Derbyshire County FA
Season 2018-19
JUNIOR CUPS (North & South)

1) The Competition

i) The Competition shall be called the Derbyshire County Football Association Junior Cup Competitions and shall be divided into North and South sections. A sponsors name may be added to the title on an annual basis.

ii) The Competitions shall be annual, conducted on a knock-out principle and all matches shall be played and carried out in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association and Laws of the Game.

iii) The Directors shall have the power to reserve the right of varying or withholding any Competition they may deem fit.

2) Control of the Competition

i) The entire control and management of the Competitions shall be vested in the Directors whose decision on all matters associated with the Competitions shall be final and binding on all parties.

3) Subscription

i) The annual entrance fee shall be set in accordance with the fines tariff. Entry forms should be submitted by the 30th August of that playing season.

3) Eligibility of Clubs

i) The Competitions shall be open to all Clubs registered with the Junior Leagues and must compete on one or other of these competitions subject to the approval of the Directors.

ii) Adequate changing facilities **MUST** be provided for Official(s) and Opponents. Failure to do so will lead to elimination from the Competition.

5) Eligibility of Players

i) All players registered with a Club in a sanctioned League in which the Club participates shall be eligible to play in these Competitions. A player having played for a Club in the Senior Cup of the Association or Divisional Cup is not eligible to play in these Competitions in the same season.

ii) A player may only play for one Club in this Competition or any other Derbyshire County Football Association designated Saturday Competition during the current season. A player having played in this Competition can then play in the Senior Cup but cannot then play again in the Divisional or Junior Cup Competitions during the same season.

iii) A player must be registered with their respective League by the Club at least 7 clear days prior to the date the match is played. For clarification, if the match is postponed for any reason, then the re-scheduled match date applies for the registration of players.

iv) No player will be deemed eligible to play in the Semi-Finals or Final unless his registration has been completed at least 28 days prior to the scheduled date for the match.

v) Only those players eligible to play on the original scheduled date of the match shall be eligible to play in any re-arranged match.

vi) Any Club proved to have played an ineligible player shall automatically be removed from the Competition and fined at the discretion of the Directors.

6) Substitutes

i) A maximum of five substitutes may be nominated but only a maximum of three substitutions by each side will be permitted in any match except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee.

ii) The substitutions can only be made when play has been stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission for the substitute to take place which must be conducted at the half-way line. The names of the substitutes must be given to the referee prior to the commencement of the game and the shirt numbers must correspond with the Team Sheet given to the Referee.

iii) A player who has been nominated to the referee prior to the kick-off as a substitute but does not actually play in the match shall not be Cup-Tied and his name should NOT be entered on the official Derbyshire County Football Association Match Result Sheet.

7) Shirt Numbers

i) The outfield players' shirts must be clearly numbered from 2 to 17 (excluding no.13) in accordance with the team sheet given to the referee and the official Match Report Sheet and there must be no change of numbers during the match except for a change of goalkeeper or unserviceable shirt. Any team initially starting with a shirt incorrectly numbered shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

8) Draw and Grounds

i) The Directors shall be responsible for placing the teams in the 'North' and 'South' Competitions on a geographical and acceptable basis.

ii) The Clubs placed in the 'North' division shall then be placed in one lot and shall be drawn in couples. The Draw shall be arranged that no byes will normally arise in subsequent rounds but where it is in the interest of the Competition and to prevent numerous byes in the first round a preliminary round may be played at the discretion of the Directors.

iii) The first draw Club in each pair shall have the choice of ground. If the ground is unavailable or unsuitable for the Cup-Tie then the Directors of the Association may order the tie to be played on their opponents or a neutral ground.

iv) Similarly the 'South' division shall be drawn in a like manner.

v) Any Club unable to field a team on the scheduled date for the match without sufficient reason for so doing, will automatically be removed from the Competition. The Club will be reported to the Directors of the Association who shall reserve the right of expelling such Club from the Association or of taking such action as they may deem expedient including the consideration of a fine and any appropriate expenses incurred by the opposition. If any expenses are claimed these should be itemised and sent to The Chief Executive of the Association whose decision will be final and binding. At the Semi-Finals stage the Home drawn club must ensure the playing area is roped off from spectators a minimum distance of 2 metres.

9) Duration of Matches

i) All matches shall be played to a conclusion in the first match including the Final-Tie.

ii) All matches shall be of 90 minutes duration (45 minutes each way). The half-time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration and may only be varied with the consent of the match referee. The kick-off time for Saturday matches for clubs without floodlights will be as stipulated by the Directors and as shown on the Draw Sheet. The kick-off time for Saturday matches for Clubs with approved floodlights will be 3.00 p.m. (or as stipulated by the Directors).

iii) Midweek matches will commence at the Home Clubs normal kick-off time of either 7.30 p.m. or 7.45 p.m.

iv) Extra time of 15 minutes each way shall be played in all matches where the scores are equal at the end normal time.

v) In the event of the scores being level at the end of extra time the winners shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the Penalty Mark in accordance with the Football Association directives.

vi) A Club being responsible for a late kick-off shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

10) Match Dates

i) All matches are to be played on the scheduled date set by the Directors at the commencement of the season but dates are subject to adjustment should circumstances so demand.

ii) Matches may only be postponed for Football Association Competitions or due to extenuating circumstances approved by the Directors of the Association.

iii) Criterion for staging matches where a club's reserve team are drawn at home and the first team have a scheduled home match.

(a) Where a reserve side is drawn at home and the clubs have no floodlights then the match will be brought forward to a mutually agreed date.

(b) Where a reserve side is drawn at home and the home club have approved floodlights then the match will be brought forward.

(c) Where a reserve side is drawn at home and the home club have no floodlights then the Draw may be reversed.

(d) Home Clubs with approved floodlights may play their matches prior to the scheduled date with the agreement of the opposition.

In the unlikely event that (a), (b), (c) or (d) cannot be agreed then the Directors will make the ultimate decision which will be binding on all parties.

Where a change of date and/or venue is agreed the information should immediately telephoned to DCFA Offices 01332 361422 or via email to satcountycupappts@derbyshirefa.com so that we can take any necessary action.

11) Postponed Matches

So as not to disrupt League programmes unnecessarily the following procedure will be adopted:

i) All matches postponed due to unfit grounds shall automatically be rearranged to be played no later than 7 days after the scheduled date. If the match is rearranged to be played earlier than 7 days then the new date and details must be notified to the Association Office, the Referee Development Officer and the Referee.

ii) Should a fixture be postponed on two separate occasions, the draw will be reversed to the away team's ground. If the away teams ground is not fit to host the fixture, the original home team's ground will be used. Should that also not be fit any further rearrangements will use the first ground hat is fit to play on with the original home team's ground having priority. Should the tie b played at the ground of the away team, the match officials fees and pitch costs will be shared equally. Should a pitch inspection be required, a Senior County Referee (Level 5) or above should be called in good time to allow the home club to possibly travel to the away club as necessary and the Referee Development Officer notified immediately of the change of venue.

iii) In the unlikely event that agreement cannot be reached then the Directors will formulate a decision that will be binding on all parties.

iv) In the event of the ground or arrangements for the match preventing a Cup-Tie being played it shall not be permissible for the Clubs to play a friendly match.

12) Notification to Opponents and Match Officials

i) The Home Club shall notify the Visiting Club and the Match Official/s of the date of the match, full particulars of the situation of the ground and dressing rooms, colours (including goalkeepers shirt), time of kick-off and means of reaching the ground not less than 5 days prior to the scheduled date of the match.

ii) Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

13) Colours

i) In the event of Colours clashing the visiting team shall change. Goalkeepers' jerseys must not clash with the opponents' goalkeeper of the match officials' uniform.

ii) Clubs when playing away from home should not wear striped shirts, irrespective of colour, when the registered colours of the home team are striped shirts.

iii) If there is a clash of Colours in the Final Tie then both teams shall change unless they mutually agree otherwise and inform the Chief Executive of the Association in writing.

iv) Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

14) List of Players

i) A list of players is to be presented to the Referee and the opposing Club representative of the players taking part in the match with their corresponding shirt number in the Referees dressing room no later than 30 minutes prior to the advertised time of kick-off. Any alterations to the Team Sheet due to illness or injuries in the pre-match warm-up must be notified to the referee prior to the kick-off.

ii) Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

15) Match Officials

i) The appointment of the Match Official/s for these Competitions is the responsibility of the Referee Development Officer and all queries so related should be directed to him.

ii) The competing Clubs must in each match provide an Assistant Referee or be liable to an automatic fine of £10.00.

iii) The Directors reserve the right to make Assistant Referee appointments should they deem it necessary.

iv) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee, the Clubs must mutually agree in writing upon a substitute Referee who shall have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. The substitute official is not entitled to a match fee or expenses unless he is a qualified referee, registered for the current season with his respective parent County Football Association. The only exception to the above will be in Semi-Finals and the Final Tie when the first named Assistant Referee will assume the duties of the referee and he should make preparations to find a suitable replacement assistant referee. The match must take place and be completed even if only one original official is available. On all points of fact connected with the game proceeding, the referee's decision shall be final and binding and not subject to appeal.

v) The Match Official/s should be attendance at the ground at least 60 minutes prior to the advertised time of kick-off.

vi) The schedule of Fees and Expenses for the Match Officials shall be as follows:
In the rounds prior to the Semi-Finals – fee plus expenses*

Referee Fee £32.00 Assistant Referee Fee £25.00

Assistant referees will only be provided if they are requested by one of the participating teams. The team which requests assistant referees shall pay for their match fee and expenses.

In the Semi-Finals

Referee Fee £36.00 Assistant Referee Fee £27.00

In the Final Tie the Match Officials will be presented with a suitable inscribed Memento in lieu of the Match Fee.

*Match Officials expenses when travelling by Private Car will be not exceeding 30p per mile.

Where possible Match Officials should travel together.

16) Notification of Team Selection for Semi-Final and Final Ties

i) In the Semi-Final and Final Ties the competing Clubs shall submit to their opponents no later than seven days prior to the scheduled date for the match a list of players from which their team will be selected. Only players on this list will be eligible to participate in the match providing no objection has been raised. Any objection to the qualification of a player must be given in writing at least three days prior to the scheduled date for the match to the opponents and The Chief Executive of the Association whose decision shall be binding on all parties.

17) Financial Arrangements of the Match

i) In all rounds prior to the Final Tie the Home Club will be responsible for the Match Officials expenses and the opponents will be responsible for their own expenses. Any surplus from the gate money, if taken, will be retained by the Home Club.

ii) In the Final Tie the gate money shall be wholly taken by The Association who shall pay the match expenses except the competing clubs travel expenses.

18) Admission to Grounds

i) In the Round preceding the Final Tie, where admission is charged, all classes will pay for admittance to the ground except as provided for herein under for bona fide Officials of the competing Clubs and Council Members of the Association who will produce their current Derbyshire County Football Association membership card.

ii) Admission to all matches prior to the Final Tie shall be a maximum of £1.00 with concessions and juveniles under the age of 16 shall be 50p.

iii) Admission to the Final Tie shall be £3.00 with concessions and juveniles under the age of 16 shall be £1.00.

iv) Where gate money is taken, the Home Club will furnish the opponents with complimentary tickets to cover bona fide Club Officials not exceeding 10.

v) The Home Club will be expected to provide the opposition with either a hot or cold drink as appropriate at the half-time interval.

vi) If hospitality is afforded to the visiting club at the conclusion of the match, it would be courteous of the opposition to accept same.

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19) Trophy

i) At the conclusion of the match in the Final Tie the winners will be presented with the appropriate Derbyshire County Football Association Junior Cup.

ii) The trophy cannot be won outright and the winners are charged with the responsibility of returning the said Junior Cup to the Headquarters of the Association by 1st March next in like good order and condition. The winners of the Junior Cup are responsible for the safe keeping of the Cup and insuring it for £500.00 while in their possession.

iii) Failure to return trophy by due date a fine will be levied in accordance with the fines tariff table.

iv) The trophy shall be engraved by the Association and the winning club shall be invoiced for the cost of this.

20) Trophy Agreement

i) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Derbyshire County Football Association Junior Cup.
'We A.B., the Secretary of Y.Z. F. C., C.D. and E. F., members of and representing the said Club, having been declared the winners of The Derbyshire County Football Association Senior Cup and the same having been delivered to us by the said Association, do hereby on behalf of the said Club jointly and severally agree to return the same to The Chief Executive of the Association on or before the 1st March in accordance with the Rules of The Derbyshire County Football Association Junior Cup and providing the said trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care, we agree to refund to the Association the amount of its current replacement value or the cost of its thorough repair.'

21) Mementos

i) Mementos will be presented to 16 members of each nominated team playing in the Final Tie and the nominated substitutes with the following exception.

ii) A player who has been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for misconduct in the Final Tie shall not receive his memento at the end of the match until the Directors shall have decided whether or not the same may be awarded to him.

22) Powers of Directors

i) The Directors are authorised to make such Rules & Regulations with reference to The Derbyshire County Football Association Junior Cup and Officials of the game, as they may deem expedient.

ii) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of Competitors, interpretation of the Rules and Regulations, shall be referred to the Directors. Decisions of the Directors shall be considered final and binding on all parties. The Directors may delegate its powers to other officials.

23) (A) Match Result Using Fulltime.

How to… Submit SMS Results

The format of the outgoing SMS message sent to administrators for Cup Fixtures is as follows:-

FA Full-Time Results: CHED v ARSD, Sun 12 Feb 14:15. Reply with H-A score & code CHED, followed by AET & PENS if required: eg 2-2 CHED 3-3 AET 3-1 PENS

The Short Code (CHED and ARSD above) is not normally required, as Full-Time identifies which team a user is associated with according to their mobile phone number. However, if the user is potentially reporting scores for more than one team (e.g. their 1st XI and reserves are playing games on the same

day) then they may have to include the short code in their reply, or Full-Time will not be able to identify which team's result is being reported.

The Team Administrator is therefore required to potentially send back up to four pieces of information in the same SMS text message:-

1. **Score** – The score after normal time in the usual way
2. **Short Code** – if they are required to submit a short code, to identify which team is involved.
3. **Extra Time score** – the score line after extra time, followed by AET (it is essential that AET is included, to identify that the scores beforehand applies to extra time)
4. **Penalty score** – the score after penalties, followed by PEN (it is essential that PEN is included, to identify that the scores beforehand applies to penalties)

If the normal time score is not level, then any extra time and penalty score will be ignored. If extra time is not played, and the game goes direct to penalties, then do not input an extra time score nor AET (e.g. 2-2 CHED 3-1 PEN means the game finished 2-2 and went straight to penalties).

Examples

All of the following examples assume that no team code is required

2-1	Reports that the home team won 2-1 in normal time
2-2 3-2 AET	Reports that the home team won 3-2 after extra time
2-2 4-3 PENS	Reports that the home team won 4-3 after penalties; the game having finished 2-2 at the end of normal time, with no extra time played
2-2 3-3 AET 4-3 PENS	Reports that the home team won 4-3 after penalties; the game having finished 2-2 at the end of normal time, and 3-3 at the end of extra time

PLEASE NOTE, We still require a match result sheet as below 23 B ii.

(23) (B) Match Result, Using normal procedures should FULLTIME not be in operation.

i) Results must be texted immediately following the fixture to 07535 627850 or emailed to CountyCupResults@derbyshirefa.com by 7:30 pm on the evening of the fixture or by 11:00pm if a midweek game has been played and must include Competition, Match number, Home Team, Away Team, Half-time score, Full-time score, and also score After extra-time and penalties (if applicable) or by using the FULLTIME contact number.

ii) The Association will issue an official Match Result Sheet to both competing Clubs. The winning Club shall be responsible for completing the Match Result Sheet including the names and initials of any substitutes who actually played in the match. The Half-time score and the final score with the certified attendance shall also be shown on the sheet. The mark for the Referee out of 100 in accordance with Football Association guidelines shall be shown. A responsible official of the losing team shall complete the section of the Result Sheet applicable to their Club.

iii) The Form when correctly completed shall be sent by the winning Club to The Derbyshire County Football Chief Executive to arrive no later than 3 days after the match was played (Sundays not included).

24) Failure to compete the Match Result Sheet in its entirety or incorrectly and/or not submitting the Form by the stipulated time, Clubs will be liable to a fine of £10.00 for each offence **Fines**

i) Automatic fines are shown in a number of Rules. Any violations of Rules where automatic fines are not shown shall be at the Directors discretion.

ii) Where fines imposed by the Association are not paid within 14 days of notice of such fine being imposed, the fines may be doubled.

25) Protests

i) In all matches, except Final Ties, protests regarding the eligibility of players must be lodged with The Chief Executive of the Association within 3 days of the match having been played. Sunday not included. Two copies must be sent, giving full and complete facts, figures, places and dates, accompanied by a protest fee of £25.00. Protests relative to the round, ball or

arrangements for the match must be formally intimated to the Referee before the commencement of the match. Other protests must be formally intimated in writing to the referee and to the competing club before the club protesting leaves the ground or dressing room on which the match may have been played and two written copies of such protest must be lodged with The Chief Executive of the Association within 2 days thereafter. No protest of any kind whatsoever will be entertained by the Directors unless the Club having lodged the protest shall have deposited with The Chief Executive of the Association the protest fee in accordance with the fines tariff which shall be forfeited to the funds of the Association if the protest be not sustained. The whole of the expenses incurred in hearing a protest including the expenses of a Commission and the expenses of both Clubs shall be paid by the Club adjudged to have lost the case. In dealing with any protest the Commission may take into consideration the possession of any knowledge which, if properly used, might have obviated the protest. Any appeal against a decision by a Commission shall be lodged with The Chief Executive of the Association within 4 days of such decision being made, accompanied by a £25.00 deposit fee which shall be retained if the appeal should not be upheld. The appeal shall be held by the Directors and any decision shall be final and binding on both parties.

ii) Notwithstanding anything provided for by this or any other Rule, the Directors shall be empowered to remove from the Competition any Club which shall have been proved guilty of misconduct and reinstate the Club last beaten by the Club so removed. In the event of both Clubs being proved to have played ineligible players, the Directors may deal with them as they deem desirable.

26) Interpretation of the Rules and Laws of the Game

i) On all questions of interpretation of the Rules and Laws of the Game an appeal may be made against the decision of the Referee to the Directors of the Association but the Referee's decision must be acted upon on the field although under protest. Clubs are reminded that the referee is sole judge and timekeeper on matters of fact.

27) Dispute between Clubs

i) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in this Competition shall be referred to the sole arbitration of the Directors whose decision shall be final and binding on both clubs. Should either of the two Clubs in connection with the dispute or protest have a member on the Board of Directors of the Association, the said member shall not be eligible to sit on the Board while such protest is being considered and if necessary a substitute may be appointed.

28) Any other Matters

i) Any matters arising that are not covered by these Rules shall be dealt with by the Directors of the Association whose decisions shall be final and binding on all parties.

29) Final Tie

i) The Directors of the Association shall have the sole right to select the ground and kick-off time for the Final Tie which will be binding on all parties.

ii) The Club whose ground has been selected to stage the match will be responsible for the arrangements in conjunction with The Chief Executive of the Association.

iii) Each Club will be supplied with three match balls courteous of the DCFA fit for match play and WILL submit them to the Referee at least 30 minutes before the scheduled time for kick-off. It is each Clubs total responsibility to ensure that their match balls are not lost during the match and to reclaim them at the conclusion of the game.

iv) The first named Club on the Draw Sheet will use the HOME dressing room and the second named Club will be use the VISITORS dressing room.

FINES TARIFF

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
7 (i)	Incorrectly Numbered Shirts	£10
9 (vi)	Late Kick Off	£15.00
12 (ii)	Failure of notification to opponents or match official(s)	£20.00
13 (iv)	Failure to comply with Colours	£10.00
14 (ii)	Failure to produce a list of players	£10.00
19 (iii)	Failure to return trophy by due date.	£25.00
25 (i)	Protest fee	£25.00