association, including the applicable fee, 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 costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.

No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

## **17. EXCLUSION OF CLUBS, OR TEAMS MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS**

(A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further membership which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.

(B) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club or team of a Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.

(D) Any Club or Team failing to complete all of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season.

(E) Secretaries, Managers and Club Officials must ensure that all parents, players, Club Officials and supporters behave in a manner befitting the Southampton & District Tyro League at all matches and in all actions and activities that involve, or reflect upon the reputation of, The Southampton & District Tyro League. The maximum penalty for a breach of this Rule is expulsion from the Competition.



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

A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provide, or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide. At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

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

“We A \_\_\_\_\_ and B \_\_\_\_\_, the Chairman and Secretary of \_\_\_\_\_ FC, 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 1 March to a member of the Age Group Sub-Committee. 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 return the Trophy by 1 March will result in an automatic fine of £20.00 and a further fine of £1.00 per day, or part thereof, from 1 March to the date the Trophy is actually returned.”

**19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

At least 15 days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given may be fined at the discretion of the Management Committee.

Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

**20. ALTERATION TO RULES**

Alterations shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Competition Secretary, by the Club Secretary, by 31 December in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs at the Age Group Section Meetings in March and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Competition Secretary



by 21 April. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the sanctioning Football Association by 1 April.

Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.

## **21. RULES BINDING ON CLUBS**

Each Member 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 16. Each Member Club must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conduct.

## **22. FINANCE**

(A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged. The Age Group Sub-Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of that Age Group Section will be lodged.

(B) All expenditure shall be approved by the Management Committee or the Age Group Sub-Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee / Age Group Sub-Committee.

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end on 30 April.

(D) The books or a certified balance sheet of the Competition, and of the Age Group Sub-Committees, shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

## **23. CUP COMPETITIONS**

The Age Group Sub-Committees will be responsible for the running of the following Cups :-

Under eleven 30 minutes each way - extra time if required 10 minutes each way - size 4 ball

Under twelve 30 minutes each way - extra time if required 10 minutes each way - size 4 ball

Under thirteen 30 minutes each way - extra time if required 10 minutes each way - size 4 ball

Under fourteen 35 minutes each way - extra time if required 10 minutes each way - size 4 ball

Under fifteen 35 minutes each way - extra time if required 10 minutes each way - size 5 ball

The interval between the two halves shall be at the discretion of the referee but generally shall not be less than FIVE minutes and not more than TEN minutes in normal play, and not less than ONE minute and not more than TWO minutes in extra time.

The League shall also run a Subsidiary Cup in each age group with timing and size of ball as per the main League Cup. The Rules of the League apply to all Cup matches, including playing time. If the result of a Tyro League Cup match is a draw at full time then extra time of TEN minutes each way, in all age groups, will be played. If still a draw, a replay will be arranged by the Age Group Sub-Committee Fixtures Secretary. No Tyro League Cup or Subsidiary Cup match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out.



The results of all Cup matches must be phoned in, as instructed, if requested by the Section Management Committee. Any team failing to comply in the correct manner, having been so requested, may be fined £5.00 at the discretion of the Age Group Sub-Committee.

A player will become cup-tied once having played in a Tyro Cup game at any age. (Main League Cup and Subsidiary Cup count as one competition for the purpose of a player being deemed as cup-tied). A player named as a substitute, but who takes no part in the game, shall not be considered as a 'player' for the consideration of being cup-tied. The single result card should be marked 'DNP' next to the players name and initialled by a representative of each team.

Expect where herein before stated all other rules of the Competition shall also relate to the Cup Competition. The penalty for misconduct may include removal of the team or club from the Cup Competition.

Age Group Sub-Committees may provide other Cup Competitions, be they by invitation or otherwise. The rules of these competitions will be generally as the Tyro Cup Competitions but the Age Group Sub-Committees shall have the discretion to amend such rules as they deem appropriate.

#### **24. DO NOT**

Clubs are warned that they must not :-

- Play matches with unaffiliated Clubs. (as per Football Association Rules)
- Play a match in which one of the competing teams is a scratch team.
- Play a match in which gate money is taken, unless so provided in the appropriate Hampshire Football Association Limited or Football Association Rule.
- Play matches in the close season, except as provided in the appropriate Hampshire Football Association Limited or Football Association Rule.
- Take part in competitions, be they Cup, League, small sided tournaments etc. without first ascertaining that sanction has been obtained from Hampshire Football Association Limited or the County Association in whose area the competition operates.

#### **25. AGE GROUP SECTION MEETINGS**

A meeting of each Age Group Section shall take place each month. The Club Secretary, or his/her representative must attend each Age Group Section Meeting in which their club participates. Information made available and/or distributed at such meetings shall be deemed to have been received by the Club Secretary, and Clubs will be liable for disciplinary action for any failure to comply with such information.

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