MID HERTS VETS LEAGUE - SEASON 2018/19

CONSTITUTION:

Dun Cow
FC Bradmore
Harpenden Rovers
Kimpton Rovers
Knebworth FC
Leisure Leagues Herts
Lilley Rangers
Sandridge Rovers
Shefford Town (formerly Letchworth Vets)
Stevenage Vets (formerly Willows Old Boys)
Welwyn Sports
TBC

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

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RULES:

THE LEAGUE COMPETITION

The league shall be known as the “Mid Hers Vets League”.

The league is affiliated to Herts FA.

All clubs must be affiliated to their county FA if they wish to participate in the League. Clubs that are affiliated to Herts FA can also take part in the Veterans County Cup.

Clubs must pay a £30 registration fee to join the League.

Games shall be played on Sunday mornings, unless agreement is made between the two teams and the Management Committee.

INSURANCE

(A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.

(B) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

Failure to comply with Rule (A) or (B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

PLAYER CRITERIA

All players to be at least 35 years of age with the exception of the goalkeeper, who must be over the age of 30.

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

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

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Match(es) on another ground.

Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule (C).

(B) Within the National League System ("NLS") all Competition Matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes. All Competition Matches outside of the NLS shall have duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than sixty (60) minutes) is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves. Two matches involving the same two Teams can be played on the same day providing the total playing time is not more than 120 minutes.

The times of kick-off shall be between 10am and 11am and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the Competition Match with written notification given to the Competition at least 7 days prior.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. The home Team must also provide a Referee, plus one Linesman and the away Team are to provide one Linesman.

The home Team is expected to provide some light refreshment after each game at a venue to be communicated to the away Team.

Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All

other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition match with the consent of the (Fixtures) Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) In accordance with the Laws of the Game, the minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is 7. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(E) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary.

If a Club wish to postpone a fixture, they must inform The Management Committee by in writing at least 14 days prior to the game, if agreed the fixture will be postponed and the opposition team will be informed. Failure to provide at least 14 days' notice will result in a 2-0 victory to their opponents.

If a fixture is cancelled due to reasons beyond the control of either team, such as an unplayable pitch, the home Team must inform the Management Committee.

The Management Committee will try to provide re-arranged dates for Postponed / Abandoned games but in recognition of the fact that this may not be possible the fixtures will be treated as 0-0 draws.

REPORTING RESULTS

It is the responsibility of the home Team to communicate results, these should be posted to the MHVL Facebook page or sent by text / e-mail to John or Darren, no later than 6pm on the day of the Sunday match (9pm for midweek). Failure to do so may result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
This includes Postponed / Abandoned games.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings shall be determined by goal difference (where the goals scored against each Team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Team and the Team with the most favourable goal difference shall be placed highest).

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team which has scored the most goals during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team that has won the most matches during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team which has the better playing record against the other Team in their head to head Competition Matches during the Playing Season will be placed highest.

If the records of two or more Teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the Teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches under conditions as determined by the Management Committee.

TROPHY

The 'Cup' is the property of the League and must be returned when new winners are determined.

PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.

Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.

Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within 2 days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

Anything not covered by these rules will be decided by The Management Committee, whose decision is final.

We strongly advise total respect to The Referee, whether qualified or not, it's a hard job and games would not go ahead without them!