DEVON COUNTY FA

CUP COMPETITIONS

**RULES OF THE FOLLOWING COMPETITIONS:**

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**RULES OF DEVON FA CUP COMPETITIONS**

The Devon County F.A. recognises that various County Cup Competitions may be sponsored. The

sponsor’s name will not appear in the Rules and Constitution of the Cup Competition, but will be

promoted as part of the Cup.

**1. NAMES AND MANAGEMENT**

The entire control and management of all Devon County F.A. Cup Competitions shall be vested in

the County Competitions Committee or any Committee appointed by the Council on their behalf.

Their decision on any matter in connection therewith, or any point provided for, shall be final. The

competitions and their clubs shall support the FA’s Respect Programme. As such they recognise

that everyone in football has a collective responsibility to create a fair, safe, and enjoyable

environment in which the game can take place. A Respect Competition values the courtesy and

fairness by opposing players, Club officials, and spectators. The Competitions and their clubs will

seek to play fixtures in a fair, competitive but not antagonistic environment

**2. CUPS AND PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The legal owners of the Cups shall be the Officers of the Association who shall hold the same in

trust for the Association.

**3. CUPS TO BE CONTESTED FOR ANNUALLY**

The Cups shall be competed for annually in accordance with the following rules.

**4. ENTRY OF CLUBS**

The term “Youth” in these rules shall mean a player who has not attained his 18th birthday on the

31st August in the current season.

**(a)** All applications for entry to the County Cup Competition must be made not later than 31st July.

The appropriate entry fee must accompany such applications.

**(b)** All affiliated Clubs shall be required to enter the most Senior Cup Competition, according to

their status (one team per competition). Clubs who have additional team or teams may enter the

other Devon County Cup Competitions but this again is restricted to one team per competition

according to their status unless they are a Youth team. The foregoing Rules cover the St Luke’s

Challenge Cup Competition, Throgmorton Champions Cup, Premier, Senior, Sunday Senior, Mid-

Week, Intermediate, Sunday Supplementary, Veterans Cup, and Women’s Cup Competitions.

There are additional Rules governing the St Luke’s Challenge Cup Competition, Sunday Cups, and

Youth Cup Competitions. In the event that a club registers more than one team in any Youth age

group they will be allowed to play in their respective age cup competition for their team. The

players will only be allowed to play for the particular team that they have registered with. (team’s

may have a tagline added to title of team to help indicate A, B or C such as Antelopes, Badgers or

Cheetahs for example)’

The Board of Directors and the Council will set entrance fees per team.

(Please note – Entry to the Under 16, 15, 14 and 13 Cup Competitions is optional and that these

are Sunday Competitions).

**(c)** Should a Club or Team resign from a League it will be excluded from any County Cup

Competition that the Club or Team has entered.

**(d)** The Council shall have the power to accept entries from clubs having Membership with H.M

Service Associations and affiliated to the Devon County Football Association.

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**(e)** Any County Cup Competition (with the exception of the Girls Cup Competitions) with less than

8 teams entered at the time of the first round will not be competed for in that season. Any Girls Cup

competition with less than 4 teams entered at the time of the first round will not be competed for in

that season.

**(f)** A Club may only enter a team in one County Cup Competition per season, and must be a

member of an affiliated League. The team may only enter the Competition at the status they play

**5. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

The St. Luke’s Challenge Cup and the Throgmorton Champions Cup are covered under their own

Rules.

**(a)** A player is eligible to compete in County Cup Competitions if he/she has been registered for

(seven) 7 days for his club in a competition sanctioned by the Association, subject to rule 5(e). In

the case of the semi Final and final ties (With the exception of the Girls and Veterans Cup) the

player must have played 3 competitive matches in the current season for the team for which he/she

is registered. In the case of the Semi Final and Final ties for the Girls & Veterans Cup the player

must have played 1 competitive match for the team for which he/she has been registered and must

have been registered for 21 days prior to the date of the match.

A player who has played in the St Luke's Challenge Cup Competition cannot subsequently play in

any Saturday County Cup Competitions in the current season.

**(b)** To be eligible to play in each of the Saturday, Sunday Youth and Mid-week Cup Competitions a

Player must qualify as stipulated in Rule 5(a) for his/her Club in each of the Saturday, Sunday,

Youth and Mid-week Leagues or Competitions. To be eligible for the Veterans Cup, players must

have reached the age of 35 years. For conditions of entry of Clubs to the Cup Competitions, see

Rule 7.

**(c)** During the current season, except as provided for in the previous paragraph, once a player has

played in any County Cup Competition, he/she is not eligible to play for any other Club in a County

Cup Competition. He/She can only play for one Saturday Club, Sunday Club Youth and Mid-week

Club. Players whose Clubs have entered more than one County Cup Competition may take part in

different County Cup Competitions for their own Club, but cannot play in a lower County Cup

Competition, once they have played in a higher ranked Competition.

**(d)** Please note that contract players are not permitted to play in any Devon FA County Cup with

the exception of The St Luke's Cup

**(e)** Every Club shall play its best available qualified team in all matches in the Competition(s) for

which it is entered. In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than 11 players they will be

fined. A minimum of 7 players will constitute a team for a Competition match.

**6. RESULT CARD**

Competing Clubs in each round will receive a result card from the Competitions Secretary. The

Club Representative must insert on the card the correct forenames and surnames of their players

who will be taking part in the game. A copy of the result card will be handed to the opposition, the

referee and a copy to be retained by the home club. Clubs will be required to submit their result

card online, via the Full Time System within 4 days of the match being played. An incorrectly filled

out, illegible or late Match Card will result in the offending Club being fined.

If the result card contains a name of an ineligible player, or a Cup tied player, the offending Club

shall be disqualified and a fine shall be imposed on the Club for each ineligible, and /or Cup tied

player who is in breach of the rules. Clerical errors on the team sheet (result card) will not be

accepted and the team will be disqualified from the competition and fined as per rule. Clubs are

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reminded that they can, if they so wish, protest against their Cup opponents if they feel they have a

grievance, as per Cup Rule 15. A Player’s shirt number must correspond to the number against the

Player’s name on the Official Result Card. The marks awarded out of 100 to the Referee must be

entered on to the result card. Clubs failing to comply with this rule will be fined. In assessing the

referee after a match, if 60 or less marks are awarded a letter of explanation must be sent to the

Competitions Secretary within 4 (four) days of the match. Clubs failing to comply with this rule shall

be fined.

**7. DRAW FOR ROUNDS PRECEDING SEMI FINALS**

**(a)** Clubs shall be drawn in pairs and the winner of each tie placed in the draw for the next round,

provided no objection is lodged. The Premier Cup will be competed for by the teams from the

Premier Divisions of the North, South, East & West Areas of Devon, together with the Devon teams

from the Peninsula League 1 East & West. All teams eligible for the Premier Cup will be entered

into the first round which will be played in October of each year.

**(b)** Clubs shall be drawn in pairs and the winner of each tie placed in the draw for the next round,

provided no objection is lodged.

The Premier Cup will be competed for by the teams from the Premier Divisions of the North, South,

East & West Areas of Devon, together with the Devon teams from the Peninsula League 1 East &

West. All teams eligible for the Premier Cup will be entered into the first round which will be played

in October of each year.

The Draws of all Cup Competitions with the exception of the Throgmorton Challenge Cup will be

Countywide.

**(c)** In the Mid-week Competition the entry of clubs will be confined to those competing in an

affiliated Mid-week league. The Council shall order such preliminary rounds and area groups as

considered necessary.

**(d)** No Club shall receive more than one bye in the Competition. The Council or Cup Committee

shall have the power to give a sufficient number of club byes in the first round to ensure four clubs

competing in the semi-final ties.

**(e)** In the event of an Area having less than four Clubs in any of the Cup Competitions they shall be

amalgamated with another area.

**8. DATES OF TIES**

Council shall advise the dates of all rounds of the Competition. As soon as possible after the draw,

and in subsequent rounds, competing clubs will be informed who their opponents are and the date

on or before which the ties are to be played. The dates are to be adhered to. Where one or more

Clubs or teams share a pitch, a tie will have to be brought forward. Clubs must field their strongest

available teams in these Competitions. Should a Club have two or more players selected to

represent the County Association, on a date of the County Cup Tie, the Club may apply for a

postponement of their Cup-Tie.

**9. PLAYING OF TIES**

**(a)** Matches shall be of 90 (ninety) minutes duration but in the case of Intermediate and Youth

matches, less time can be played if mutually agreed upon between both Clubs and Match Officials,

before the commencement of the match. In no case less than 70 (seventy) minutes is to be played

and clubs responsible for late starts shall each be fined. Kick-off times are to be 2pm. Kick-off times

may be varied provided agreement has been reached between both Clubs and the Competition

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Secretary. For all Sunday County Cup Competitions, the time of kick-off will be the time that the

Home Club usually kicks off in its normal League Competition. Games may be played under

floodlights with the agreement of both Clubs, for which kick-off times may be varied. In the case of

a drawn match the Clubs must play extra time and should teams still be drawing after extra time

has been played, then kicks from the penalty mark shall be taken in accordance with the conditions

laid down by the International Board.

The Cups Committee will consider any exceptional circumstances that may arise to cause the

abandonment of any game where less time is played than specified in this Rule, and shall have the

power to remove the Club in default from the Competition. In the absence of definite information

concerning the arrival of teams that are late, teams must remain on the ground at least 45 minutes

after the Official starting time.

**(b)** The Clubs drawn first in each tie shall have the choice of ground. Choice of ground shall mean

Home Ground. In the event of the Home Ground not being available, except due to weather

conditions or where a pitch is shared by one or more clubs/teams, the match shall be played on the

opponent’s ground and shall be considered a Home fixture for the Club first drawn in each round.

In the case of abandoned matches, the tie will be re-scheduled on the Home Club’s Ground.

In the case of abandoned matches or where postponements have been necessary due to adverse

weather, these matches will be staged within seven days on the away drawn teams pitch.

However, if the away drawn teams pitch is unplayable or unavailable and the home teams pitch is

playable and available then the match will revert to the home drawn teams pitch. The original home

team to be responsible for costs.

**(c)** Any objection relative to Ground, goal posts, or bar, or appurtenances of the game, must be

lodged with the referee before the start. The club will then forward the objection to the Devon

County Football Association, but if the Cups Competition Committee should subsequently discover

that any Rule or spirit of Rule has been violated by either club, they shall disqualify one or both

from further participation in the ties.

**(d)** In all Competitions and all rounds the Club having choice of ground must notify their opponents

and the appointed Official in writing, seven clear days before the date of the match where the game

is to be played, giving the location of changing accommodation, shirts shorts and socks colours,

kick-off time an any other relevant information. Any Club failing to notify their opponents or referee

shall be fined.

**(e)** Should neither Club provide a ground on the date arranged, the Competitions Secretary shall fix

a date and ground and make the necessary arrangements.

**(f)** The Home Club shall provide changing accommodation for visitors, which shall not be charged

against the visiting team or the proceeds of the match.

**(g)** The home team shall telephone, text or e-mail the result of each match to the Competition

Secretary within 3 hours of the game being played. Failure to do so will incur a fine.

**(h)** The postponement of any scheduled fixture must be notified to the Competitions Secretary, by

the home club within 3 hours. Failure to do so will incur a fine.

**(i)** The Devon FA supports the use of Artificial 3G pitches for County Cup ties by allowing any

teams drawn at home in a County Cup Competition to play their cup tie at the venue of the Artificial

3G pitch irrespective of where their home ground is situated.

**(j)** Any club failing to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must,

without delay give notice to the Competitions Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing club, and

the Match Officials. Any club failing to comply shall be fined and ordered to pay any costs

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**10. REGULATIONS CONCERNING GATE MONEY**

**(a)** The Home Club will be responsible for taking the gate money, or collection, for all County Cup

Matches, up to and including the semi-final.

**(b)** Each Club will be responsible for its own expenses in the rounds preceding the semi-final (see

Cup Rule 14 re: financial procedure for semi-final and final-ties)

**11. TEAM COLOURS**

**(a)** Where colours are similar the Away Clubs must change into colours not normally worn by the

opposing side. Player’s shirts shall be numbered separately. Clubs not conforming to this Rule will

be fined.

**(b)** Teams including the goalkeeper should not wear any colours that clashes with their opponents

or does not distinguish them from the match Officials.

**(c)** Referees and Assistant Referees must wear black uniforms.

**12. PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF RULES**

**(a)** In the event of a tie not being played, or left unfinished by reason of negligence on the part of

either Club, the defaulting Club, or Clubs shall be expelled from the Competition and fined as

deemed appropriate.

**(b)** Any Club refusing or failing to play a Club against which it has been drawn, within the time

stipulated and without sufficient reason for doing so, shall be adjudged to have lost the match, and

shall pay a fine.

**(c)** Any club with more than one team entered into the cups competitions shall always fulfill its

obligations in the following order of precedence – Saturday-Premier, Senior, Intermediate. Sunday

– Senior, Supplementary, Veterans. Any team who cannot fulfill more than one County Cup

commitment on the same day shall fulfill its obligations as in the above precedence. Any club in

breach of this rule shall be fined.

**13. APPOINTMENT AND FEES OF REFEREES & ASSISTANT REFEREES**

**(a)** Referees shall be appointed by the Competitions Secretary. Assistant Referees must be

appointed at the semi-final and final stages of all ties. In matches in the previous rounds Clubs

must provide Club Assistant Referees and failure to do so will incur a fine. The Referee must

accept club Assistant Referees. In the event of the appointed Referee not attending the match, the

competing Clubs should agree to one on the ground. Preference must be given to an Official

Referee if present. Such person if not an Official Referee shall be considered for the time, Official.

Unless a satisfactory explanation is received, the Association shall have the power to impose a

sanction on a Referee who is responsible for a late start. The Referee must report all cases of

misconduct connected with the game at once within two working days of the Match to the County

Secretary.

**(b)** In the absence of definite information concerning the arrival of teams that are late, Referees,

Assistant Referees or Club Assistant Referees must, remain on the ground at least 45 minutes

after the Official starting time.

**(c)** The Club drawn first in each tie will be responsible for the payment of Match Officials` match

fees and travelling expenses up to and including the semi-finals (see Rule 14 for reimbursement of

semi-final fees). If public transport services are available or a private car is used, the rate in

accordance with Council Standing Order No.28 shall be paid. Match Officials who travel to a match,

that is then not played shall be entitled to their travelling expenses and half the match fee. Where a

fourth Official is appointed the fee shall be that for an assistant Referee

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**(d)** The Match Officials of a Final Tie will receive a memento and expenses. In addition to the

above if public transport services are available or a private car is used, the rate in accordance with

Council Standing Order No.28 shall be paid.

**(e)** Match Officials appointed for semi-finals (3 Officials) and finals (4 Officials) for each match must

travel together.

**14. SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL TIES**

**(a)** Semi-final and Final Ties are to be played on such ground as the Competitions Secretary shall

determine in conjunction with the Chairman. The competing Clubs in Semi-Finals and Finals must

submit details of their travelling expenses within fourteen (14) days to the Association, such

travelling expenses shall be as per Cup fees tariff for the return journey from and to the club's

headquarters irrespective of the mode of transport or number of vehicles used. The following items

shall be a charge on receipts (less VAT where applicable) or collection - Printing, Posting,

Advertising & Police charges, Referee & Assistant Referee fees and the travelling expenses of the

competing clubs. Clubs engaged in these ties shall receive at least 14 (fourteen) days notice of

venue and time of kick-off. Each Club shall receive one-third of the unexpended balance within 28

(twenty eight) days thereafter. The appointed Match Referee or an appointed Deputy shall only

postone a Final or Semi Final due to adverse playing conditions on the day of the Match.

**(b)** Each team must provide two suitable match balls in the Final.

**15. PROTESTS**

Protests concerning Cup Matches or the Associations decisions thereon must be lodged in writing

within four clear days of the date of the match, or notification of the decision (Sundays included)

accompanied by a deposit, which will not be returned unless the protest is upheld. No protest will

be considered unaccompanied by the fee. In the event of a protest being upheld, the Association

shall have the power to impose a fine upon the Club against whom the decision is given, provided

they are satisfied that the protest was the result of a wilful breach of the Rules. Please note that

costs may be awarded against any clubs involved with protests.

Should a club wish to appeal against a decision of the Associations Cup Committee then this

appeal should be lodged within 96 hours of such decision being notified, accompanied by a

deposit fee which shall be retained if the appeal should not be upheld. Any decision by the Council

following an appeal shall be final and binding on all parties.

**16. WINNERS OF CUPS**

When the winner of a Cup Competition has been determined the County Cup will be presented to

the winning Club by a representative of the County Association. The Club shall return the Cup to

the County Association in good order and in a clean condition; having had their name engraved on

the plinth, before January 31st. Failure to do so will incur a fine. The Club shall be responsible for

the safekeeping of the Cup and, should it be stolen, lost destroyed or damaged whilst in the

possession of the Club, they must refund to the Association the cost of reconditioning or

replacement, and sign a form to that effect on receipt of the Cup at the Cup Final.

**17. COUNCIL TO AWARD MEDALS OR PLAQUES**

In addition to the Cups the Association shall present medals or plaques to the Teams competing in

the County Cup Finals.

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**18. SUBSTITUTES**

A Club may use three substitutes during the match, from a list of five players nominated to the

Referee prior to the start of the match, except to replace a player who has been dismissed from the

field of play by the referee for misconduct, after play has commenced. Please note that under the

FA Rules that the Rolling Subs Rule will apply to the Women's Supplementary Cup, Veterans Cup

and all competitions from Under 18 downwards (up to five substitutes may be named). A

substitution may only be made when play has stopped for any reason, and the Referee has given

his/her permission.

**19. REQUIREMENT FOR CLUBS PLAYING IN THE PREMIER CUP**

**(a)** Technical Area Restrictions-No Club shall have more than eight persons to be in the technical

area or dugouts (where these are provided) of which only two are permitted to stand at any one

time, please note this rule applies to all rounds including the Final Ties as per the "Laws of the

Game".. The referee may order persons to leave the technical area or dugouts if in his or her

opinion they are acting in an improper manner. Clubs must mark out the technical areas in

accordance with FIFA guidelines. Failure to comply shall result in a Club being fined.

**(b)** Separate changing rooms for two teams on the ground, with adequate and efficient heating and

hot washing facilities. Failure to comply will result in a Club being fined.

**(c)** Separate changing rooms on the ground for Match Officials, with adequate and efficient heating

and hot washing facilities. Failure to comply will result in a Club being fined.

**20. POSTPONEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**

**(a)** Clubs are not permitted to postpone matches themselves. When there is a question concerning

the fitness of a non Local Authority pitch, the Home Cub shall contact the appointed referee who,

where practical, will inspect the pitch. Should this not be practical the Home Club shall arrange for

a local referee not connected with the Club to inspect the pitch. (For St. Luke’s and Premier Cup

Competitions this shall be a level 5 or higher Referee). The local Referee having inspected the

ground will then contact the appointed Referee to decide together on the fitness of the pitch. The

Home Club shall bear any travel expense involved in this inspection.

**(b)** Unless the Competitions Secretary has given permission, inspections are to be carried out on

the day of the match, allowing time to stop the opposing team travelling.

**(c)** Any Club failing to get a suitable Referee to inspect the pitch may be fined.

**(d)** The Competitions Secretary should be informed by telephone of any postponement and this

should be confirmed in writing by email or letter.

**21. GROUND FACILITIES**

**PREMIER CUP** To be able to play in the Devon FA`s Premier Cup you must be able to comply

with the following

 An enclosed and well maintained playing area. Definition of enclosed being as follows:

spectators being kept away from the playing area by means of a permanent low wall or

solid fencing; by metal or wooden posts and rail or by metal or wooden posts with ropes

or other such material.

 Dug-outs or covered shelter for team officials and substitutes

 Separate changing rooms for two teams on the ground, with adequate and efficient hot

washing facilities and toilets.

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 Separate changing rooms for Match Officials on the ground, with adequate and efficient

hot washing facilities and toilets.

 Adequate First Aid equipment and a person qualified to administer qualified First Aid

during matches.

 Access to a telephone on or adjacent to the ground during matches.

 A match programme or team sheet with information on both teams.

 Clubs and pitches to be at the disposal of the Competition Secretary and be available to

play as required.

 Grounds to be located in Devon.

**SENIOR CUP** To be able to play in the Devon FA`s Senior Cup you must be able to comply with

the following

 An enclosed and well maintained playing area. Definition of ‘enclosed’ being as follows:

spectators being kept away from the playing area by means of a permanent low wall or

solid fencing; by metal or wooden posts and rail or by metal or wooden posts with ropes

or other such material.

 Separate changing rooms for two teams on the ground, with adequate and efficient hot

washing facilities and toilets.

 Separate changing rooms for Match Officials on the ground, with adequate and efficient

hot washing facilities and toilets.

 Adequate First Aid equipment and a person qualified to administer qualified First Aid

during matches.

 Access to a telephone on or adjacent to the ground during matches.

 A match programme or team sheet with information on both teams.

 Grounds to be located in Devon

 Clubs and pitches to be at the disposal of the Competition Secretary and be available to

play as required.

**INTERMEDIATE CUP** To be able to play in the Devon FA`s Intermediate Cup for you must be

able to comply with the following

 An appropriate playing pitch

 Separate changing rooms for two teams, with adequate and efficient hot washing

facilities and toilets.

 Separate changing rooms for Match Officials, with adequate and efficient hot washing

facilities and toilets.

 Adequate First Aid equipment and a person qualified to administer qualified First Aid

during matches.

 Access to a telephone on or adjacent to the ground during matches.

 A match programme or team sheet with information on both teams. (Mandatory for semifinal

ties only).

 Clubs and pitches to be at the disposal of the Competition Secretary and be available to

play as required.

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Grounds to be located in Devon.

**EXTRA INFORMATION FOR COUNTY CUPS**

 The Devon FA Referees Committee have given permission for referees to wear nonblack

shirts in all competitions that are affiliated by Devon FA. Where Devon FA appoints

neutral assistant referees, the non-black designated colour shall be GREEN.

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**RULES OF THE DEVON COUNTY FA SUNDAY CUP COMPETITIONS**

1) The Competition shall be known as the Devon County Football Association Sunday Cup and

Cups Control and Management shall be vested in the Council of the Devon County Football

Association.

2) Division One Clubs of the Plymouth and West Devon Combination League (Sunday Section),

the Torbay Combination League, the Premier Division of the Exeter and District Sunday League

and the North Devon Sunday League will be required to enter the Sunday Senior Cup Competition.

The remainder of the Clubs in all Sunday Leagues must enter the Sunday Supplementary Cup

Competition. The format of these competitions shall be in accordance with the County Cup Rule 4

(b).

3) The qualification of players will be in accordance with County Cup Rule 5.

4) Contract Players, up to a total of three, can be included in a team in this Competition.

5) Once a player has played in either the Sunday Senior or Sunday Supplementary Cup

Competitions, in the current season, he is not eligible to play for any other Club in these

Competitions. Players whose Club has entered more than one Cup Competition may take part in

both Competitions for their own Club, but cannot play in the Supplementary Cup once they have

played in the Senior Cup Competition.

6) Details of the playing of ties, regulations, penalties, appointments of Officials, shall be in

conformity with the Devon County F. A. Rules.

7) Time of kick-off will be the time that the Home Club usually kicks-off in its normal League

Competition.

**RULES OF THE DEVON COUNTY FA YOUTH CUP COMPETITION (U18)**

1) To be eligible for the County Youth Cup Competition a player shall not have attained his 18th

birthday on the 31st August in the current season. Youth players are eligible to play for their

Sunday Club in a higher ranked competition and this will not debar them from playing in their Club's

Youth team in the County Cup Competition. Entry into the County Youth Cup, which will be

deemed as a Sunday Competition and competed for on a Countywide basis, will be confined to

those Youth teams whose players are registered for their Clubs in a Youth Division of an affiliated

League or registered with his Club as per Rule 5(a). Teams competing in under school leaving age

football do not qualify for entry into the Youth Cup Competition.

2) Time of kick-off will be the time that the Home Club usually kicks-off in its normal League

Competition.

3) Details of the qualification of players, playing of ties, regulations, penalties, and appointments of

Officials shall be in conformity with the Devon County F. A. Rules. Pleas note from season 2014 /

2015 a club may use up to five substitutes from five players nominated to the Referee prior to the

match and these will be used via the F.A.'s Rolling Substitutes Rule.

4) To play in an Under 18 age bracket Competition the player must have achieved the correct age

of (FA Rule) by midnight on 31st August of the playing season. Please note that County Cup

games must conform to the Player Registration Scheme requirements as stated in Rule 3g

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**RULES OF THE DEVON COUNTY FA UNDER 16, 15, 14 & 13 CUP COMPETITIONS**

Teams that enter this Competition will not be allowed to postpone any Saturday match in order to

play in Under 16 15 14 & 13 Cups.

1.QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(a) A player is eligible to compete in this Cup Competition (Under 13) provided he is over 11 years

of age and has not attained his 13th birthday on 31st August in the current season to play in the

Under 13 Cup. It will also be that a player is eligible to compete in the Cup Competition (Under 14)

provided he is over 12 years of age and has not attained his 14th birthday on 31st August in the

current season to play in the Under 14 Cup.

For the Under 15 Cup a player is eligible to compete in the Cup Competition (Under 15) provided

he is over 13 years of age and has not attained his 15th birthday on 31st August in the current

season to play in the Under 15 Cup.

For the Under 16 Cup a player is eligible to compete in the Cup Competition (Under 16) provided

he is over 14 years of age and has not attained his 16th birthday on 31st August in the current

season to play in the Under 16 Cup.

(b)He must have been registered for his Club for seven days in an under 13, 14, 15 or 16 division

of an affiliated League.

(c)The qualification of players shall be in accordance with Devon F.A County Cup Rule 5.

(d)A Club may use up to five substitutes from five players nominated to the Referee prior to the

match and these will be used via the FA's Rolling Substitutes Rule.

2.FEES, VENUES, ETC.

(a)Entry fee to the Cup Competition will be as stated in the cups fees tariff.

(b)The Competition Secretary will appoint Referees. Assistant Referees must be appointed at the

semi-final and final stages of all ties. In matches in the previous rounds Clubs must provide Club

Assistant Referees and failure to do so will incur a fine. The home Club must ensure Club Assistant

Referees have flags.

(c)Where practical Match Officials who live outside a 10-mile radius of the ground shall not be

appointed up to and including the quarter-final.

(d)Matches are to be played on Sundays. Time of kick-off will be the time that the Home Club

usually kicks-off in its normal League Competition.

(e)The Club having choice of ground must notify their opponents in writing seven clear days before

the date of the match where the same is to be played, giving the location of changing

accommodation, kick-off time and any other relevant information. The Club failing to notify their

opponents shall be fined. Should neither Club provide a ground on the date arranged the

Competitions Secretary shall fix a date and ground and make the necessary arrangements ..

(f) In the event of a postponement of a fixture see County Cup Rule 9(b).

(g) The duration of each tie shall be either 40, 35 or 30 minutes each way depending on that

particular age group. Less time can be played if mutually agreed upon between both Clubs and

Match Officials before the commencement of the match. In no case is less than 60 (sixty) minutes

to be played. Clubs responsible for late starts shall each be fined. In the case of a drawn match,

the clubs must play extra time of 10 minutes each way and, if there is no result after extra time,

then kicks from the penalty spot shall be taken in accordance with conditions laid down by the

International Board.

3.PROTESTS

As County Cup Rule 15.

4.MANAGEMENT

The control of the Competition is invested in the Association and their decision on any point not

provided for shall be final.

Please note that County Cup games must conform to the Player Registration Scheme

requirements as stated in Rule 3g

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**RULES OF THE ST.LUKE'S CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

1. The competition shall be known as the St Lukes Challenge Cup competition in recognition of the

contribution by the former St Lukes Teacher Training College to Senior Football in Devon prior to

the College’s absorption by Exeter University. It shall be competed as a Mid-week competition by

all clubs in the Football League and step 1-6 Leagues affiliated to Devon

County Football Association.

2.A minimum Ground entry charge for spectators as per the cups fees tariff (50% of the charge for

over 60 and under 16) must be made for all matches.

3. Referees and Assistant Referees will be appointed by Devon County Football Association from

those serving on the Contributory and supply Leagues.

4. After expenses have been paid, including the use of floodlights, the main gate takings shall be

pooled and shared as follows for all matches up to the Final.

(a) 10% shall be paid to Devon County Football Association and 90% shared between the two

competing Clubs.

(b) In the Final, the two competing Clubs and the Devon County Football Association to receive

thirty three and a third share each.

(c) Travelling expenses from the clubs headquarters to be that printed in the cups tariff.

(d) A minimum charge which is stated in the cup fess tariff may be made to cover the cost of

floodlights.

(e) The Home Club must provide a statement of match proceeds and this must be sent to the

County Secretary not later than seven days after each match. A fine will be imposed for noncompliance

with this rule.

5. A player who has played in the St. Luke's Challenge Cup competition cannot subsequently play

in any Saturday County Cup Competition in the current season. Contract and Non-Contract Players

shall be eligible to play, provided they have been registered for their Club prior to the match. During

the current season, once a player has played for any mid-week Club in a County Cup Competition

he will not be eligible to play for any other mid-week Club in a County Cup Competition. Players

who's Club has entered more than one mid-week County Cup Competition may take part in a

different mid-week County Cup Competition for their own Club, but cannot play in a lower ranked

County Cup Competition once they have played in a higher ranked County Cup Competition. A

player who has played in the St Lukes Challenge Cup competition cannot subsequently play in any

Saturday County Cup Competition in the current season. Any Club playing an ineligible player shall

be disqualified and fined for each ineligible player plus any costs involved. Players must be 16

years of age to play in this competition.

6.If the teams are level at the end of 90 (ninety) minutes, then the game shall be decided by the

taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the conditions laid down by the

International Board. A Club may use three substitutes during the match from a list of five players

nominated by the Club to the Referee prior to the start of the match.

7.In the event of a tie not being played or left unfinished by reason of negligence on the part of

either Club the defaulting Club or Clubs shall be expelled from the Competition and be fined as per

cup fines tariff.

8.Matches shall be played under floodlights on the ground of the Club's drawn first including Semi-

Finals and Final. If the first drawn Club's pitch is unavailable or has not got floodlights, the tie shall

be played on the second drawn Clubs ground. Should the second drawn Club not have floodlights

the match to be played on a neutral venue under lights. Should a match be postponed then both

Clubs must agree a new date for the match within 14 days of the date of postponement. Failure to

do so will result in the Competition Secretary and Competition Chairman mutually arranging a date

for the match which will be binding. The Association shall have the power to vary the venue where

thought practical.

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9.The Home Club shall publish a programme or team sheet for all matches. Clubs shall field their

strongest available team.

10.The Winners, Runners up, Referee and Assistant Referees of the Final Tie will receive suitable

mementoes. In addition the Referee will receive a County badge.

11.Devon County Football Association will adjudicate in any dispute of protest and their decisions

will be final. The entire control and management of the St. Luke's Challenge Cup Competition shall

be vested in the County Cups Competition

**RULES OF THE THROGMORTON CHAMPIONS CUP COMPETITION**

1. The competition shall be known as The Throgmorton Champions Cup in recognition of the initial

lead sponsor Mr Carl Throgmorton in recognition of his contribution to football in Devon over many

years. It shall be a Saturday Competition with the aim being to provide a competitive Pre Season

competition for the Champions of the four following Leagues

North Devon League

Devon & Exeter League

South Devon League

Plymouth & West Devon Combination League

In the event of the nominated club of any League not being willing or able to enter the competition

for any reason the relevant League shall instead nominate the next placed club in their most Senior

Division.

2. A minimum Ground entry charge for spectators as per tariff shall be made for all matches where

possible. If a charge cannot be made then a collection shall be undertaken.

3. a. Match Officials will be appointed by Devon County Football Association.

b. Match Officials fees and travelling expenses will be those laid down in the Cups Fees

Tariff (As per Premier Cup)

4. a. The competition shall comprise of three matches to be played in the pre-season period

immediately following the season in which the clubs achieved their positions in the nominated

leagues. There will be two Semi Finals and a Final.

b. The draw for the Semi Finals shall be on a Regional basis covering a two year period so that

the Representative Clubs of the League drawn Away in the First Year are at Home in the second

year.

c. The Representative Club drawn at home shall ensure that the Semi-final is played on a

ground with facilities that comply with those required for the Devon Premier Cup Competition.

d. Should a Representative Club of a League in the first year request that the semi-final be

played on their opponents ground, such request will not compromise the entitlement of the

Representative Club of the opposition League in year two, to stage their Semi Final at a venue of

their choice.

e. The Final shall be played at the Devon County Football Association Headquarters, Coach

Road, Newton Abbot on the First Saturday in August of each Year. The Semi Finals shall be played

on or before 14 days prior to the date of the final.

5. a. The four clubs competing in the Semi Finals shall receive prize money as per tariff. The

Runners Up of the Final shall receive prize money as per tariff and the winners of the final shall

receive prize money as per tariff.

b. For the Semi Finals, after expenses have been paid, including those of the competing teams,

cost of floodlights and Ground Hire if applicable, the main gate receipts shall be shared equally

between the two respective competing clubs in each semi-final.

c. For the Final, after expenses have been paid, including those of the competing teams, the

main gate receipts shall be shared equally one third each between Devon County Football

Association, and the two competing clubs.

d. Travelling expenses of the away team in the Semi Finals and both teams in the Final shall be

as per Cup fees tariff for the return journey from and to the club's headquarters irrespective of the

mode of transport or number of vehicles used.

e. A minimum charge which is stated in the cups fees tariff may be made to cover the cost of the

Floodlights

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f. The home club must provide a statement of match proceeds and this must be sent to the

County Secretary not later than 7 days after each match. A fine will be imposed for noncompliance

of this rule, as per cups fines tariff.

6. Non Contract players shall be eligible to play in the Competition providing they have been

registered for their club with the League in which they play for at least 24 hours before the Match

takes place. Any club playing an ineligible player shall be disqualified and fined for each ineligible

player plus any costs involved. Players must be 16 years of age or older to play in this competition.

Contract players are not permitted to play in this competition.

7. If the teams are level at the end of 90 (ninety) minutes, then the game shall be decided by the

taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with conditions laid down by the International

Board. A club may use three substitutes during the match from a list of five players nominated by

the club to the Referee prior to the start of the match.

8. The home club shall publish a programme or team sheet for all matches. Clubs shall field their

strongest available team.

9. The Winners, Runners up, Referee, Assistant Referees and 4th Official of the final tie will receive

suitable mementoes. In addition the Referee will receive a County badge.

10. Devon County Football Association will adjudicate in any dispute of protest and their decisions

will be final. The entire control and management of The Throgmorton Champions Cup competition

shall be vested in the County Cups Competition Committee.

11. Protests – See County Cup Rule 15

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**Cups Fees Tariff**

**CUP SUBJECT MATTER (£)**

**RULES**

4(b) Entry Fees 43.00 Football League

43.00 Conference League

43.00 Southern League

43.00 Western League

43.00 SW Peninsula League

22.00 Premier League

22.00 Senior League

22.00 Sunday Senior & Midweek

22.00 Intermediate & Sunday Supplementary

22.00 Women's

10.00 Veterans

9.00 Youth (Under 18's)

10(a) Minimum Gate Admission £1 and

50p

Adults

Children

13(c) Referees Fees Quarter & Semi-Finals

£30 Referee - Premier Cup

£20 Assistant - Premier Cup

£25 Referee - Other Adult Competitions

£18

£25

£18

Assstant - Other Adult Competitions

Referee - Youth Under 18

Assistant - Youth Under 18

£25 Referee - Youth & Under 16s and below (All In)

£18 Assistant - Youth & Under 16s and below (All In)

Fourth Official - as per Assistant Referee

Standing Orders 30p Mileage rate for Match Officials

14(a) Semi-Final Travel

expenses

Submit within 14 days of tie

14(a) Semi Final & Final

Expenses

£1.50 Mileage rate for Clubs

15 Protest Fee £25 All Competitions

15 Appeal Fee £25 All Competitions

**Under 16, 15, 14, 13**

**Cups**

2(a) Entry Fee £11 per team

**St Luke's Challenge**

**Cup**

2 Entry Fee £47

2 Minimum Admission Fee £4 (50% for over 60 or under 16)

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3 Referees Fees £45 Referee

£30 Assistant or Fourth Official

4(d) Contribution for Floodlight

Costs

£30

**Throgmorton**

**Champions Cup**

2 Minimum Admission Fee £4 (50% for over 60 or under 16)

5a Prize Money £250 each to four competing Clubs

£250 extra to the Runners-up

£500 extra to the Winners

5(d) Travelling Expenses £1.50 Mileage rate for Clubs

5(e) Contribution to Floodlight

costs

£30

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**Cups Fines Tariff**

**CUP OFFENCE (£)**

**RULES**

5(e) Playing with less than 11 players £10 PP

6 Illegible or Late Result Card £20

6 Ineligible player or cup tied player £50 PP

6 Ineligible player or cup tied player - St Lukes Challenge Cup £100 PP

6 Not marking Referee out of 100 £20

6 Not submitting report on Referee whose mark is less than 60 £20

9(a) Late Start £20

9(d) Failure to notify opponents or Referee £20

9(g) Failure to inform Competition Secretary of result £10

9(h) Failure to inform Competition Secretary of postponement £10

11(a) Away Club not changing colours to avoid clash £20

12(b) Refusing or failing to play a game £75

£100 SF

£100 Final

12(b) Refusing or failing to play a game - St Lukes Challenge Cup £250

12(b) Refusing or failing to play a game - Youth, U16, U15, U14, U13 £50 SF

£75 Final

12(c) Failure to fulfill more than one Cup game on the same day £50

13(a) Failure by Club to provide Assistant Referee £25

16 Cups (in good condition) to be returned by 31st January £50

19(a) Premier Cup - Technical area not marked out £20

19(b) Premier Cup - Separate changing rooms & hot water washing £20

19(c) Premier Cup - Separate Match Officials changing room £20

20(c) Failure to provide a Referee to inspect pitch £25

**Under 16, 15, 14, 13 Cups**

2(b) Failure to provide Assistant Referees £20

2(e) Failure to notify opponents £20

2(g) Late start £20

**St Luke's Challenge Cup**

4(b) Statement of match proceeds within 7 days £30

5 Ineligible Player £100 PP

**Throgmorton Champions Cup**

5(f) Statement of match proceeds within 7 days £30

PP- Per Player

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