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LEAGUE RULES

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

ONE

(A) This Competition shall be designated the ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League and shall be known as the ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League and shall consist of not more than 120 Teams who shall be Teams of Full Member Clubs and not more than 0 (zero) Clubs who shall be Associate Member Clubs. All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form "D" to the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT. This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association and the constituent Teams of the Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 14 in number. 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.

(B) At the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have the power to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

TWO

(A) Applications by new Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) of a Member Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee (payable in first season only) per Team which shall be returned in the event of non election. Any Team wishing to enter the Competition after 1st June may be charged an extra 50% of the Entry Fee. The Entry Fee for the forthcoming season shall be determined annually by the Management Committee by 1st May. 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. The Entry Fee shall apply. When Rule 12(B) is applied or a Team seeks a transfer or is compulsory transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription (payable in second and subsequent seasons) per Team shall be payable on or before the 1st JUNE in each year. Any Team failing to pay the Annual Subscription by 1st June may be charged an extra 50% of the Annual Subscription. The Annual Subscription for the forthcoming season shall be determined annually by the Management Committee by 1st May.

(C) Each Team shall within 7 days of election pay a Deposit of £0 which shall be returnable to Teams on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

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

(E) Teams must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 1st June of its SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, failing which they shall be fined. Teams must advise the Secretary, on the Application for Membership Form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Teams must advise the Competition Secretary of any changes to the details on the Application for Membership Form.

OFFICERS

THREE

The Officers of the Competition shall be the President, Vice-President (without portfolio), Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration Secretary, Registration Irregularities & Fines Secretary (also deputises for Registration Secretary), Fixtures Secretary, Referees Appointments Secretary, Press Officer, Disciplinary Secretary and Disciplinary Chairman to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. (NB Auditors are not Officers.)

In accordance with Rule 5A the Management Committee shall elect an Executive Committee, with members appointed from the Officers above.

In accordance with Rule 5A the Management Committee shall elect a Disciplinary Committee, with members appointed from the Officers above and other Members of the Management Committee.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

FOUR

(A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee comprised of the Officers and other Members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other 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, not later than 1st May 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 often as is necessary to deal with business as it arises.

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

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary. The Secretary shall authorise the methods for conducting the correspondence of the Competition and shall authorise the methods for the recording of its proceedings and the keeping of those records.

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

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

FIVE

(A) The Management Committee may appoint such sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary to such committees. The decisions of all such committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification.

(B) Subject to the permission of the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE 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 Team (including any Team 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 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. (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 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, Team, 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 (see Rule 15). 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.

(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 must be notified in writing to those concerned within 14 days.

(F) 5 Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and 3 Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the Competition.

(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 Team having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition, or failing to be represented at any meeting to which they were requested to attend (of which not less than 7 days notice has been given), shall be liable to be fined or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee.

The fines and penalties for the forthcoming season shall be determined annually by the Management Committee by 1st May. The Management Committee may increase the severity of a penalty for an offence by a Team if that offence has already been committed by that Team in the same season.

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

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Clubs, Teams, Officials, Players or Individuals committing a breach of this Rule will incur such penalties as the Management Committee may impose. The fines, charges and penalties for the forthcoming season shall be determined annually by the Management Committee by 1st May.

(J) A Member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any 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 between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SIX

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 75% Members are present and entitled to vote:

- i. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- ii. To consider any business arising there from.
- iii. To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- iv. Election of Clubs or Teams to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee).
- v. Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- vi. Election of Officers and Management Committee.
- vii. Appointment of Auditors.
- viii. Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
- ix. Fix the date for the commencement and conclusion of playing season.
- x. Other business of which due notice shall have been 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 Team at least 14 days prior to the meeting, and to the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association.

(C) A signed copy of the duly verified Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association within 14 days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each Team of a Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Team of a Full Member Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than 7 days notice shall be given of any Meeting. Associate Member Clubs may be represented at an Annual General Meeting in the proportion of one representative for six or part of six Associate Member Clubs and such representatives shall exercise the powers and rights of Full Members at such meetings.

(E) Teams who have withdrawn from the 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. The provision will not apply to Teams 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 75% 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 Team of a Full Member Club unless the individual is also appointed to vote as a representative of a group of Associate member Clubs.

(H) Any continuing Team of a Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined (See Rule 5(H)).

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

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

SEVEN

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

"We,
Name/Signature of Address/Tel No. (Chairman) and,
Name/Signature of Address/Tel No. (Secretary) of the
Name/Signature of Address/Tel No. (Treasurer) of the
.....Team of (enter name of your team if your Club has more than one team in this Competition)
.....Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the
Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Team of Club to, if elected or 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 to the Team on the above Agreement must be notified to the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association to which the Member Club is
affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.
Any Team failing to complete and return the above by the 1st League Meeting of the season (the August meeting) may be fined, and all Registration Form counterfoils will be retained by the Registration
Secretary (NB The retention of the Registration Form counterfoils means that all players are ineligible, and subsequently the Team are unable to commence their fixtures).

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

EIGHT

(A) Contract Players, as defined in Football Association Rules are permitted in this Competition.

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

- i. Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition Registration Form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Team, and who has been registered with the Registration Secretary (or deputy) 0 days prior to playing and whose completed Registration Form counterfoil has been received by the Team prior to playing.
- ii. Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition Registration Form in ink on a match day prior to playing, countersigned by an Officer of the Team and witnessed & countersigned by an Officer of the opposing Team, and submitted to the Registration Secretary (or deputy) within 3 days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the match. The Player shall not play again until the Team is in possession of the completed Registration Form counterfoil.

Registration Forms cannot be submitted to the Registration Secretary (or deputy) by facsimile machine prior to the Player playing.

C) N/A

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

(E) For each season 25 Registration Forms are to be given free to each Team. Thereafter Registration Forms shall be obtained from the Registration Secretary (or deputy) on prepayment of £1 per form.

(F) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes. In the event of a Player signing a Registration Form or having a Registration Form submitted for more than one Team priority of registration shall decide for which Team the Player shall be registered. The Registration Secretary (or deputy) shall notify the Team 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 Team in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.
- ii. Having signed for one Team in the Competition, sign for another Team 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 power to accept the registration of any Player. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player or may fine any Player at their discretion proved guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).
ii. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player found guilty of undesirable conduct and to disqualify the Player in question from participating in all games in the Competition. (Subject to Rule 16).

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 dispute.

(I) Subject to The Football Association Rules dealing with Players without a written contract when a Player desires a transfer, the Team the Player wishes to transfer to shall submit a Transfer Form to the Registration Secretary (or deputy). Such transfer shall be referred by the Registration Secretary (or deputy) to the Team for which the Player is registered. Should this Team object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Registration Secretary (or deputy) and to the Player concerned within seven days of receipt of the Transfer Form. Upon receipt of the Team's consent, or upon its failure to

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give written objection within seven days, the Registration Secretary (or deputy) may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the Player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Team from the date the Transfer Form was received by the Registration Secretary (or deputy).

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

Having transferred from one Team to another a Player shall not be able to transfer to another Team until 28 days has passed. The 28 days shall commence from the date the Transfer Form was received by the Registration Secretary (or deputy) for the preceding transfer.

For each season 2 Transfer Forms are to be given free to each team. Thereafter Transfer Forms shall be obtained from the Registration Secretary (or deputy) on prepayment of £1 per form.

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

(K) A Team 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 Team, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registration Secretary (or deputy) and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Team Member representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged.

(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 10 games for that Team in this Competition in the current season.

(N) A Player who has played for a Team in the Premier Division 15 times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower Division except by permission of the Management Committee.

(O)

i. Any Team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible Player or Players may have the points gained and goal scored in the match deducted from its total and may be fined.

ii. n/a

iii. The Management Committee may award all points to the opponents.

iv. In addition the Team may have 3 points deducted from its total at the discretion of the Management Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought to be fit.

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

(P)

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 Leagues).

iii. Children over 9 and 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.

(Q) All Teams shall have no fewer than 11 Players registered with the Registration Secretary (or deputy) by 1st August. Any Team failing to do so shall be fined.

(R) Any Team wishing to de-register a Player must submit a letter to the Registration Secretary (or deputy) with details of the names of the Players to be de-registered. If, in the opinion of the Management Committee, a Player de-registers himself in order to register for another Team, with the purpose of circumventing the "28 day no-transfer ruling" in Rule 8I, then the substance or spirit of the League Rules is obviously being disregarded. The Player will have the registration for that new Team suspended until 28 days has elapsed from the date of the de-registration. This will be carried out under Rule 8Hi and operates despite the fact that no Rule has actually been infringed.

(S) All completed Registration Forms, Transfer Forms and letters of de-registration must be sent to the Registration Secretary (or deputy) with a stamped addressed envelope for the return of the counterfoil or copy to the respective Team secretary. Any Team failing to do so may be fined.

CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

NINE

(A) Every Team must register the colours of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 1st July who shall decide as to their suitability. Any Team failing to do so may be fined. Every Team must have two different full kits.

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 5 days before the match. Any Team failing to do so may be fined.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away Team shall make the change. An away Team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change shall be fined.

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.

Any Team failing to have numbered shirts may be fined. See also Rule 10B.

(B) Any Team wishing to change its name and/or colours must seek permission from its affiliated County Football Association and from the Management Committee.

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

TEN

(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 Team shall be compelled to play after the concluding date. Original fixtures arranged by the Fixtures Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than 1st August, must not be arranged for a date later than 7 days preceding the concluding date determined by the Annual General Meeting.

If mutually arranged at a meeting a list of fixtures must be forwarded to the Fixtures Secretary within 7 days of the meeting. Fixtures are deemed to be accepted unless objections are received by the Fixtures Secretary within 14 days of their issue.

Any Team failing to be represented at a fixture meeting or otherwise infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine (See Rule 5H) and the Management Committee or the Fixtures Secretary shall arrange that Team's fixtures.

(B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.

Clubs and Teams must take all necessary 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 Team concerned to play its fixtures on another ground. All matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than 60 minutes) is mutually arranged by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the Annual General Meeting or the Management Committee. Any Team failing to commence at the appointed time, and without satisfactory reasons given for the delay, shall be fined or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

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 2 footballs fit to play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable.

Well maintained goal nets must be used.

Correct Flag posts (minimum 5ft high with non-pointed tops) must be used.

The Referee should make a report to the Competition if: at least 2 footballs fit to play, well maintained goal nets, and correct flag posts are not provided; field markings are not clear or safe; there are problems with team kits or shirts are not numbered.

If the home Team fails to: provide at least 2 footballs fit to play; provide well maintained goal nets; provide correct flag posts; they may be fined and/or dealt with as deemed necessary by the Management Committee.

The consumption of alcohol around the field of play by any Team's Players, Members, Officials or supporters before, during or immediately after the match is strictly forbidden. Any Team failing to suppress this activity may be fined or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee. The Referee should make a report to the Competition if they witness the consumption of alcohol.

(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 all relevant County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Teams may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary.

(D) The Secretary of the home Team must give notice in writing of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground, the time of kick-off and the colours to be worn to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Team at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match. The Secretary of the home Team shall then contact, by phone, the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Team at least 60 hours before the match to confirm that details have been received and understood. Any Team failing to comply with this Rule shall be fined.

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

Note: The intention of this Rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Teams, but to prevent Teams deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another match. If, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the Rule is obviously being disregarded, the Team concerned may be called to account for its actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine, despite the fact that Rule 8 has not been infringed.

In the event of a Team playing any match with less than 9 players they may be fined for each player missing. A minimum of 7 players will constitute a Team for a Competition match.

(F) Home and away matches shall all be played. In the event of a Team failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Team, award the points to the opponents, order the defaulting Team to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them (including the re-arrangement of the fixture) 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 actions is warranted by the circumstances.

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(Paragraph left out due to non-applicability to this Competition).

Notice of postponement of any match must be given without delay by the postponing Team. Such notice must be given at least 48 hours prior to the match by the Team to the Fixtures Secretary, the Referees Appointment Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Team and the match officials. Any Team failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict any penalty it may deem suitable.

In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Team has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Teams and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Fixtures Secretary within 7 days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Team shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for 0 (zero) persons, or car allowance at 0 (zero) pence per mile for transporting 0 (zero) persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Teams after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and match officials charges. The home Team shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second match.

The Management Committee shall review all abandoned matches and in a case where it is to the advantage of the Competition, does no injustice to either Team, and a minimum of 70 minutes were played, 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 or Team member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponents and/or take what other action they deem necessary. In cases where a match is abandoned owing to the conduct of both Clubs or Teams or their Club or Team members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the appropriate County Football Association.

Note: The away Team, if they feel that the lack of or standard of changing facilities is not suitable for their requirements, may offer their ground to the nominated home team. If accepted, the nominated away Team shall cover any costs above what the nominated home Team would have paid at their home ground, i.e. difference in cost of ground and referee expenses.

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

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 5 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 of 10 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may be altered with the consent of the referee.

(I) All Teams taking part in this Competition shall be expected to play on all Sundays between the commencement and conclusion of the season, except for cancellations due to Sheffield and Hallamshire County Football Association Sunday Cup matches, postponed matches due to bad weather, Christmas bank holidays and in conjunction with Rule 10(J). Any Team failing to fulfil all its Competition programme in a season will be dealt with as in Rule 10(F) for each game not completed.

(J) The Fixtures Secretary shall bring matches forward where it is in the Competition's best interest to do so. This is subject to 7 days notification to both Teams involved. Initial telephone contact, when necessary, can be made by the Fixtures Secretary, then written notification to both Teams to be sent within 2 days (excluding Sunday) of Teams being notified by telephone.

(K) Any Team wishing to close a date must do so before the 15th of the month preceding month of the date to be closed, e.g. to close a date in January the League must be notified by latest 15th December. No Team shall be allowed more than 1 closing of date under this rule per season (please note Rule 6 in all Cups). The Management Committee however, have the right to give special permission for cancellations in exceptional cases.

(L) All matches re-arranged by the Fixtures Secretary shall become bona-fide fixtures and must be honoured by all Teams. Failure to abide by this instruction will result in Teams at fault being dealt with under Rule 10(F), and the match being re-arranged by the Fixtures Secretary.

(M) Permission may be sought from SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association to play midweek matches, and that permission being granted, all midweek matches will be arranged by the Fixtures Secretary. This is subject to 7 days notification to both Teams involved. Initial telephone contact, when necessary, can be made by the Fixtures Secretary, then written notification to both Teams to be sent within 2 days (excluding Sunday) of Teams being notified by telephone.

Otherwise Teams can mutually agree to play midweek matches provided both Teams concerned have agreed and the fixture having been cancelled due to SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association commitments.

Only matches cancelled due to bad weather causing postponements of a SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association Sunday Cup fixture taking place will be permitted. Failure to fulfil a fixture under these conditions will then be dealt with under Rule 10(F).

REPORTING RESULTS

ELEVEN

(A) The Registration Secretary (or deputy) must receive within 3 days (Sundays excluded) of the date played, the Result Sheet of each Competition match. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team's Players (in block letters) and also the Referee's performance markings required by Rule 13(H), and the sportsmanship marks awarded to the Opposition, and any other information required by the Competition. Any Team failing to do so may be fined, and further dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

If a Team awards 50 or less out of 100 for the Referee's performance, or 4 or less out of 10 for the sportsmanship of the Opposition then that Team must send a report to the Competition Secretary within 3 days (Sundays excluded) of the date played. The report must give clear concise details of the match and the reasons for the low mark(s). Any Team failing to do so may be fined.

(B) Both Teams shall telephone the result of each Competition match to their appointed Division representative by 4pm on the date of the match (9pm for midweek matches). Both Teams shall also name their goalscorers. Telephone notification of results shall also include matches not played and abandonment if applicable. Any Team failing to do so may be fined.

(C) The match Result Sheet, correctly completed, shall be authorised by a responsible member of the Team. Any Team which submits an incomplete Result Sheet or incorrect information may be fined, and further dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

TWELVE

(A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 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 will be decided by (number denotes priority of determination):-

i. Goal Difference

ii. Goals Scored

iii. If Teams records are same on i) and then ii), there will be a deciding match or matches - played under conditions determined by the Management Committee – only if the team rankings to be decided determine promotion or relegation.

(B) Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first 2 and last 2 Teams in each Division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 1(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

(d) See Rule 12D.

iii. The last 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 (Bi) above.

iv. When a Team is relegated to a lower Division of which one of its Club's other Team(s) is a member, or entitled to be member, the lower ranking Competition Team must accept relegation to, or retain its positioning in (unless it finished as one of the first 2 Teams, and is therefore promoted), the next lower Division; and should a Team be relegated to the lowest Division the lowest ranking Competition Team of that Club automatically retires from the Competition."

v. Should a leading Team (one of the first 2 Teams) in any of the Divisions have its senior Team (i.e. higher ranking Competition Team of same Club) in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the Annual General Meeting, to the next highest Team in the Division concerned.

(C) In the event of a Team not completing 90% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table.

(D) N/A

(E) A Team's result in a match shall not be used for determining their place in the Championship until such result has been confirmed by that Team in accordance with Rule 11 A and C, i.e. a Result Sheet has been supplied. If a Result Sheet is not provided within 21 days of the match then the points won will be lost.

REFEREES

THIRTEEN

(A) Registered Referees and Assistant Referees for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association(s).

(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 Teams shall agree upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. Failure to appoint a Referee and therefore failing to complete a scheduled fixture will result in Rule 10(F) being applied to both Teams.

(C) The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two Competing Teams, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any match. Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Team Assistant Referee if requested by the Referee. The home Team must provide flags for the Assistant Referees if requested by the Referee. Failure to provide an Assistant Referee or flags may result in a fine being imposed on the defaulting Team.

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(D) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the discretion 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 to play.

(E) Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to charge standard class public transport expenses or private car expenses of an amount per mile and any other permitted expenses actually incurred together with match fees.

The private car expenses and the match officials match fees for the forthcoming season shall be determined annually by the Management Committee by 1st May. Private car expenses and match fees shall be subject to any minimum and/or maximum limits laid down by the sanctioning Association(s).

The home Team shall offer to pay the Officials their fees and expenses before the match, it is at the discretion of the Referee whether he accepts it before or immediately after the match. A Team failing to pay the Officials shall be fined, and further dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

(F) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Teams 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 Team being in default, that Team shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses. If the away Team does not attend the ground then the home Team shall pay the Officials, if the home Team does not attend the ground then the away Team shall pay the Officials, in either case the Team which paid must submit an expenses claim to the Competition within 14 days, the Competition shall then recover those expenses from the defaulting Team. All Teams should note that refusing to pay the Officials because the opposing Team has not attended the ground will be dealt with as per the last sentence of Rule 13E.

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

(H) Each Team shall 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 Result Sheet (See Rule 11(A)). Teams 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 Football Association/County Association.

Note: If an unqualified or an unnamed Referee has officiated the match then this Referee must be named and must always be given a mark.

(I) The Competition requests that Referees complete a report giving information to the League regarding the issues in Rules 10(B), 13(C), 13(E) and 13(F).

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

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

FOURTEEN

(A) After 31st December in the current Season a Member Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw its/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 31st March each season or be liable to a fine.

All Teams wishing to remain in membership of the Competition for the following season must confirm their intention to do so, in writing, to the Secretary by 1st June.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its Teams from the Competition after the Annual General Meeting for the following Season. Any Team infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(C) The Membership for the coming season having been decided at a Special General Meeting held for that purpose not earlier than 1st June nor later than 30th June or at the Annual General Meeting held not later than 30th June the Competition shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions in this Rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its Team(s) in order to join another Competition and may hold the Team to its engagements.

(D) In the event of a Team 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 21 days then such obligation shall be met by the then current Team Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age. Until a Team Member's pro-rata obligation is discharged in full the Team Member may not be allowed to participate in the Competition, which may apply to the Club's Parent County Association for a suspension order. If and when the obligation is notified to the Sheffield & Hallamshire County Football Association then that Member shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition.

The pro-rata obligation for each Team Member shall include an administration charge. The formula calculation for determining that administration fee for the forthcoming season shall be determined annually by the Management Committee by 1st May.

See "Procedure to be adopted by Leagues/Competitions, in order to recover monies owing by Clubs in membership or formerly in membership" – SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association Annual Handbook.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

FIFTEEN

(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 commencement of the match. Any Team lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of 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 grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged in duplicate with the Secretary of the Competition within 14 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 (if applicable, the duplicate copy of the protest will be sent by the Secretary of the Competition to the Secretary of the Team to which the protest against may refer). A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club or its Team(s) involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club or Team) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

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

(D) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club, Team, Official or Player shall have deposited with the Secretary of the Competition an appeal or protest fee of £5. This may be forfeited in whole or part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club, Team, Official or Player losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club, Team, Official or Player or the Club, Team, Official or Player 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 7 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, Team, Official or Player of any information which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.

BOARD OF APPEAL

SIXTEEN

Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or the Competition a Club, Team, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association including a fee of £20 in the case of a Club or Team, or £10 in the case of a Player or Official, for the adjudication of a Board of Appeal. An exact copy of the appeal must at the same time be sent to the Secretary of the Competition. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rule and the Regulations for Football Association Appeals. 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.

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

SEVENTEEN

(A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, 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. 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 whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3rds) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club or Team whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any Official or Member of a Club or Team 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 or Team 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 or team shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.

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(D) Any Club or Team failing to complete 90% 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.

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

EIGHTEEN

If a Competition be discounted 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 Association may decide. At the close of each Competition awards may 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

Name/Signature

And

Name/Signature

the Chairman and Secretary of

.....Team of (enter name of your team if your Club has more than one team in this Competition)

..... Football Club, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners ofCup 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 April. 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."

Any Team failing to return the Trophy Agreement Form by 1st June may be fined or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees.

Clubs failing to return the Cup or Trophy by 1st April may be fined.

All Cup and Trophies played for shall remain the property of the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

A permanent memento will be presented to the recipients upon return of the original Cup or Trophy.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

NINETEEN

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

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

At least 7 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 Team of a Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Team shall be entitled to one vote only.

Associate Member Clubs may be represented at all Special General Meetings in the proportion of one representative for each six or part of six Associate Member Clubs and such representatives shall

exercise the powers and the rights of Full Members at such meetings.

Any continuing Team of a Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined (See Rule 5(H)).

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

ALTERATION TO RULES

TWENTY

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 Secretary of the Competition by 1st April in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Teams by 1st May and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Competition by 1st June. 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 75% 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 at least 21 days prior to the date of the 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.

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

TWENTY ONE

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

FINANCE

TWENTY TWO

(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 £1 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 30th June.

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

KNOCK-OUT CUP RULES

1. This Competition shall be called the ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League Knock-Out Cup and shall be known as the SPONSORS NAME ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League Knock-Out Cup, all Teams in the ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League shall participate in this Competition (please note: Rule 11).

2. The Entry Fee to this Competition for each Team is included in the ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League Entry Fee or Annual Subscription.

3. Teams shall be drawn in pairs, and all shall compete against each other. The winners shall be drawn again in pairs, and shall compete in the same manner until the end of the Competition.

4. In each tie the match shall be played on the ground of the first Team drawn, unless circumstances warrant a ground other than the ground of the Team concerned, due to their ground being unavailable and with the mutual agreement of the Teams.

5. The duration of the match shall be 90 minutes, but should the match end in a draw an extra time of 30 minutes shall be played. If the scores are still level at that time, the match will be decided on a penalty shoot out, as per FIFA Ruling.

6. The matches in all rounds of the Competition must be played on the dates specified by the Committee, and only matches in a SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association Competition will take preference. Rule 10K of the League Rules does not apply and a Knock-Out Cup fixture date cannot be closed or Knock-Out Cup fixture cancelled.

7. All players in the Competition must be registered players of that Team for whom they play. In all rounds of the Competition except the preliminary round a player must have been registered player at least 7 days (includes the day of the match itself) prior to the match taking place to be eligible to play in that round. In the Semi-Final or Final ties a player must have played in at least 6 matches for that Team in either the League Competition or Knock-Out Cup Competition previous to the Semi-Final or Final ties taking place.

8. A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing Team in this Competition (this shall include Teams who have subsequently withdrawn from membership).

9. Any Team in breach of Competition Rules: shall be barred from playing in the Competition that season and the tie be forfeited to their opponents; shall be fined; and further dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

10. Substitutes. As per Rule 10(G) of the League Rules.

11. Premier Division Teams are exempt until the Third Round of the Competition.

12. The Competition shall be managed by the Management Committee of the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

13. All protests and appeals shall be handled in accordance with Rule 15 of the League Rules.

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14. Except as otherwise provided for, any breach of these Rules or any matters or disputes arising in this Competition, whether provided for in the Rules or not, shall be decreed by the Management Committee subject to an appeal to the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association as per Rule 16 of the League Rules.

15. Reporting Results shall be in accordance with Rule 11 of the League Rules.

a. The result of a match shall not be used for deciding who progresses in a tie until such result has been confirmed in accordance with Rule 11 A and C, i.e. a Result Sheet has been supplied. If a Result Sheet is not provided prior to the next round then the tie will be forfeited to the opponents.

16. The rules regarding Referees shall be in accordance with Rule 13 of the League Rules, except for the following: -

In this Competition the away Team shall pay for the Match Officials. The away Team shall offer to pay the Officials their fees and expenses before the match, it is at the discretion of the Referee whether he accepts it before or immediately after the match. In the Semi-Final and Final ties the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE shall pay for the Match Officials.

17. All Cup and Trophies played for shall remain the property of the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE, and all recipients of Cup or Trophies shall be responsible in accordance with Rule 18 of the League Rules. A permanent memento will be presented to the recipients upon return of the original Cup or Trophy.

18. These Rules are in addition to the League Rules emplaced, which are in force in all ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE Competitions.

SUPPLEMENTARY CUP RULES

1. This Competition shall be called the ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League Supplementary Cup and shall be known as the SPONSORS NAME ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League Supplementary Cup, the Teams eligible for this Competition are identified in Rule 11.

2. The Entry Fee to this Competition for each Team will be determined annually, and is to be paid in addition to the ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League Entry Fee or Annual Subscription. The Entry Fee must be paid upon request, and participation in the Competition will not be allowed until it is done so.

3. Teams shall be drawn in pairs, and all shall compete against each other. The winners shall be drawn again in pairs, and shall compete in the same manner until the end of the Competition.

4. In each tie the match shall be played on the ground of the first Team drawn, unless circumstances warrant a ground other than the ground of the Team concerned, due to their ground being unavailable and with the mutual agreement of the Teams.

5. The duration of the match shall be 90 minutes, but should the match end in a draw an extra time of 30 minutes shall be played. If the scores are still level at that time, the match will be decided on a penalty shoot out, as per FIFA Ruling.

6. The matches in all rounds of the Competition must be played on the dates specified by the Committee, and only matches in a SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association Competition will take preference. Rule 10K of the League Rules does not apply and a Supplementary Cup fixture date cannot be closed or Supplementary Cup fixture cancelled.

7. All players in the Competition must be registered players of that Team for whom they play. In all rounds of the Competition a player must have been registered player at least 7 days (includes the day of the match itself) prior to the match taking place to be eligible to play in that round. In the Semi-Final or Final ties a player must have played in at least 6 matches for that Team in either the League Competition or Knock-Out Cup Competition previous to the Semi-Final or Final ties taking place.

8. A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing Team in this Competition (this shall include Teams who have subsequently withdrawn from membership).

9. Any Team in breach of Competition Rules: shall be barred from playing in the Competition that season and the tie be forfeited to their opponents; shall be fined; and further dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

10. Substitutes. As per Rule 10(G) of the League Rules.

11. All Teams eliminated in the Preliminary, First, or Second Rounds of the ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League Knock-Out Cup are eligible to participate in this Competition.

12. The Competition shall be managed by the Management Committee of the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

13. All protests and appeals shall be handled in accordance with Rule 15 of the League Rules.

14. Except as otherwise provided for, any breach of these Rules or any matters or disputes arising in this Competition, whether provided for in the Rules or not, shall be decreed by the Management Committee subject to an appeal to the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association as per Rule 16 of the League Rules.

15. Reporting Results shall be in accordance with Rule 11 of the League Rules.

a. The result of a match shall not be used for deciding who progresses in a tie until such result has been confirmed in accordance with Rule 11 A and C, i.e. a Result Sheet has been supplied. If a Result Sheet is not provided prior to the next round then the tie will be forfeited to the opponents.

16. The rules regarding Referees shall be in accordance with Rule 13 of the League Rules, except for the following: -

In this Competition the away Team shall pay for the Match Officials. The away Team shall offer to pay the Officials their fees and expenses before the match, it is at the discretion of the Referee whether he accepts it before or immediately after the match. In the Semi-Final and Final ties the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE shall pay for the Match Officials.

17. All Cup and Trophies played for shall remain the property of the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE, and all recipients of Cup or Trophies shall be responsible in accordance with Rule 18 of the League Rules. A permanent memento will be presented to the recipients upon return of the original Cup or Trophy.

18. These Rules are in addition to the League Rules emplaced, which are in force in all ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE Competitions.

INVITATION CUP RULES

1. This Competition shall be called the ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League Invitation Cup and shall be known as the SPONSORS NAME ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League Invitation Cup, the Teams eligible for this Competition are identified in Rule 11.

2. The Entry Fee to this Competition for each Team will be determined annually, and is to be paid in addition to the ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL League Entry Fee or Annual Subscription. The Entry Fee must be paid upon request, and participation in the Competition will not be allowed until it is done so.

3. Dependant on the number of Teams invited to take part in the Competition the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE will use Rule 5 in the latter stages of this Competition, but may use Rule 4 in the preliminary stages. The stages and format of the Competition will be determined and published prior to its start.

4.

A. Matches played on a League basis will include three Teams per Group. Each Team will play one home match and one away match.

B. These Groups shall be decided as per Rule 12(A) of the League Rules.

C. The ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE shall determine prior to the start of the Competition what placings in the Groups shall mean progression to the next stage of the Competition. Should a Team fail to play one of its matches and still finish top of the Group, that Team will not be allowed to continue in the Competition. The next placed Team in the Group will progress to the next round.

D. In the event of a Team failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to award a 3-0 result to the opposition.

5.

A. Teams shall be drawn in pairs, and all shall compete against each other. The winners shall be drawn again in pairs, and shall compete in the same manner until the end of the Competition.

B. In each tie the match shall be played on the ground of the first Team drawn, unless circumstances warrant a ground other than the ground of the Team concerned, due to their ground being unavailable and with the mutual agreement of the Teams.

C. The duration of the match shall be 90 minutes, but should the match end in a draw an extra time of 30 minutes shall be played. If the scores are still level at that time, the match will be decided on a penalty shoot out, as per FIFA Ruling.

D. In the event of a Team failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to award a 3-0 result to the opposition.

6. The matches in all rounds of the Competition must be played on the dates specified by the Committee, however matches in a SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association Competition, the League Competition, the Knock-Out Cup Competition, and the Supplementary Cup Competition will take preference. Rule 10K of the League Rules does not apply and a Invitation Cup fixture date cannot be closed or Invitation Cup fixture cancelled.

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7. All players in the Competition must be registered players of that Team for whom they play. In the Semi-Final or Final ties a player must have played in at least 6 matches for that Team in either the League Competition, Knock-Out Cup Competition or Supplementary Cup Competition or Invitation Cup Competition previous to the Semi-Final or Final ties taking place.

8. A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing Team in this Competition (this shall include Teams who have subsequently withdrawn from membership).

9. Any Team in breach of Competition Rules: shall be barred from playing in the Competition that season and the tie be forfeited to their opponents; shall be fined; and further dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

10. Substitutes. As per Rule 10(G) of the League Rules.

11. All Teams who have completed all or all but one of their League matches before the commencement of the Competition will be invited to participate in this Competition, as well as any teams invited at the discretion of the Management Committee.

12. The Competition shall be managed by the Management Committee of the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

13. All protests and appeals shall be handled in accordance with Rule 15 of the League Rules.

14. Except as otherwise provided for, any breach of these Rules or any matters or disputes arising in this Competition, whether provided for in the Rules or not, shall be decreed by the Management Committee subject to an appeal to the SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association as per Rule 16 of the League Rules.

15. Reporting Results shall be in accordance with Rule 11 of the League Rules.

a. The result of a match shall not be used for deciding who progresses in a tie until such result has been confirmed in accordance with Rule 11 A and C, i.e. a Result Sheet has been supplied. If a Result Sheet is not provided prior to the next round then the tie will be forfeited to the opponents.

16. The rules regarding Referees shall be in accordance with Rule 13 of the League Rules, except for the following: -

In this Competition the away Team shall pay for the Match Officials. The away Team shall offer to pay the Officials their fees and expenses before the match, it is at the discretion of the Referee whether he accepts it before or immediately after the match. In the Final tie the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE shall pay for the Match Officials.

17. All Cup and Trophies played for shall remain the property of the ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE, and all recipients of Cup or Trophies shall be responsible in accordance with Rule 18 of the League Rules. A permanent memento will be presented to the recipients upon return of the original Cup or Trophy.

18. These Rules are in addition to the League Rules emplaced, which are in force in all ROTHERHAM AND DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE Competitions.

SPECIAL COMPETITION CUP RULES

The ROTHERHAM & DISTRICT SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE may at its discretion organise a Special Competition Cup for the Teams in a Division(s) whose numbers have been significantly reduced by withdraws. This Competition shall be organised under the Rules of the Invitation Cup with the following amendments: there will be no additional Entry Fee payable; Rule 11 does not apply and participation eligibility is replaced by the above. 6. The matches in all rounds of the Competition must be played on the dates specified by the Committee, and only matches in a SHEFFIELD AND HALLAMSHIRE County Football Association Competition, the League Competition, the Knock-Out Cup Competition, and the Supplementary Cup Competition will take preference. Rule 10K of the League Rules does not apply and a Special Competition Cup fixture date cannot be closed or Special Competition Cup fixture cancelled.