

THE SELBY & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

THE LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES

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.

“**Deposit**” means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

“**Club**” means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition and “**Team**” means a side from a Club especially where a Club provides more than one Team in a division in accordance with the Rules.

“**Competition**” means the “**SELBY & DISTRICT 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.

“**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.

“**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.

“**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.

“**Player**” means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player, or other Player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

“**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 West Riding County Football Association Limited.

“**Scholarship**” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C3 (a) (I) of the Rules of The FA.

“**Secretary**” means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

“**Team Sheet**” means a form provided by the Competition on which the names of the Players taking part in a Competition match are listed.

“**The FA**” means The Football Association Limited.

“**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.

(B) 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 16.

(C) The Competition will be known as “**SELBY & DISTRICT 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.

(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.

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

2. (A) This Competition shall consist of not more than thirty (30) Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be such that the clubs grounds or headquarters are situated within a radius of twenty five (25) miles from Selby Abbey.

(B) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form “D” to the West Riding County Football Association Limited and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the West Riding County Football Association Limited and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in two divisions, each not exceeding 16 in number.

(C) Only one team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another team from the same Club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a division comprising of more than one team from the same Club. 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 via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

(D) Inclusivity and Non-Discrimination

(i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination

(ii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.

(E) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including but not limited to, Charter Standard and **RESPECT** programmes.

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

(G) At the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting 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 12.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

3. (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 and must be accompanied by the Entry Fee of £10 set out in the Fees Tariff per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

When Rule 12(B) is applied or a team seeks a transfer or, is compulsorily transferred to another division, no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be £60 per Team payable on or before the Annual General Meeting of the Competition in each year.

(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 by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it

may in its entire discretion think fit.

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

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by the 30th June of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number, for the forthcoming Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

4. (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and two (2) ordinary members who shall all be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(B) All candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, no later than the 30th April in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required with no more than three calendar months between each meeting. Management Committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month unless notified to the contrary. On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.

The Management Committee shall periodically hold meetings of all Clubs at which all Clubs must be represented; any Club failing to be represented may be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(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.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

5. (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 Football Association or Affiliated Association.

(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.

(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 apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

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

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon, and enforce these Rules and shall 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 4(C), 5(I), 6(H), 10(A), 11, and 19, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued to the Club concerned The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification of the charge to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:

- (i) Accept or deny the charge,
- (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or
- (iii) Put their case before the Management Committee at a personal hearing.

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. Any fines levied shall be in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

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

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within ten days.

(F) More than fifty percent (50%) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee; any sub-committee elected by the Management Committee shall be quorate if more than fifty percent (50%) of the said sub-committee members are present for the transaction of business.

(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.

(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.

(I) All fines and charges are payable forthwith and must be paid within 21 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 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until the outstanding fines are paid.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

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

(L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held no later than the 30th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided, that at least 50% of the Members are present and entitled to vote:

- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting and take any matters arising.
- (ii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- (iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
- (iv) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- (v) Election of Officers and Management Committee.
- (vi) Appointment of Auditors.
- (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any.
- (viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
- (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 verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts, and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed change of Rules.

(C) A signed copy of the duly verified Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Fourteen days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition 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. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 17.

(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 Member Club.

(H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the Annual General Meeting.

(I) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

7. The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club which is an unincorporated Association and two directors of each Club which is an incorporated entity 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) _____ (name) of _____ (address) (Chairman)/(Director) and (B) _____ (name) of _____ (address) (Secretary)/(Director) of _____ Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the **“SELBY & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE”** Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club 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 West Riding County Football Association Limited to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8. (A) (i) 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. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that 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.

(ii) While serving in any branch of Her Majesty's Regular Forces, a player must first obtain the consent of his Association Secretary before signing a registration form to play for the Club.

(iii) Each Club must have at least eleven (11) Players registered twenty one (21) days before the start of each Playing Season. A Club may submit registration forms to the League Secretary using electronic mail prior to the player playing. The original document shall be forwarded within three (3) days of the match to the League Secretary.

(B) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club and either:-

(a) submitted to the Competition three (3) days prior to playing and whose registration has been confirmed by the Competition prior to that Player playing in a Competition Match, or

(b) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing, countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition League Secretary within two days of the match. The Player shall not again play until the Club is in possession of the approval of the Competition. A maximum of one (1) player may be registered in accordance with sub paragraph **(b)**.

(C) A team shall not include any player who has taken part in any or more senior Competition matches during the current season unless a period of twenty eight (28) days has elapsed since they played. For the purpose of this Competition, senior Competitions are those Competitions playing at Steps 1-6 in the FA Football Pyramid system as defined by the FA.

(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. In the event that a Player could be required to pay a proportion of a debt due under The FA Football Debt Recovery System then, whether or not the debt has been referred to the relevant County FA, the Competition must not affect the player's registration in any way or refuse to register a transfer due to that debt being outstanding. The Competition cannot refuse to register a Player for an unpaid non-footballing debt.

(E) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club for each player registered.

Thirty Players registration forms will be supplied by the Competition, any additional forms required can be obtained from the League Secretary at a cost in accordance with the fees tariff, or by downloading them from the League website.

Each team shall be limited to a maximum of thirty five (35) registered players at any one time. Should a Club find that it needs to exceed this number, application to de-register any registered player, should be made in writing to the League Secretary.

(F) 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, priority of registration shall decide for which Club the player shall be registered. The Registrations Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(G) It shall be a breach of Rule 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) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management 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 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 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made

to the parent County of the Club the player is registered or intending to be registered with.

(iv) For a player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (iii) 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 Clause **(iii)** shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football Association. 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 a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

(I) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a Player who is already registered with another Club it shall submit a transfer form to the Competition League Secretary accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition League Secretary 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 three days of receipt of the notification.

Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within three days, the Competition Registrations 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 three (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.

(J) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after the 1st February except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(K) 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.

(L) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the League Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Season only.

In the event of a player without a written contract changing his status to that of a contract player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition his registration as a player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 8(A) **(i)**.

(M) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion, or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A)) unless the player has played five matches for that team in this Competition prior to the 1st April in the current season.

(N) A player who has played for a team in the First Division ten (10) times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower Division except by permission of the Management Committee.

(O) Any Club; found to have played an ineligible Player in a match or matches shall have any points gained from that match or matches deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine. The Management Committee may also order that such match or matches be replayed on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee which may also levy penalty points against the Club in default.

The Management Committee may vary this decision in respect of the points gained 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.

In exceptional circumstances the Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

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

(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.

(iii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

9. (A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by the 30th June who shall decide as to their suitability.

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 colour of the goalkeepers jersey) at least three (3) days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the home team shall make the change. A club must not delay the scheduled time of kick off for a Competition match by not having a change of colours.

The Secretary of the Competition may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to the lack of distinguishing colours. Shirts must be numbered and coincide with the Official match report form.

(B) Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.

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

10. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season.

(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.

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.

Football Turf pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf pitches. For clubs playing at Step 7 and below a pitch must be tested (by a F1 FA 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 10(D).

All matches shall have a 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 fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing clubs prior to the scheduled date of the match with written notification given to the Competition at least 7 days prior.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the League Secretary using the League Match report form. The home team must provide goal nets, four corner posts with flags attached, and two Assistant Referees flags, at least two footballs fit for play, the home team is responsible to ensure that the Field of Play is correctly marked out; the Referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable or for any other breach of this Rule. Clubs will be fined in accordance with the fines tariff for each breach of the Rule

(C) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary.

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).

(D) The Secretary of the home Club must give notice 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 three (3) clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition.

Both teams must exchange a list of their playing members which shall include the Christian names and surnames of all players (according to the shirt numbers) the lists to be exchanged ten minutes before the commencement of the game with a copy to the Referee. Clubs who fail to comply may be fined in accordance with the fines tariff

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

(F) (i) 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 from the match in question to the opponents, orders 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.

(ii) 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, and "A" Team.

(iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the League Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials.

(iv) 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 to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Fixtures Secretary within seven (7) days, the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date, on, or before a given date.

(v) 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 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 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 opponent. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams and their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

(vi) 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 Association 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 8(O) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void.

(G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use three (3) substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from five (5) players.

The Referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than ten (10) minutes before the start of the match and a Player not so named may not take part in that 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 of ten (10) minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

(I) The participating Clubs taking part in the match shall identify a team captain who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on field discipline of his team mates. The Competition requires all players' and Club Officials' to have signed the FA's Respect Code of Conduct and produce these if so requested by the Management Committee. Prior to each match the participating teams and Officials' shall conduct the Respect Handshake and or participating teams to offer three cheers and handshakes to the opposing team.

REPORTING RESULTS

11. (A) The League Secretary must receive within three (3) days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) and the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition.

(B) The Home Club shall SMS Text the result of each match to the League Secretary, and to the FA Full-Time website by 2100 for Saturday matches and by 2100 for mid week matches All Clubs involved in the West Riding County Football Association, or District FA Cup Competitions, must notify the results of their matches as previously stated above

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club who has been approved by the Management Committee. The Management Committee shall take such action, as they deem suitable against a Club which submits an incomplete form or incorrect information.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

12. (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 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 circumstances where two or more teams are equal on points team rankings shall be determined by goal difference where the goals scored against by each team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that team and the largest positive difference shall be placed the highest. In the event of the goal difference being equal the highest placed team shall be the team which has scored the most goals. In the event that two or more teams have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals then the highest placed team shall be the team which has won the most matches.

In the event of the two teams still being equal the team which has the better playing record against the other team in their head to head Competition matches during the Season will be the highest placed team.

If the records of two or more teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches as determined by the Management Committee.

(B) Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first two (2) and last two (2) teams in each Division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(B).

(i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated?

(ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the season may be filled on any of the following ways:

(a) retention of otherwise relegated team(s)

(b) additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below

(c) election

(iii) The last two (2) teams in the lowest Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of paragraph (B) **(i)** above.

(iv) When a senior team is relegated to a lower Division of which its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower Division; and should the senior team be relegated to the lowest Division its reserve team automatically retires from the Competition.

(v) 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.

(C) In the event of a team not completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table.

(D) This Rule is not applicable to this Competition.

REFEREES

13. (A) Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.

(B) 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. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee or if the Referee is unable to continue with his/her duties, both Clubs must agree upon a Referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that match, have the full powers, status, and authority of a registered Referee.

If a Referee cannot be agreed upon, then by the toss of a coin the losers shall provide the Referee. Clubs' failing to agree a replacement Referee in case of injury to the Referee, or who fail to agree upon a Referee in the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee shall be liable to a fine as in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age Competition.

(C) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Club shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. The home Club shall provide two Assistant Referees flags in default a club will be fined in accordance with the fines tariff.

(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.

(E) Subject to any limits or provisions laid down by the sanctioning Association, Referees appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee of £30 inclusive of travel expenses. Assistant Referees when appointed shall be paid a match fee of £19 inclusive of travel expenses.

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees inclusive of 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 inclusive of 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 inclusive of travel expenses.

(G) A Referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he or she 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.

Where a mark of 50 or less is awarded to the Referee, a written explanation, signed by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Club concerned, must be submitted to the League Secretary within five (5) days of the match. A Club failing to comply will be fined for each breach of the Rule in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(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 West Riding County Football Association Limited.

(J) The Referee shall submit a report Form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of players in each team and the time of kick-off to the Registration Secretary within two days of the match.

(K) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

(L) Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by the FA/County FA or the League.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

14. (A) A 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 by the 31st March each Season.

(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.

(C) In the event of a Member Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee are empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

15. (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.

(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 League Secretary within four (4) 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) 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 enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(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; seven (7) days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received seven (7) days' notice of the Hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then the Club should indicate such when forwarding the written response.

PROTESTS, APPEALS

16. (A) 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 in accordance with the Fees Tariff which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee.

(B) All such protests claims complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within fourteen (14) days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

(C) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses, as the Management Committee shall direct.

(D) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within fourteen (14) days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary.

(E) If so requested the Management Committee may arbitrate on any disputes, protests, appeals, claims, or complaints between two Clubs in which event both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties to the arbitration.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

17. (A) At the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, 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 exclude any Club or Team from membership 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 which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(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 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.

(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 Clause (A) of this Rule.

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

18. (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 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 Competition Secretary on or before 1st March. 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.”

(B) At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners if the funds of the Competition permit.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

19. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) 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 seven 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 Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only, as will members of the Management Committee. Any continuing Member Club must be represented at a Special General Meeting. Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

ALTERATION TO RULES

20. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, 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 these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the League Secretary by 28th February in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by the 31st March and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the League Secretary by the 30th 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, and voting, are in favour. A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the West Riding County Football Association Limited no later than the 3rd May in the current season.

With regards to a Special General Meeting, a copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered, shall be submitted to the West Riding County Football Association Limited, no later than fourteen days before the date scheduled for the Special General Meeting. 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.

FINANCE

21. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.

(B) All expenditure in excess of Fifty Pounds (£50) shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end on the 31st December

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

INSURANCE

22. All Clubs must have public liability insurance cover of at least 10 million pounds (£10,000,000).

All Clubs shall be members of a Players' personal accident scheme. The policy cover shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the sanctioning Association. In instances where The Football Association is the sanctioning Association, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates. All Clubs must provide adequate insurance for their players, a copy of the insurance certificate must be received by the League Secretary at least 14 days before the commencement of the season.

DISSOLUTION

23. (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution, approved at a Special General Meeting by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present; and shall take effect from the date of the relevant Special General Meeting.

(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.

(C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:

(i) 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 Association.

(ii) 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.

FEES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
3(A)	ENTRY FEE	£10.00
3(B)	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£60.00
3(C)	DEPOSIT	£20.00
8(E)	REGISTRATION FORM	£00.10p
8(I)	TRANSFER FORM	£03.00
13(E)	REFEREE FEES (Inclusive of traveling expenses)	£30.00
13 E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEE (Inclusive of travel expenses)	£19.00
15(C), 16(A)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£20.00
16(D)	APPEAL FEE WRCFA	£25.00

FINES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM AMOUNT
2(B)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£10.00
2(E)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£10.00
2(F)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£15.00
3(C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£20.00
3(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER OR DETAILS FORM	£10.00
4(D)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£15.00
5(H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£50.00
5(I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN 21 DAYS OF NOTICE	£25.00
6 (H), 4(C) & 19	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING OR A MEETING OF ALL THE CLUBS	£20.00
7	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£20.00
8(A) (iii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£20.00
8(B)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£15.00
8(C)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£20.00
8(G)	SIGNING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£20.00
8(H) (ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£15.00
8(O)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£20.00
8(P)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£15.00
9(A), 10(B)	DELAYING KICK OFF/NO NETS OR NO CORNER FLAGS	£10.00
9(B)	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£10.00
10 (C)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£50.00
10 (D)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£10.00
10(E)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£5.00 per player
10(F) (i) & (iii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£50.00
10(I)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£5.00
10(D),11(A) & 11(C)	LATE TEAM SHEET OR FAILURE TO EXCHANGE TEAM SHEETS	£10.00
11(B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£10.00
13(C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE OR FLAGS	£10.00
13(B)	FAILURE TO AGREE A REPLACEMENT REFEREE IN THE CASE OF THE NON APPEARANCE OF THE REFEREE OR INJURY TO THE REFEREE	£50.00
13(E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£15.00
13(F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£15.00
13(H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£10.00
14(A)	WITHDRAWAL FROM LEAGUE AFTER 31ST MARCH	£15.00
14(B)	FAILURE TO START/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£50.00
18(A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY OR TO COMPLY WITH THE AGREEMENT	£20.00
22	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£20.00

THE SELBY & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE

THE LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION RULES

1. NAME

The Competitions will be called the **SELBY & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP COMPETITIONS**. The Cups shall be known as the Andrews Cup, Challenge Cup, Hardy Cup, and the James Sly Trophy, and are only open to clubs in membership of the League.

2. OWNERS OF THE CUPS

The Chairman and Secretary who are Trustees of the Selby & District Football League shall be to all intents and purposes the legal owners of the Cups, which are held by them in trust for and on behalf of the League. The Cups are the property of the League, and cannot be won outright.

3. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee for each Cup shall be £15. The entrance fee for each Competition shall be paid on or before the 31st July. The Cups shall be competed for annually in accordance with the Cup Competition Rules and the Rules of the Football Association.

4. CONTROL OF THE COMPETITIONS

The Competitions will be administered by the Management Committee, who shall have the entire control and management of the Competitions, and the authority to deal with all questions of eligibility and or the interpretation of the Competition Rules; which, unless otherwise stated will be these Rules supported by the Rules of the Selby & District Football League and the Rules of the Football Association. The Management Committee shall have the right to appoint a Sub Committee to deal with any matter that they deem appropriate. The decisions of the Management Committee are final and binding on all participants. (Subject to League Rule 16(D)).

Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Cup Rule 13, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification of the charge to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:

- (i) Accept or deny the charge,
- (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or
- (iii) Put their case before the Management Committee at a personal hearing.

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. Any fines levied shall be in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

The decisions of the Management Committee are final and binding on all participants. (Subject to League Rule 16(D)).

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within ten days.

5. CLUBS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE

All Clubs shall be entered into the Competition(s), as the Management Committee deem appropriate.

6. PLAYERS' ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE

(A) A player must be qualified in accordance with League Rule 8 for the Club he intends to play for in the Selby & District Football League Cup Competitions. A player shall not in the same season play for more than ONE competing Club in any Cup Competition.

(B) Provided a player has been correctly registered for a Club and played one League game before the round, he shall be eligible to play in any round of the Cup Competition up to the Semi-Final stage. To qualify to play in a

Semi-Final or Final match, all players must have played in at least two (2) League or League Cup games for their Club before the 1st March.

(C) Once a player has played for a team in a League Cup match he shall be considered cup tied, and shall not be permitted to play for any other team in another Cup match in the same Competition.

(D) A player who has been suspended may play in any postponed, drawn, or replayed Cup match once the term of his suspension has expired and all outstanding fines have been paid and clearance has been obtained from the West Riding County Football association Limited.

7. CUP DRAW

(A) The date of each round shall be fixed by the Management Committee, the Clubs' shall be drawn in pairs, each pair shall play off, the winners shall again be drawn in pairs and these pairs shall compete with each other, as in the first round and so on until the last pair shall play each other in the Final match. The winning club shall hold the Cup under conditions provided for by these Rules. Representatives of all competing Clubs may be present at the draw. The club drawn first in each match shall have the choice of ground. Postponed matches shall be played on a date fixed by the Management Committee.

(B) When Competitions are played as group matches three points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw in the event of two or more teams having an equal number of points goal difference shall decide the placing. If still equal, goals scored shall decide. If teams are still equal a deciding match will be played at a venue and date decided by the Management Committee. Such a deciding match to be played to a result including extra time and penalties as required. The teams finishing first and second in each group shall proceed to the Semi-Finals.

8. DIRECTIONS AND CLUB COLOURS

The home Club must send, in writing, at least three (3) clear days before the date of the match, travelling directions to the visitors and the match officials, they shall also confirm their colours. Where the colours of the two competing Clubs are similar, the home team must change. Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from the other players, and will not be permitted to wear black or dark blue jerseys. Clubs must wear stockings, which are distinguishable from those of their opponents. The backs of all shirts must be numbered

9. GROUNDS FOR CUP MATCHES

(A) Except by mutual arrangement, or as hereinafter provided, the Club which is in each case is first drawn, shall play on its own ground. Where a Club has two teams in the Competition(s), and both are drawn at home, the team drawn first shall play at home and the other team shall play on the opponents ground. If their opponents ground is not available, the match will be arranged for another date, the match being played on the ground of the team drawn at home. This Rule also applies to all Clubs sharing grounds. If both Clubs' agree and only with the approval of the Management Committee, the competing Clubs shall be allowed to select any ground other than that on which they are accustomed to play in order to progress the Competition.

If the ground of the Club having the choice of ground is considered unsuitable for the match, its opponents may protest to the Management Committee within three days of receipt of the official intimation of the draw, and they shall deposit a sum in accordance with the fees tariff to cover the cost of the protest hearing. If the protest is not sustained, the fee shall be forfeited.

(B) If the protest be upheld, the Management Committee may order the match to be played on the ground of the protesting Club, or, on a neutral ground.

(C) The Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches.

(D) The field of play shall be correctly marked out according to Law 1 of the Game, by the home club, Goal Nets and Corner Posts with flags attached. Clubs' failing to do so shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(E) Clubs where possible must provide a separate room for the Referee to dress in.

10. MATCH OFFICIALS AND TEAM LISTS

(A) In all matches up to the Semi-Final the fees and expenses for Referees and Assistant Referees' shall be at the same rate as League Rule 13(e), Referees shall be paid a match fee of £30 inclusive of travel expenses or standard class public transport expenses, Assistant Referees shall be paid a match fee of £19 inclusive of travel expenses or standard class public transport expenses, payment shall be the responsibility, of the home club.

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed, or if the Referee is unable to continue with his/her duties, both clubs must agree upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon, shall for that game have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.

If a Referee cannot be agreed upon, then by the toss of a coin the losers shall provide the Referee. Clubs' failing to agree a replacement Referee in case of injury to the Referee, or who fail to agree upon a Referee in the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age Competition

(C) Both teams must exchange a list of their playing members which shall include the Christian names and surnames of all players (according to the shirt numbers) the lists to be exchanged ten minutes before the commencement of the game with a copy to the Referee. Clubs who fail to comply may be fined in accordance with the fines tariff

(D) Where grounds have barriers surrounding the pitch, all club officials, substitutes and supporters must remain behind the barriers. Where there are no barriers, all club official, substitutes, and supporters must stand back from the line, club officials must ensure that the Assistant Referees are not hindered or obstructed in their duties.

(E) In the Semi Final the Referees shall be paid a match fee of £30 inclusive of travel expenses, the Assistant Referees shall be paid a match fee of £19 each inclusive of travel expenses, both Clubs will share the full cost of the official's fees. Referees and Assistant Referees are asked wherever possible to travel together. In every match Officials shall wear a traditional black uniform.

(F) Where a mark of 50 or less is awarded to the Referee, a written explanation, signed by the Secretary and the Chairman of the Club concerned, must be submitted to the League Secretary within five (5) days of the match. A Club failing to comply will be fined for each breach of the Rule in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

11. LATE STARTS

Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time will be fined as detailed in the Fines Tariff or maybe otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine depending on the circumstances. Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time if possible, and must report all late starts, and advise the captain(s) of the offending team(s) of his/her intention to do so.

12. DURATION OF MATCH

The duration of the match in all rounds will be 90 minutes or not less than 60 minutes, in two equal halves. The period decided upon by the Referee shall be communicated to both captains prior to the commencement of the game. If the scores are level at the end of normal time then 30 minutes extra time shall be played in all matches. If the scores are level after extra time the match shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Football Association Board procedure.

13. RESULT OF MATCHES

(A) The Management Committee will provide Match Forms for each competing Club. Club Secretaries shall complete the Match Report Form after the game and forward same to reach the League Secretary within 48 hours following the match. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) the Referee markings required by Rule 13, the names of goal scorers, and details of all substitutions or any other information required by the Competition.

(B) All Referees' shall forward the result of the match and a report of any irregularities on the Official Result Card to reach the League Secretary by First Class Post or by electronic mail to be received on or before the Tuesday following the match. The Home Club shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each match to the League Secretary, and to the Full-Time website by 2100 hours for Saturday matches; and by 2100 hours for mid week matches.

14. PROCEEDS OF REPLAYED MATCHES

If any match be ordered to be replayed in consequence of a breach of Rule, the Club or Clubs in default shall not receive any share of the proceeds of such replayed match. The entire gate shall be taken by the Management Committee. If the Committee decide to take the entire gate, they shall be liable for all expenses of the match.

15. SEMI FINAL AND FINAL MATCHES

(A) In Semi Final and Final matches where the colours of both teams are similar, both teams must change. Clubs shall provide two suitable Match Balls in both the Semi Final and Final matches. Clubs failing to do so, will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) Semi Finalists must notify their opponents and the League Secretary, in writing, of their team colours seven (7) days before the match, or a fine will be imposed as detailed in the Fines Tariff.

16. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COMPETITION

Any Club intending to withdraw after a postponed match must within 48 hours of the end of the match give notice of their intention to the Secretary of the opposing Club and to the League Secretary. In default of such notice, the Management Committee may compel such offending Club to pay any expenses incurred by their opponents, or take such action they deem expedient.

17. FAILURE TO PLAY

In the event of a club failing to keep its engagement, the Management Committee shall impose a fine in accordance with the fines tariff, and award the match to their opponents; they shall order the defaulting club to pay any expenses incurred by their opponents and to pay the Match Officials their full fee and expenses if in attendance. In the event of both clubs failing to keep their engagement, the Management Committee shall impose a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff on both clubs; dismiss both clubs, from the Competition, order both clubs to pay half each of the Match Officials' fees and expenses if in attendance, or otherwise deal them with at their discretion.

18. PROCEEDS OF MATCHES

The proceeds of matches (except replayed matches in consequence of a breach of Rule and Semi-Final and Final matches) shall be equally divided between the competing Clubs, after paying ground, Match Officials and travelling expenses of the match. The gate receipts shall be divided immediately after the match, and a full statement and settlement shall be made within seven days. In the Final matches the League after paying out all the match expenses shall retain the entire proceeds

19. THE FINAL MATCH

(A) In addition to the Cup the League shall present medals or mementoes to the players in the Final match. A player sent from the field of play by the Referee shall not be allowed to attend the presentation ceremony his memento will be withheld at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(B) The Final match shall be played to a conclusion; if the scores are level at the end of normal time then extra time must be played if the scores are level after extra time the Final shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark (in accordance with the International Football Board procedure).

(C) All Final matches shall be played on such grounds as the Management Committee determine. In the Final match the Referee and Assistant Referees shall receive a suitable memento from the League.

(D) The Management Committee shall fix the charge for admission to the Final matches, as they deem advisable.

(E) Finalists must notify their opponents and the League Secretary, in writing, of their team colours seven (7) days before the match, or a fine will be imposed as detailed in the Fines Tariff.

20. TROPHY: TAKING OVER THE AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

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 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
Competition Secretary on or before the 1st March. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care
we agree to refund to the **SELBY & DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION** the amount
of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

21. ALTERATION TO RULES

Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, 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 these Rules shall not take effect until
the following Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the League
Secretary by 28th February in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management
Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by the 31st March and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to
the League Secretary by the 30th 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,
and voting, are in favour. A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General
Meeting shall be submitted to the West Riding County Football Association Limited no later than the 3rd May in
the current season.

With regards to a Special General Meeting, a copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered, shall be
submitted to the West Riding County Football Association Limited, no later than fourteen days before the date
scheduled for the Special General Meeting. 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.

22. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

All Protests and Appeals shall be made in accordance with League Rules 15 and 16.

23. OTHER MATTERS

In all matters which are not specially provided for in these Rules the Management Committee shall have the
power to deal with any matter or question that concerns the Competition, and is not so provided for in the
Competition's League or Cup Rules. (Subject to League Rule 16 (D)).

24. MISCONDUCT

Any misconduct by Club(s), Player(s), Official(s), or spectators; could result in the future application for
participation by that Club, Clubs, Player(s), or Official(s) into the League Cup Competition(s) being refused.

25. FINES

The League Fines Tariff will be applicable when the Management Committee imposes financial penalties on
Clubs' that are in breach of the Cup Competition Rules.

26. KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK PROCEDURE

If at the end of the match and before the kicks start to be taken from the penalty mark, one team has a greater
number of players than its opponents; it must reduce its numbers to equate with that of its opponents and the
team captain must inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. Any player thus excluded
may not participate in kicks from the penalty mark.

Before the start of kicks from the penalty mark the referee must ensure that an equal number of players from
each team remain within the centre circle and they shall take the kicks

The referee chooses the goal at which the kicks shall be taken.

The referee tosses a coin, and the team whose captain wins the toss decides whether to take the first or second kick.

The referee keeps a record of the kicks being taken.

Subject to the conditions explained below, both teams take five kicks.

The kicks are taken alternately by the teams.

If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks are taken.

If, after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

A goalkeeper who is injured during the taking of kicks from the penalty mark and is unable to continue as goalkeeper may be replaced by a named substitute, provided his team has not used the maximum number of substitutes permitted under the Competition Rules.

With the exception of the foregoing case, only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match which includes extra time where appropriate, are allowed to take kicks from the penalty mark.

Each kick is taken by a different player and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick.

An eligible player may change places with the goalkeeper at any time when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

All players, except the player taking the kick, and the two goalkeepers, must remain within the centre circle.

The goalkeeper who is the team mate of the kicker must remain on the field of play, outside the penalty area in which the kicks are being taken on the goal line where it meets the penalty area boundary line.

The other goalkeeper must remain on his goal line between the goalposts, facing the kicker until the ball is kicked.

Only the players and match officials are permitted to remain on the field of play when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

Unless otherwise stated, the relevant Laws of the Game and International Football Association Board Decisions apply when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken

