

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY F A

Season 2018-19

SUNDAY CUP COMPETITIONS

1) The Competition

- i) The Competition shall be called the Derbyshire County Football Association Sunday Cup Competitions and shall be divided into Senior & Junior 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.
- iv) Each competition shall be regionalised into two regions, the boundaries of which are at the discretion of DCFA. Each competition will have an equal split of teams in each region. In the event of an odd number of teams participating in a competition, the region which has one additional team will be at the discretion of DCFA. A teams geographical location will their main registered ground at the time of entry.

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 set in accordance with the fines tariff and entry forms should be received by us by 30TH August in the playing season.

4) Eligibility of Clubs

- i) The Competitions shall be open to all Sunday (Adult) Clubs registered with the Association.
- 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 Sunday Senior Cup of the Association is not eligible to play in the Junior Competition in the same season.
- ii) A player may only play for one Club in this Competition or any other Derbyshire County Football Association designated Sunday Competition during the current season. A player having played in the Sunday Senior Cup cannot then play in the Junior Cup Competition 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 for the match. 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 club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the game use substitute players in any competition match. A club may name up to 5 substitute players of whom not

more than 5 may be used. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football. The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 30 minutes before the start of the competition match and a player not so named may not take part in the competition match.

- ii) 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 Report Sheet.

7) Shirt Numbers

- i) The outfield players' shirts must be clearly numbered and must correspond to the team sheet provided to the referee and the match result sheet provided to DCFA. There must be no change of numbers during the match except for a change of goalkeeper or unserviceable shirt. Any team found proven of being in breach of this rule shall be fined in accordance with the fines tariff.

8) Draw and Grounds

- i) The Directors shall be responsible for placing the teams in the 'Senior' and 'Junior' Competitions on an acceptable basis in conjunction with Leagues.
- ii) The Clubs placed in the 'Senior' 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 'Junior' 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-Final 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.
- iii) The Club drawn at home shall have choice of kick-off time. If a morning kick-off is chosen it shall be no earlier than 10.30 a.m. or later than 11.00 a.m. If an afternoon kick-off is selected it shall be no earlier than 1.30 p.m. or later than 2.30 p.m. In addition the home club must at all times arrange the kick-off so that extra time can be played as per rule in all ties.
- iv) Extra time of 15 minutes each way shall be played in all matches where the scores are equal at the end of normal time.
- v) In the event of the scores being level at the end of normal time in the final tie 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.

11) Postponed Matches

- i) All matches postponed due to unfit grounds shall automatically be rearranged to be played the following Sunday with the same Referee appointed if available.
- ii) Should a fixture be postponed on two occasions, the draw shall be reversed to the away team's ground. If the away team's ground is not fit to host the fixture, the original home team's ground shall be used. Should that also not be fit any further rearrangements will use the first ground that is fit to play on with the original home team's ground having priority. Should the tie be played at the ground of the away team, the match official fees and pitch costs shall be split equally between both clubs. 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 travel to possibly travel to the away club as necessary and the Referee Development Officer notified immediately of the change in 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 or 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 list of players 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 a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.
- 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:

Sunday Senior Cup
Rounds Prior To Semi-Finals
Referee - £30.00 plus expenses

Semi-Finals
Referee £32.00 plus expenses Assistant Referee - £24.00 plus expenses

Sunday Junior Cup
Rounds Prior To Semi-Finals
Referee - £30.00 plus expenses

Semi-Finals
Referee £32.00 plus expenses Assistant Referee - £24.00 plus expenses

- vii) In the Final Tie the Match Officials will be presented with a suitable inscribed Memento in lieu of the Match Fee.
- viii) Match Officials expenses when travelling by Private Car will be not exceed 30p per mile.
- ix) 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.
- 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) The Home Club will be expected to provide the opposition with either a hot or cold drink as appropriate at the half-time interval.
- ii) If hospitality is afforded to the visiting club at the conclusion of the match, it would be courteous of the opposition to accept same.

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 Sunday Challenge Cup.
- ii) The trophy cannot be won outright and the winners are charged with the responsibility of returning the said Sunday Challenge Cup to the Headquarters of the Association by 1st March next in like good order and condition. The winners of the Sunday Cup are responsible for the safe keeping of the Cup and insuring it for £500.00 while in their possession.
- iii) Failure to return the trophy in accordance with 19 ii) will result in a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

- iv) The responsibility of engraving the trophy shall fall with DCFA who will get the trophy engraved following its return. The club shall then be invoiced for the same amount it cost to get the trophy engraved.

20) Trophy Agreement

- i) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Derbyshire County Football Association Divisional Challenge 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 Divisional Challenge 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 Chief Executive of the Association on or before the 1st March in accordance with the Rules of The Derbyshire County Football Association Sunday Challenge 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 Sunday 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

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

- i) 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 Report Form applicable to their Club.
- ii) 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).
- iii) Failure to complete 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 in accordance with the fines tariff.
- iv) 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 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)

24) 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 sum of £25.00 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.
- v) The Team Sheet 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 Changing Room **no later than 45 minutes** prior to the advertised kick-off time. 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.