

Hertfordshire FA Intermediate Cup 2018-19

Guidance Notes for Clubs

PLEASE NOTE: The following provides extracts of Competition Rules and Instructions for the above Competition. Clubs should, therefore, refer to the Hertfordshire Football Association Handbook (available on hertfordshirefa.com) for a full clarification of rules.

Club Secretaries should be aware of the following rules for the above Competition:

All Rounds Up to and Including Semi-Finals

MATCH REPORT FORM

A Match Report Form must be fully completed as an on-line document (found on hertfordshirefa.com), within two days of the match.

A fine will be imposed if the Match Report Form is not received in the office within the time stated. Please ensure that nominated substitutes, and used substitutes, are shown accordingly. Unused named substitutes are not considered to be cup tied.

REPORTING OF RESULTS

All clubs (whether home or away) must communicate the result of their County Cup within 1 hour of the conclusion of the match, (or by 11pm if an evening match).

This communication must be in the form of an SMS message in response to an automated message sent from the County FA on the day of the game. Any club failing to communicate the result of their game by this deadline shall be liable to a fine.

TEAM SHEET

Clubs must list players taking part in the game, including substitutes, on the enclosed triplicate Team Sheet and exchange copies with the Referee and their Opponents, in the presence of the Referee, at least 30 minutes before kick-off time. Referees will report any club failing to comply with this instruction.

CONFIRMATION OF MATCH

Home Clubs need to advise match details as early as possible with the Away team, Match Officials and the nominated Hertfordshire FA delegate (if appointed). Home clubs will also need to inform the Away team of the Home team colours, as it is the AWAY team who must change if there is a clash of colours. For the final tie, confirmation will be made to both clubs by the Hertfordshire F.A.

If the Club drawn at home has the regular use of floodlights, then it may choose to play the match in midweek, by mutual agreement with the opposition, either during the week before, or in the week after, the scheduled date for the match. At least 8 days notice must be given to the opposing team, and to the nominated Hertfordshire F.A. Officer.

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS (Rule 18)

To be eligible to play in the Intermediate Cup, a player must have been registered with a League in which your club plays for three days prior to the date of the match. (Only the Senior Challenge Cup and Senior Trophy can use players registered by the day before the match date). A player who has played for another club in the Junior Cup will be eligible to play in the Intermediate Cup.

A player who has played for another club in the Intermediate Cup, Senior Challenge Cup or Senior Centenary Trophy, will not be eligible to play and is classed as "Cup Tied".

There are other qualifications regarding players who have played first team games at a higher level so it is recommended clubs read the whole of this rule for their own security.

Clubs should be aware of players who may be "Cup Tied" if signing them on after the start of the season. To assist the checking of players' eligibility, the Competitions Committee now require the names of players and their relevant dates of birth to be entered on the Match Report Forms. A fine will be imposed if this is not adhered to.

SUBSTITUTES

Three substitute players may be used in County Cup ties from five names given to the Match Referee prior to the kick off. Unused, named, substitutes are not considered to be Cup Tied, but these should be clearly defined on each team's result sheet. Roll-on, roll-off substitutions are not relevant to this Competition.

COLOURS

Home clubs are required to inform the Away team of the Home team colours, as it is the AWAY team who must change if there is a clash of colours.

DURATION OF MATCH

Extra time must be played if the scores are level at the end of normal time. If the scores are level at the end of extra time, then the game will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance to the procedure laid down in the Laws of the Game. There are no replays in this competition.

HALF TIME

The half time interval shall not exceed 15 minutes which may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Match Official Fees for this Competition are as follows:

Referee: **£35.00**
Assistant Referees: **£27.00** (where officially appointed)

These fees are all inclusive of travelling expenses. The home drawn team shall pay the Referee in all rounds prior to the Quarter-Finals and Semi Finals. Where Assistant Referees are appointed, up to and including the Quarter & Semi-Finals the Home team shall pay the Referee and one Assistant, and the away team shall pay the second Assistant. It remains the responsibility of the Home team to ensure all payments are made to the Match Officials.

POSTPONED OR ABANDONED MATCHES

Note that in the event of a match being postponed, the same Match Officials remain appointed for the rearranged game which must be played again the following week.

If the Referee abandons a match due to ground conditions, it becomes void and must be played again the following week. Where a match is not played owing to causes over which neither club has control, the Match Officials in attendance shall be entitled to claim travel expenses incurred at 40p per mile.

If abandoned due to misconduct, a written misconduct report will be necessary from the Referee and sent to the Association Headquarters. The Home Club Secretary must advise Mr Donovan of any abandoned matches. If abandoned through no fault of either club after the completion of normal time, but before the end of extra time, then the game shall be played again at the ground of the away team.

HOSPITALITY

All Clubs drawn at home in the Intermediate Cup must provide refreshments to visiting players, officials and match officials to a standard equivalent to a home match in their own League.

In addition, the following rule will apply for the Semi Final and Final ties:

SQUAD SHEET

Clubs playing in the Semi-Final and Final tie send to the opposing Club, the Association Headquarters (Paul Musgrave) and to the Honorary Secretary of the Competitions Committee (Paddy Donovan), a list of players with their D.O.B. from whom the team for the Semi-Final or Final must be selected giving 7 clear days notice. No player will be considered eligible unless his name appears in the list. Additions to the team lists can only be made with the consent of both the opposing club and the nominated Association Officer.

No objection to the qualifications of any players mentioned in such list shall be entertained unless notice of objection, setting out in detail the grounds of such objection, is in the hands of both the Secretary of the opposing Club and the nominated Association Officer prior to the date of the kick off for the match. Failure to submit a list of players with 7 clear days notice will result in the offending Club being fined.

Responding to Charges

Rule 6d of your County Handbook it states:

(B) The Competitions Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H), and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Competitions Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:

- (i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Competitions Committee on the papers; or
- (ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Competitions Committee; or
- (iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Competitions Committee on the papers; or
- (iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Competitions Committee.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Competitions Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Important Addresses

All Administration enquiries should be directed to:

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