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Proposed changes to ECFA County Cup Rules for 2019/20

Rule changes on a shaded background are required to comply with the Standard Code of Rules (SCOR)

Rule 1(A) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

<p>"Fees Tariff" means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules.</p> <p>"Fines Tariff" means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules.</p>	<p>"Fees Tariff" means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting by Council to be levied by the Management Committee Competition for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules.</p> <p>"Fines Tariff" means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting by Council to be levied by the Management Committee Competition for any breach of the Rules.</p>
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Reason – to correct definition of Fees and Fines Tariffs

Rule 1(A) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

<p><i>Add 3 new definitions</i></p>	<p>"Participant" shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time.</p> <p>"Season" means the period of time between an AGM and the subsequent AGM.</p> <p>"Youth Football" means those participating at ages under 11s to under 18s.</p>
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 3 (A) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

<p>Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition must be made in writing to the Association and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee, as decided by the Directors, on the form provided by the Association or by completing entry through the Whole Game System.</p>	<p>Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition must be made in writing to the Association and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee per Team, as decided by the Directors and set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-acceptance. Applications must be made on the form provided by the Association or by completing entry through the Whole Game System.</p>
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 3 (B) *(from Cup Structure Sub-Group)*

<p>The entry fee shall be payable on or before the 1st July in each year.</p>	<p>The entry fee shall be payable on or before the 1st 31st July in each year.</p>
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Reason – date change to allow more time for entry fees to be received.

Rule 4 (B) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

<p>All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Secretary.</p>	<p>All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Secretary through their Officers and sent to the Competition Secretary.</p> <p>Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording. Fine will be Discretionary unless set by Council.

Rule 5 (A) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

<p>The Council may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem</p>	<p>The Council may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem</p>
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necessary.	necessary. The Council shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 5 (B) para.2 (from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)

<p>With the exception of Rule 5(E), for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification of the charge to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Accept or deny the charge (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or (iii) Put their case before the Council at a personal hearing. 	<p>With the exception of Rule 5(E), for all breaches of a Rule a formal written charge mustshall be issued to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification of the charge to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Accept or deny the charge (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or (iii) Put their case before the Council at a personal hearing. <p>In such reply a Club may:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Council on the papers; or (ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Council; or (iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Council on the papers; or (iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case at a hearing before the Council. <p>Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Council shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.</p> <p>Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.</p> <p>Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Council shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).</p>
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 5 (C) (from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)

All decisions of the Council shall be final and binding, subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal in accordance with Rule 16.	All decisions of the Council shall be final and binding, subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal in accordance with Rule 16.
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 5 (D) (from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)

A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Council, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Council.	A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Council, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Council. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording. Fine will be Discretionary unless set by Council.

Rule 5 (E) (from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)

All fines and charges are payable forthwith and must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within 14 days will result in the Club being placed under sine die suspension until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.	All Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges are payable forthwith and must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within 14 days will result in the Club being placed under sine die suspension until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 5 (from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)

Add new rule 5(F)	The Council shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the closing date and the commencement of the Competition.
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Reason – To allow late entries to replace teams withdrawing before the draw is published.

Rule 8 (A) (from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)

Add new paragraph	It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 8 (B) para.3 (from Mark Wallis, Essex FA Staff)

In all competitions except the Senior Cup, in the case of a postponed or replayed tie, only those players who were eligible on the date originally fixed for the round shall be allowed to play, with the proviso that players who were eligible on the original date and who subsequently become disqualified within the terms of this Rule, shall not be permitted to play. Likewise a player who has been suspended may, if otherwise qualified, play in postponed matches after the terms of their suspension has expired.	In all competitions except the Senior Cup, in the case of a postponed or replayed tie, only those players who were eligible on the date originally fixed for the round for the tie shall be allowed to play, with the proviso that players who were eligible on the original date and who subsequently become disqualified within the terms of this Rule, shall not be permitted to play. Likewise a player who has been suspended may, if otherwise qualified, play in postponed matches after the terms of their suspension has expired.
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Reason – the tie may be scheduled later than the round date due to previous unforeseen delays.

Rule 8 (E) (from Mark Wallis, Essex FA Staff)

Saturday Premier Cup: A player is disqualified from playing in the Competition if, in the current season, he has played in more than eight (8) matches for a recognised First Team of a Club at Step 6 of the National League System or above.	Saturday Premier Cup: A player is disqualified from playing in the Competition if, in the current season, he has played in more than eight (8) matches for a recognised First Team of a Club at Step 6 of the National League System or above.
Saturday Junior Cup, Saturday Junior Trophy and Saturday Veterans Cup: A player is disqualified from playing in these Competitions if he has played in: (i) More than four (4) matches for a recognised first team of a Club at Step 6 of the National League	Saturday Junior Cup, Saturday Junior Trophy and Saturday Veterans Cup: A player is disqualified from playing in these Competitions if he has played in: (i) More than four (4) matches for a recognised first team of a Club at Step 6 of the National League

System or above, or any senior representative match, in the current season. (ii) The Essex Senior Cup, Saturday Premier Cup, or any other County Association Senior, Saturday Intermediate or Saturday Premier Cup in the current season. A player is further disqualified from playing in the Saturday Junior Trophy if he has played in the Saturday Junior Cup, in the current season.	System or above, or any senior representative match, in the current season. (ii) The Essex Senior Cup, Saturday Premier Cup, or any other County Association Senior, Saturday Intermediate or Saturday Premier Cup in the current season. A player is further disqualified from playing in the Saturday Junior Trophy if he has played in the Saturday Junior Cup, in the current season.
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Reason – to remove the exclusions of playing one match in Senior Cup competitions. These would now be included within the previous sub-paragraph (i).

Rule 10 (B) para.2 (from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)

A Club shall not be able to select a ground other than that which it is accustomed to play, without the consent of the Cup Officer.	All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Council. A Club shall not be able to select a ground other than that which it is accustomed to play, without the consent of the Cup Officer. Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. If through any fault of the home Team a match has to be replayed, the Council shall have power to order the venue to be changed. The Council shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Match(es) on another ground.
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 10 (B) para.5 (from Wayne Deller, Essex FA Council)

..... All Clubs in all Competitions are required to provide adequate changing facilities. All Clubs in all Adult Competitions are required to provide adequate changing facilities. All Clubs in Youth Competitions are required to provide adequate changing facilities where possible.
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Reason – to remove the requirement for youth Clubs to provide changing facilities.

Rule 10 (D) (from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)

In all Adult Competitions, the duration of each match shall be ninety (90) minutes, two equal periods of forty-five (45) minutes or, except in the semi-final and final ties, by agreement between the competing teams, a short period of eighty (80) minutes, two equal periods of forty (40) minutes. Any such agreement must be decided prior to the commencement of the match.	In all Adult Competitions except the Senior Cup , the duration of each match shall be ninety (90) minutes, two equal periods of forty-five (45) minutes or, except in the semi-final and final ties, by agreement between the competing teams, a shorter period of eighty (80) minutes, two equal periods of forty (40) minutes. Any such agreement must be decided prior to the commencement of the match.
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Reason – to confirm that this does not apply to the Senior Cup.

Rule 10 (J) (from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)

In all Competitions, excluding the Senior Cup, matches MUST be played on the scheduled date for the fixture or, with the agreement of the Cup Officer, may be brought forward. No match will be postponed without the prior authority of the Cup Officer, as stated on the draw sheet. The appointed Cup Group Officer will have the authority to order a change of match date, ground, kick-off time or team colours for any fixture.	In all Competitions, excluding the Senior Cup, matches MUST be played on the scheduled date for the fixture or, with the agreement of the Cup Officer, may be brought forward. No match will be postponed without the prior authority of the Cup Officer, as stated on the draw sheet. The appointed Cup Group Officer will have the authority to order a change of match date, ground, kick-off time or team colours for any fixture. In the case of a revised fixture date,
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	the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 10 (M) *(from Charlie Francis, Independent member)*

In all Competitions, providing that both teams have a minimum of eight players ready to play, one of whom is the goalkeeper, the Referee shall order the match to commence at the appointed time or as soon as possible thereafter.	In all Competitions, providing that both teams have a minimum of eight seven players ready to play, one of whom is the goalkeeper, the Referee shall order the match to commence at the appointed time or as soon as possible thereafter.
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Reason – to comply with the Laws of the Game.

Rule 10 (P) para.1 *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

In all Competitions with the exception of the Senior Cup, Saturday Premier Cup and Women's Cup, a Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game name 5 substitute players, all of whom may be used. A player who has been substituted during the match then becomes a substitute and may, in turn, replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with the Laws of the Game.	In all Competitions with the exception of the Senior Cup, Saturday Premier Cup and Women's Cup, 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, all of whom may be used. A player who has been substituted during the match then becomes a substitute and may, in turn , replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 10 (P) para.2 *(from Mark Wallis, Essex FA Staff)*

In the Senior Cup, Saturday Premier Cup and Women's Cup, a Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match whom may be selected from 5 players. A player substituted in any of these competitions shall take no further part in the match.	In the Senior Cup, Saturday Premier Cup and Women's Cup, a Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match whom may be selected from 5 players. A player substituted in any of these competitions shall take no further part in the match. In the Saturday Premier Cup and Women's Cup, in the event that extra time is played a team may at its discretion use one additional substitute (a fourth in total) from the nominated five substitutes, during such period of extra time.
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Reason – to allow the use of an additional substitute in extra time in these two competitions.

Rule 10 (P) para.2 *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

In the Senior Cup, Saturday Premier Cup and Women's Cup, a Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match whom may be selected from 5 players. A player substituted in any of these competitions shall take no further part in the match.	In the Senior Cup, Saturday Premier Cup and Women's Cup, a Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match whom may be selected from 5 players use substitute players in any Competition match. A Club may name up to 5 substitute players of whom not more than 3 may be used. A player substituted in any of these competitions shall take no further part in the match.
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 10 (T) para.1 *(from Lukas Wood, Essex FA Staff)*

Where a dugout and technical area is provided only named substitutes and a maximum of 3 officials of the club are allowed within the dug-out during the	Where a dugout and technical area is provided only named substitutes and a maximum of 3 officials of the club are allowed within the dug-out during the
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match. Only one person is allowed to stand in the technical area at any one time and then only to convey instructions to their team.	match. Only one two persons is are allowed to stand in the technical area at any one time and then only to convey instructions to their team.
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Reason – to allow two persons to stand in the technical area.

Rule 10 (T) *(from Wayne Deller, Essex FA Council)*

Add new paragraph	All persons in the dugout/technical area must meet the age of that required to play in the match.
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Reason – Safeguarding, to prevent younger children being in the dugout.

Rule 11 (A) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

The Cup Officer, as stated on the draw sheet of the Competition, must receive within three days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forenames and surname of the team players (in block letters) including substitutes, the result of the tie, and name and initials and marking of the Referee required by Rule 13.	The Cup Officer, as stated on the draw sheet of the Competition, must receive within three days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forenames and surname of the team players (in block letters) including substitutes, the result of the tie, and name and initials and marking of the Referee required by Rule 13. Clubs failing to comply shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. If the tie is not played, a report giving the circumstances must be submitted by both Clubs to the Cup Officer, as stated on the draw sheet.
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Reason – to incorporate rule 11(C) and to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 11 (C) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

Clubs failing to comply with rule 11(A) shall be fined and shall be subject to such additional fines and penalties as the Council or Sub-Committee may decide. If the tie is not played, a report giving the circumstances must be submitted by both Clubs to the Cup Officer, as stated on the draw sheet.	Clubs failing to comply with rule 11(A) shall be fined and shall be subject to such additional fines and penalties as the Council or Sub-Committee may decide. If the tie is not played, a report giving the circumstances must be submitted by both Clubs to the Cup Officer, as stated on the draw sheet. The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
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Reason – current text moved to Rule 11(A) to align with SCOR wording. SCOR text added.

Rule 12 (D) *(from Cup Structure Sub-Group)*

A team shall only be permitted to enter one Competition listed under rule 12(A). In the Youth and Girls Cup Competitions, Clubs may enter three teams in one Competition.	A team shall only be permitted to enter one Competition listed under rule 12(A). In the Youth and Girls Cup Competitions, Clubs may enter three teams in one Competition. For all Competitions except the Senior Cup, Clubs may enter all their teams into the appropriate Competition.
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Reason – to remove cap on entries and allow all teams to enter a County Cup competition.

Rule 12 (F) (i)-(xx) *(from Rob Craven, Essex FA Staff)*

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Reason – to remove unnecessary wording and to correct terminology.

Rule 12 (F) (xii)-(xx) *(from Chelmsford Youth League via Danielle Warnes, Essex FA Staff)*

..... in which the Clubs are competing. in which the team will be competing (subject to
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	Rule 8 (D).
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Reason – to reference Rule 8(D) that players can only play for one team in the competition

Rule 13 (E) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

<p>Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to the match fees as detailed in the County Handbook.</p> <p>The home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses immediately after the match, in the Referees' dressing room. Where there are no gate receipts, the away Club must pay the home Club fifty per cent (50%) of the payments made to the Match Officials only. Payments must be made by the away Club on the day of the match. In matches where there are gate receipts, the home Club should pay the Officials their fees, and then deduct from the gate receipts. Clubs in default shall be dealt with by the Council.</p>	<p>Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to the match fees as detailed in the County Handbook match fees and expenses in accordance with the Fees Tariff.</p> <p>The home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses immediately after the match, in the Referees' dressing room. Where there are no gate receipts, the away Club must pay the home Club fifty per cent (50%) of the payments made to the Match Officials only. Payments must be made by the away Club on the day of the match. In matches where there are gate receipts, the home Club should pay the Officials their fees, and then deduct from the gate receipts. Clubs in default shall be dealt with by the Council. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
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Reason – to add a fine for failing to pay the Match Officials. Fine will be Discretionary unless set by Council.

Rule 13 (F) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

<p>In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus expenses. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses. If neither team is present at the ground the Match Officials may submit their claims to the Cup Officer. The Council may order the defaulting team to reimburse the expenditure, or part of the expenditure, incurred.</p>	<p>In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus expenses. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses. If neither team is present at the ground the Match Officials may submit their claims to the Cup Officer. The Council may order the defaulting team to reimburse the expenditure, or part of the expenditure, incurred. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording. Fine will be Discretionary unless set by Council.

Rule 14 (A) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

<p>A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after arrangement of fixtures for the following Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>	<p>A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after arrangement of fixtures for the following Season the draw has taken place. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p>
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Reason – to correct the wording to be suitable for a cup competition.

Rule 16 *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

<p>Within 3 days of posting of written notification of any decision of the Competition, a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars with the Chief Executive of the Essex County Football Association, including a fee of £35, for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of the Appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the Appeal Fee to be forfeited and</p>	<p>Within 3 days of posting of written notification of any decision of the Competition, a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars with the Chief Executive of the Essex County Football Association Any appeal against a decision of the Council must be lodged with the Chief Executive of the Essex County Football Association within 3 days of the posting of the written notification</p>
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decide if costs are to be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.	<p>of the decision causing the appeal, including a fee of £35, for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of the Appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the Appeal Fee to be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld and decide if costs are to be borne. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) invite submissions by the parties involved; (ii) convene a hearing to hear the appeal; (iii) permit new evidence; or (iv) impose deadlines as are appropriate <p>The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.</p>
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Reason – to align with SCOR wording.

Rule 18 (B) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

<p>When the winning Club has been ascertained the Cup/Trophy shall be handed to the representatives of that Club on the understanding that within three days of its receipt an Agreement (subscribed by three persons) shall be sent to the Association as follows:</p> <p>“We, AB, CD, and EF, being members of and representing the Football Club, which has now been declared to be entitled to hold an Essex County Football Association Cup/Trophy as specified and the said Cup/Trophy having been delivered to us by the said Association do hereby on behalf of the said Club individually and conjointly engage to return the same to the County Office, in good order, and condition, on or before the 1st day of February next, or at any other time when called upon to do so.”</p> <p>Failure to do so will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. The Association is responsible for all engraving.</p>	<p>When the winning Club has been ascertained the Cup/Trophy shall be handed to the representatives of that Club on the understanding that within three days of its receipt an Agreement (subscribed by three persons) shall be sent to the Association as follows:</p> <p>“We, AB, CD, and EF, being members of and representing the Football Club, which has now been declared to be entitled to hold an Essex County Football Association Cup/Trophy as specified and the said Cup/Trophy having been delivered to us by the said Association do hereby on behalf of the said Club individually and conjointly engage to return the same to the County Office, in good order, and condition, on or before the 1st day of February next, or at any other time when called upon to do so. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care, we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”</p> <p>Failure to do so will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>Any Club failing to return a Trophy in a clean state and ready for re-presentation by the due date shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</p> <p>The Association is responsible for all engraving.</p>
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Reason – to include a fine for not returning the Trophy by the due date. Fine will be Discretionary unless set by Council.

Rule 19 (B)(ii) *(from Mark Wallis, Essex FA Staff)*

<p>The Association shall present mementoes to the Players and substitutes taking part in the final tie with a maximum of sixteen (16) mementoes being provided for each team, with no additional mementoes possible. The Council may also present a memento to the Clubs participating in the final ties, with no additional mementoes possible.</p>	<p>The Association shall present mementoes to the Players and substitutes taking part in the final tie with a maximum of sixteen (16) twenty (20) mementoes being provided for each team, with no additional mementoes possible. The Council may also present a memento to the Clubs participating in the final ties, with no additional mementoes</p>
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The Association may, at its discretion, withhold the memento to which a player is entitled where a player has been ordered from the field of play.	possible. The Association may, at its discretion, withhold the memento to which a player is entitled where a player has been ordered from the field of play.
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Reason – to correct the maximum number of mementoes provided for each team.

Rule 19 (C) *(from Dave Emerton, Essex FA Council)*

In all final ties of the Competition, the Match Officials, including reserve Officials, if appointed, shall be presented with mementoes in lieu of a match fee. All Match Officials may claim travelling expenses, as detailed in the County Handbook, if they so desire.	In all final ties of the Competition, the Match Officials, including reserve Officials, if appointed, shall be presented with mementoes in lieu of a match fee. All Match Officials but may claim travelling expenses, as detailed in the County Handbook in accordance with the Fees Tariff , if they so desire.
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Reason – to tidy up prior to relocation within the Rules.

In addition to the above we propose replacing the term "Cup Officer" or "Cup Group Officer" with "Competition Secretary", "Emergency Contact" or "Referee Appointments Officer" as appropriate in the following rules:

10(A), 10(B) para.2, 10(B) para.5, 10(G) [three times], 10(J) [four times], 10(N), 10(O), 11(A), 11(B) para.1, 11(B) para.2, 11(C), 13(A) para.6, 13(F), 13(J), 13(K)

Proposed rule changes declined by the working group:

Rule 8 (B) *(from Extreme United FC)* - Signing on the day.

Reason – The current rule has significantly increased the opportunity for players to be registered prior to the game. Leagues have different procedures and options. We do not have any player registration process within the County Cup competitions.

Rule 8 (L) *(from Wayne Deller, Essex FA Council)* – Proposal to remove the need for identity cards in youth and girls competitions.

Reason – All youth/girls leagues have identity cards and are an essential part of the player eligibility process. Not all leagues are on WGS and opposition player photos are not accessible on WGS.

Rule 12 (F)(xx) *(from Emma Burden, Essex FA Staff)* – Girls U13 team playing a year down in the BCFA pilot not able to enter the Girls U14 Cup.

Reason – This situation is an FA approved pilot so it is temporary and affects very few clubs. If this becomes a permanent change to the Standard Code we will re-visit this.

Rule 12 (F)(xiii)-(xx) *(from Emma Burden, Essex FA Staff)* – Remove the word 'Sunday' and we are starting to get youth teams playing on Saturday.

Reason – We only have one team currently playing on Saturday. If this increases we will re-visit this.

Rule 21 (A) *(from Rob Craven, Essex FA Staff)* – Proposal to set a maximum admission price for Senior Cup matches.

Reason – The admission for matches is set by the Clubs and setting a maximum would restrict the income the Club would receive to cover expenses.

Standard Code requirements for ECFA County Cup Rules for 2019/20

The FA have significantly renumbered the Standard Code of Rules (SCOR) so to keep our County Cup rules in line with the SCOR we need to relocate some rules. There are also rules that have been added to the SCOR regarding Respect, Safeguarding, Inclusivity and Non-Discrimination that are not currently within our rules so should be added.

Relocation of rules

The current (2018/19) rule numbers and their new (2019/20) rule numbers are listed in the table below. In rule 10 a paragraph (indicated by a p suffix) or sentence (indicated by an s suffix) is moved to a different location to the rest of the rule

<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>	<u>2018/19</u>	<u>2019/20</u>
1 (B)	2 (F)	5 (G)	6 (B)	10 (K)	20 (C)	12 (B)	22 (B)
1 (C)	2 (E)	6	8	10 (K) p3	20 (E)(ii)	12 (C)	22 (D)
1 (D)	2 (A)	7	10	10 (M)	20 (D)	12 (D)	22 (E)
1 (E)	2 (D)	8 (A)	18 (A)	10 (N) s1	20 (E)(i)	12 (E)	22 (E)
2 (A)	2 (B)	8 (B)	18 (B)	10 (N)	22 (C)	12 (F)	22 (F)
2 (B)	2 (B)(i)	8 (C)	18 (C)	10 (O)	20 (E)(iii)	13	23
2 (C)	2 (B)(ii)	8 (D)	18 (F)	10 (O) p3	20 (E)(i)	14 (A)	11 (A)
2 (D)	2 (C)	8 (E)	18 (D)	10 (O) p4	20 (E)(i)	14 (C)	11 (B)
2 (E)	2 (G)	8 (F)	18 (D)	10 (O) p5	20 (E)(iv)	15	7
3 (A)	4 (A)	8 (H)	18 (D)	10 (O) p6	20 (E)(v)	16	7 (F)
3 (B)	4 (B)	8 (I)	18 (J)	10 (P)	20 (F)	17	12
4 (A)	5 (A)	8 (J)	18 (N)	10 (Q)	20 (J)	18	13
4 (B)	5 (B)	8 (K)	18 (O)	10 (R)	20 (F)	19	15 (B)
5 (A)	6 (A)	8 (L)	18 (P)	10 (S)	20 (G)	19 (C)	23 (E)
5 (B)	6 (B)	8 (M)	18 (E)	10 (T)	20 (K)	20	14
5 (C)	6 (C)	9	19	11 (A)	21 (A)	21 (A)	15 (A)
5 (D)	6 (D)	10 (A)	20 (B)/(A)	11 (B)	21 (B)	21 (B)	15 (A)(x)
5 (E)	6 (E)	10 (B)-(I)	20 (A)	11 (C)	21 (A)	21 (B)	15 (A)(xi)
5 (F)	6 (G)	10 (J)	20 (B)	12 (A)	22 (A)		

SCOR rules to be added

New Rule 2 (H)

Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).

(ii) This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise.

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

New Rule 2 (I)

Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

New Rule 2 (J)

All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.

New Rule 20 (H)

The Teams taking part in a Competition Match shall identify a Team captain who may wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.