

THE JERSEY FOOTBALL COMBINATION (amended 20th July 2015)

1. NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

(A) This Competition shall be designated the Jersey Football Combination and known as the Jersey Football Combination and shall consist of not more than 50 clubs who shall be Full Member Clubs. The Junior Section of the competition will provide football for players who have attained the age of 10 as at midnight 31st August in a playing season and Mini-Soccer for players who have attained the age of 6 years, but not the age of 10 years as at midnight on 31st August in a playing season.

(B) All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to the Jersey F.A and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form "D" to the Jersey F.A. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be Jersey. Entries may also be accepted from clubs affiliated to the Guernsey F.A. with the consent of the Management Committee. If a Guernsey team is drawn "at home" the game will be played in Jersey and the Jersey team involved will become the home team. If two Guernsey teams are drawn to play each other the game may be played in Guernsey with the consent of the Management Committee and match officials registered with the Guernsey F.A. may be used with the consent of the Management Committee.

(C) This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Jersey Football Association and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions. No club shall enter more than one team in any division or cup competition.

(D) Member Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of F.A. and Jersey F.A. Competitions and the Guernsey F.A. Jeremie Cup) except with the consent of the Management Committee of the Competition.

(E) At the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

2. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

(A) (i) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £20 per club, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

(ii) At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present, applications of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. The Entry Fee shall apply.

(iii) When Rule 12(B) is applied or a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) Affiliation forms and entry fees need to be submitted prior to the May Management Meeting. Clubs must advise The Secretary on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition. In addition to the entry fee each Premiership team will pay £10, Championship team £10 and all other divisions £10 per team plus each Cup Competition £10 per team. Any club failing to do so (and including the fees) shall be fined £20 per week or part week they are in arrears.

(C) Potential new clubs are required to apply for election in writing to the secretary prior to the March Management Meeting, together with a list of sixteen names of proposed players. Should any of these proposed players be registered with an existing Combination Club, written permission will be required from that club. Each New Club shall within 14 days of election pay a Deposit of £100 which shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 1st July of its Jersey F.A. affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, failing which they shall be fined £15.

3. OFFICERS

(A) The Officers of the Competition shall be the President, Four Vice-Presidents, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Assistant Treasurer, Hon. Registration Secretary, Hon. Fixture Secretary, Hon. Referees Appointments Secretary, Junior Section Chairman, Hon. Junior Section Secretary, Ladies Chairman, Hon. Ladies Secretary, to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

4. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

(A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee comprised of the Officers and one delegate or sub delegate from each competing club and one delegate representing the Jersey Football Referee's Association. Member Clubs are elected at the Annual General Meeting. All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The Football Association from time to time. The Management Committee shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, an Honorary Treasurer, an Honorary Secretary, an Honorary Assistant Treasurer, an Honorary Registrations Secretary, an Honorary Fixtures Secretary, an Honorary Referees' Appointments Secretary, an Honorary Ladies Secretary, a Junior Section Chairman, a Junior Section Secretary, one Delegate or Sub Delegate from each Club competing in The Combination and one Delegate representing The Jersey Football Referee's Association. All Delegates and Sub Delegates must be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Club concerned. The names and addresses of these Delegates and Sub Delegates must be forwarded to the Honorary Secretary at least seven days prior to the Annual General Meeting of The Combination. In the absence of the Delegate, the Sub Delegate will be permitted to attend with the same powers and status as the Delegate. Under exceptional circumstances, and with the sanction of the Management Committee, a responsible member of a club may attend, with similar powers and status. Any Club failing to be represented at a Management Committee Meeting shall be subjected to a fine of £25 for each offence and in addition dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to The Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than 14 days prior to the A.G.M. in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet monthly to deal with business as it arises. On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee, or the majority of the officers of the competition, The Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to The Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated officers.

5. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT & ELECTED OFFICERS

(A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee 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 Football Association or Jersey F.A.

(i) The Junior Management Sub-Committee shall consist of the Junior Section Chairman, the Junior Section Secretary, Junior Section Registrations Secretary and four other persons elected from the clubs competing in the Junior Section of the Combination.

(ii) The Ladies Management Sub-Committee shall consist of the Ladies Section Chairman, the Ladies Section Secretary and one elected delegate from the clubs competing in the Ladies Section of the Combination.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Jersey F.A. having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season. (See Rule 6(E)).

(C) (i) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote thereat, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest (this shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

(ii) In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules.

With the exception of Rules 5(I), 6(H), 11 and 19, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge (in the form of an invoice issued by the Treasurer) must be issued. The respondent shall be given seven days from the date of notice to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-

- (i) Accept or deny the charge
- (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or
- (iii) Put their case before the Management Committee.

Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Club Official (limited to President, Secretary or Treasurer) or Player alleged to be in breach of a Competition Rule must be formally charged in writing, in the form of the invoice issued by the Treasurer, and given the opportunity to present their case before the Management Committee. Financial penalties can only be imposed if included within the set penalties for breaches of Competition Rules. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules by the appropriate Association.

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 14 days, in the form of the minutes of the meeting.

(F) Two thirds of the Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and 50% Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the Competition.

(G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.

(H) A Club having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition, shall be liable to be fined or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(I) All fines and charges shall be paid within 28 days of the date of posting of the written notification. Any Club failing to do so will be fined 10% of the debt, up to a maximum of £100. Further failure to pay the fine, including the additional sum, within 28 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding payments are settled.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

(L) No participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

(M) Leagues who organise Mini Soccer for teams playing U7 and U8 football may not, with the exception of Rules 6, 11d, 14 and 19, fine clubs for breaches of League Rules.

(N) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

(O) HONORARY TREASURER

The Honorary Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received and paid by him on behalf of The Combination. He shall pay accounts passed by the Management Committee. He shall have the authority to make petty disbursements necessary to carry on the work of The Combination. He shall prepare a financial statement to be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

(P) HONORARY SECRETARY

(i) The Honorary Secretary shall supervise all duties appertaining to that office, and act in accordance with the instructions of the Management Committee. The Honorary Secretary shall prepare or cause to be prepared all convening notices as directed, and convene the various Sub-Committee Meetings, Committee Meetings and Special General Meetings.

(ii) The Honorary Secretary may attend "ex-officio" all meetings of The Combination, keep regular minutes and shall prepare a report for the Annual General Meeting, of the activities of The Combination for the season.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held earlier than the A.G.M. of the Jersey F.A. each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 50% of the Members entitled to vote are present:-

- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) To consider any business arising therefrom.
- (iii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- (iv) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee).
- (v) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- (vi) Election of Officers and Management Committee.
- (vii) Appointment of Auditors.
- (viii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
- (ix) Fix the date for the commencement of the season and kick off times applicable to the Competitions.
- (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.
- (xi) Election of Patrons, Honorary Life Presidents, Honorary Life Vice Presidents and Honorary Life Members

(B) A copy of the Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, and to the Jersey F.A.

(C) A signed copy of the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Jersey F.A. within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than 14 days notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the season being concluded or who are not continuing Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 17.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least one third of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

(G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Full Member Club.

(H) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £25.

(I) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

(J) The Meeting shall be open to the retiring Officers and Management Committee.

(K) The meeting shall also open to Patrons, Honorary Life Presidents, Honorary Life Vice Presidents and Honorary Life Members of the Combination. They shall, however, have a voice but not a vote in the business transacted.

7. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

The President and the Secretary of each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, A, ____ of ____ (President) and B ____ of ____ (Secretary) of the ____ Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Jersey Football Combination and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into Membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16."

Any alteration of the President and /or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the Jersey FA and to the Secretary of the Competition.

(Note: The spaces above are intended for the inclusion of the signatures and addresses of officers and members).

8. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS SENIOR FOOTBALL

(A) (i) Contract players, as defined in The Football Association Rules, are not permitted in this Competition. A contract player may only play for the Club that holds his contract.

(ii) While serving in any branch of Her Majesty's Regular Forces, a player must first obtain the consent of his commanding officer before signing a registration form to play for a Club.

(B) A registered playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has: Fully completed a J.F.A. membership/J.F.C. registration form online prior to playing.

(C) Any registered player absenting himself from Jersey for a period exceeding 60 days, for any reason other than full-time education, shall be required to re-qualify by a residence of six consecutive days after his return before playing in a Combination competition (except for the Trinity Shield). Except where otherwise provided for, the word "day" shall include a portion of a day. In computing absence from, and presence in the Island, a player shall be deemed in Jersey and not absent there from on the day of departure and the day of arrival.

(D) A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County or Island Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played.

(E) A fee of £1 shall be paid to the J.F.C. for each player registered.

(F) (i) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

(ii) In the event of a player signing a J.F.A. membership/J.F.C. registration form, or having a registration submitted for more than one Club, priority of registration shall decide for which

Club the player shall be registered. The J.F.A. shall notify the player and the second club of the fact of the previous registration.

(G) It shall be a breach of rule for a player to:-

- (i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.
- (ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.
- (iii) Wilfully neglect to accurately or fully complete the J.F.A. membership/J.F.C. registration form.
- (iv) No player shall play knowing that she is pregnant. Any player knowingly playing whilst pregnant shall be individually responsible for any repercussions.

(H) (i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player.
(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, except those under 18 years of age, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct subject to the right of appeal to The F.A. or the Jersey F.A.

(iv) Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the Jersey F.A.

(Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the Jersey F.A., and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an appeal to The F.A.) For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the competition into disrepute can only be considered where the player has received in excess of 112 days suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.

- (I)(i) Should a Club object to a transfer it should state its objections in writing to The J.F.A. and to the player concerned within seven days of receipt of the transfer form. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within seven days, the player shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club immediately after receipt of such transfer.
- (ii) In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Transfer Panel for a decision.

(J) SIGNING ON REGISTRATION

(i) All players, who must have reached the minimum age agreed by the Jersey F.A., must complete a J.F.A. membership/J.F.C. registration form stating for which Club they intend playing. All forms must be completed and accepted by the J.F.A./J.F.C. prior to playing in any Jersey Football Combination competition. Players can register with a club from 1st June to 31st March, for each season.

(ii) A junior player signing a Junior J.F.A. membership/J.F.C. Registration Form shall be eligible to play for his Club in senior competitions if he has attained the age of 16 years providing the player was registered before playing.

(iii) Having been registered, a senior player will remain registered with the club until either
(a) May 31st at the end of the current season.

(b) the player is transferred (see Rule K).

(K) TRANSFERS MID-SEASON

(i) Players seeking a Mid-Season Transfer must obtain the necessary transfer form from the J.F.A. website or office who shall date the form on the day of issue.

(ii) Mid-Season Transfer requests will only be considered from the 1st September to the 31st December.

(iii) The applicant must complete the transfer form, stating their reasons for requesting the transfer.

(iv) Both Club Secretaries (current club and new club) must ensure that the transfer form is duly completed and signed by them and returned to the J.F.A.

(v) Any person applying for a transfer must have been registered with The J.F.A./J.F.C. for at least fourteen days. The player will be able to play with his new club once the Club Secretary has verified the change of club on the J.F.A. website. In the event of a Club opposing a transfer, the Transfer Panel will hear the transfer request. The Panel will consist of not less than three members out of the seven elected at the Management Committee Meeting

following the A.G.M. The Transfer Panel members must not be members of either Club that is the subject of a contested transfer.

(vi) In the case of The Combination refusing to grant the transfer, the player concerned shall have the right to appeal to the Appeals Board of the Jersey F.A.

(vii) No player shall be allowed to play for two Clubs in one season in the same Cup tie competition.

(L) A player may not be registered for a Club after March 31st, nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 31st December of each playing season except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(M) A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

(N) An electronic register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the J.F.A. and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged.

(O) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any cup final or play off match unless the player has played two (league and/or cup) games for that team in this Competition in the current season. Exceptions to this rule will only be considered by the Registrations Committee.

(P)(i) Clubs taking part in more than one division of the Combination shall register their best available 'Elevens' in accordance with the Combination priority, before the commencement of the season. These registered teams shall be in the hands of the Hon. Registrations Secretary of the Combination at a date determined by the Management Committee.

(ii) Registered teams shall be in the possession of the Hon. Registrations Secretary of the Combination at least four days prior to the Management Committee monthly meeting. Except where otherwise provided for, the word 'day' shall include a portion of a day. Any Club failing to submit registrations by the stipulated time shall be subject to a fine of £25.

(iii) Any player not registered in a Club's first or second team who plays in a first team game will not be permitted to play in a third team game until after the following monthly Management Committee Meeting.

(iv) A player so registered shall not play in any division without permission of the Management Committee. Any player, suspended by the Disciplinary Committee of the Jersey F.A. who is registered at the time of the offence, shall not be allowed to play in a lower division at the end of his suspension until the Management Committee has considered his position.

(v) A player who has played for a team in a higher division three times or more between monthly meetings shall not be eligible to play in a lower division except by permission of the Management Committee.

(vi) A Club (through its player/s) violating this rule shall be dealt with as the committee may deem fit, and be subject to a fine of £25

(vii) Should a query on a registration of a player be endorsed by the Management Committee at the monthly meeting and the player fail to turn out in the next first team match, the player replacing him become automatically registered. Neither the originally registered player, nor his replacement will be permitted to play in a lower division without sanction of the Management Committee. Breach of this rule will incur a penalty of £25.

(viii) Any player either returning to, or arriving in the Island and wishing to sign for a Combination Club must record the last club that he played for, which league that club were affiliated to and the country in which that club played. If the last club for which he played was outside of the Channel Islands, Isle of Man or England an International Clearance Certificate must be obtained from The F.A. prior to his registration.

(ix) In competitions where the number is restricted, de-registrations will be considered by the Management Committee where written confirmation is received that the player in question will be unavailable for the remainder of the current playing season.

(Q)(i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players shall in a league match have the points gained in the match deducted from its total, or in a cup match shall lose the game, and will be fined £25 for each offence and otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(ii) In addition the team may have further points deducted from its total at the discretion of the Management Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought fit.

(iii) The Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the

match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.
(iv) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

(The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full-time secondary education):-

- (R) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.
(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Leagues).

8. (JUNIOR) QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS YOUTH FOOTBALL

(Junior) (A) Contract players, as defined in The F.A. Rules, are not permitted in this Competition. No player registered with a F.A. Premier League or Football League Academy will be permitted to play in this competition. A Player registered with a Centre of Excellence may only play in this Competition subject to the Regulations of the Programme for Excellence.

(Junior) (B) A registered youth playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

- (i) Fully completed a J.F.A. membership/J.F.C. registration form online prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate any known serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the player's parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the Club or Competition.
(ii) If a player's age is required for registration purposes a Competition may require an original birth certificate or a certified photocopy. In cases where the birth certificate is not available a Competition will accept a photocopy of the player's passport or other official document issued by a Government Agency attesting to the player's date of birth.

The qualification dates for the competition shall be as follows:

Mini-Soccer

To play in a K.O. Cup game or a game where points are awarded, or results collected, a player must have achieved the age of 8 on or before 31st August.

The player must -

- Under 7 – have attained the age of 6 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season but be under the age of 7 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.
Under 8 – be under the age of 8 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.
Under 9 – be under the age of 9 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.
Under 10 – be under the age of 10 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player in the above age ranges must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by two years or more.

Youth Football

The player must -

- Under 11 – have attained the age of 10 but must be under the age of 11 by midnight 31st August in the season.
Under 12 – be under the age of 12 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.
Under 13 – be under the age of 13 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.
Under 14 – be under the age of 14 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.
Under 15 – be under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.
Under 16 – be under the age of 16 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.
Under 17 – be under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.
Under 18 – be under the age of 18 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

The above qualification dates are subject to the provisions contained in F.A. Rule C.4(a)(v).

(Junior) (C) Any registered player absents himself from Jersey for a period exceeding 60 days, for any reason other than full-time education, shall be required to re-qualify by a residence of six consecutive days after his return before playing in a Combination competition

(iii) Except where otherwise provided for, the word "day" shall include a portion of a day. In computing absence from, and presence in the Island, a player shall be deemed in Jersey and not absent there from on the day of departure and the day of arrival.

(Junior) (D) A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County or Island Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played.

(Junior) (E) A fee of 50p shall be paid for each player registered. Registration forms shall be obtained from the J.F.A. website.

(Junior) (F)(i) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

(ii) In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the player shall be registered. The J.F.A. shall notify the player and the second club of the fact of the previous registration.

(Junior) (G) It shall be a breach of rule for a player to:-

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

(iv) No player shall play knowing that she is pregnant. Any player knowingly playing whilst pregnant shall be individually responsible for any repercussions.

(Junior) (H) (i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, except those under 18 years of age, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct subject to the right of appeal to The F.A. Jersey F.A.

(iv) Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the Jersey F.A.

(Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the Jersey F.A., and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an appeal to The F.A.). For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the competition into disrepute can only be considered where the player has received in excess of 112 days suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.

(Junior) (I) (i) Subject to The F.A. Rules dealing with players without a written contract when a player desires a transfer. Should this Club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Hon. Registrations Secretary and to the player concerned within seven days of receipt of the transfer form. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within seven days, the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club immediately after receipt of such transfer.

(ii) In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Transfer Panel for a decision.

(Junior) (J) SIGNING ON REGISTRATION

(i) All players, who must have reached the minimum age agreed by the Jersey F.A. must complete a J.F.A. membership/J.F.C. registration form stating for which Club they intend playing. All forms must be completed and accepted by the JFA/JFC 6 days prior to playing in any Jersey Football Combination competition.

(ii) A junior player signing a Junior Registration Form shall be eligible to play for his Club in senior competitions if he has attained the age of 16 years, without having to complete a senior form, providing the player was registered before playing.

(iii) Having been registered, a junior player will remain registered with his club until either

(iv) (a) the club releases him during the Close Season and informs the Hon. Junior Registrations Secretary of The Combination

(b) the player is transferred (see Rule K).

(Junior) (K) A player may not be registered for a Club after March 31st, nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after the December Management meeting of each playing season except by special permission of the Management Committee. In the case of a match ordered to be replayed, or a postponed cup final or a play-off match, only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible at the time fixed for playing the original match and who still remain eligible under the rules of the competition.

(Junior) (L) An electronic register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the J.F.A. and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. (Junior)

(Junior) (M) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A)) unless the player has played two (league and/or cup) games for that team in this Competition in the current season. Exceptions to this rule will only be considered by the Registrations Committee.

(Junior) (N)(i) Clubs taking part in more than one division of the Combination shall register their best available 'Elevens' in accordance with the Combination priority, before the commencement of the season. These registered teams shall be in the hands of the Hon. Junior Registrations Secretary of the Combination at a date determined by the Management Committee.

(Junior) (O) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any Cup final or play off match unless the player has played two (league and/or cup) games for that team in this Competition in the current season. Exceptions to this rule will only be considered by the Registrations Committee.

(Junior) (P)(i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players shall in a league match have the points gained in the match deducted from its total, or in a cup match shall lose the game, will be fined £10 for each offence and otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(ii) In addition the team may have further points deducted from its total at the discretion of the Management Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought fit.

(iii) The Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full-time secondary education):-

(iv) A Club (through its players) violating this rule shall be dealt with as the committee may deem fit, and be subject to a fine of £25.

(Junior) (Q) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).

(iii) Children under 15 shall not play in a team involving players who are more than two years older.

Note: For players under the age of 18 the provisions contained in The F.A. Rules will apply.

9. CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

(A)(i) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts, shorts and socks with The Secretary seven days prior to the May Management meeting who shall decide as to their suitability.

(ii) Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players and the referee.

(iii) No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

- (iv) Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least three days before the match.
 - (v) If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours (including socks), the Home team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change shall be fined £20.
 - (vi) The Secretary of the Competition may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts, shorts or socks as they think fit. Shirts must be numbered.
- (B) Any Club wishing to change its name and/or colours must obtain permission from the Jersey F.A. and from the Management Committee.
- (C) The Captain shall wear a distinguishing armband to indicate his status.

10. PLAYING SEASON SENIOR PLAYERS. CONDITIONS OF PLAY **TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES**

- (A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season in accordance with The F.A. Rules. Original fixtures arranged by the Fixtures Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than the July Management Committee Meeting, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date determined by the Annual General Meeting.
- (B)(i) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.
- (ii) Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Jersey F.A. Grounds Committee and 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.
- (iii) The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.
- (iv) All matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than 60 minutes) is mutually arranged by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.
- (v) The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the Annual General Meeting. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined a sum not exceeding £10 or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.
- (vi) Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.
- (vii) The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Goal nets must be used.
- (C)(i) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The F.A. and all relevant County F.A. Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary.
- (ii) In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition five clear days notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).
- (D)(i) If requested by the away team the Secretary 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 the Secretary of the opposing Club at least three clear days prior to the playing of the match.
- (ii) Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of £5.
- (E)(i) Every club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the competition. Note (if in the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the rule is obviously being disregarded, the club or clubs concerned maybe called to account for its actions, and shall be subject to such decision as the Management Committee may determine.)

(ii) Clubs failing to field 11 players in any first team league or cup competitions shall be subject to a fine of £20 for each absent player. Clubs failing to field 11 players in other matches shall be subject to a fine of £2 for each absent player. A minimum of 7 players will constitute a team for a Competition match.

(F)(i) 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, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any 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 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.

(ii) Any Club with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence:- First Team, Reserve Team, C Team. Clubs in breach of this requirement shall be fined £20 or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

(iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture (scratching) must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary and the Secretary of the opposing Club. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may impose a fine.

(a) Any Club 'scratching' a fixture shall be fined as follows:

Senior Leagues

Premiership £200, Championship £100, Division 3 (when operable) £50, Ladies Division £50, Division 1 £40, Division 2 £30, Division 3 £20, Over 35's Division £20

Junior Leagues

Under 18 £20, Under 17 £20, Under 16 £15, Under 15 £15, Under 14 £10, Under 13 £10, Under 12 £10, Under 11 £10.

Senior Cups

Le Riche Cup £150, Charity Cup £100, Willis Cup £70, Dog Club Cup £35, Touzel Cup £30, Lady Bingham and Tradesmen's Cups £25, G4 Securicor Locksmiths Cup £20

Junior Cups

Tregear and Presidents Cups £20, Eric Amy and Alex Scott Cups £15, Dave Melton, Chairman's, Brian Beckett and Cory Car Paints Cups £10

This will include the scratching of respective Divisional Knock-out Cup Competitions.

(b) Except in the Premiership or the Le Riche Cup, any Club scratching a fixture giving notice of 48 hours or more shall only be fined 50% of the specified fine as set out above. Anything less than 48 hours notice shall constitute a late scratching and the full fine shall apply.

(c) Any club scratching more than two matches in the same season, involving the same senior men's team shall not be permitted to run that team the following season. In the event of the team being a Second team and the Club also running a Third team, then the Third team will become the Second team in the following season. Likewise, a First team scratching more than the two matches in the same season, the Second team will become the First team in the following season. In the event of a club having a team in the Premiership and not being permitted to run a Second team due to this clause then the first team will be relegated from the Premiership.

(iv) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Fixtures Secretary within 3 days the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date.

(v) The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponent. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

(G)(i) A Club may at its discretion, and in accordance with the Laws of the Game, use in a senior men's game in this Competition 3 substitute players who may be selected from 7 players. A system of rolling substitutions shall be used in both the Women's and over 35's divisions where 5 substitute players may be selected from 5 players.

(ii) The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 20 minutes before the start of the match.

(iii) A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.

(H) The half time interval shall be of minimum of 5 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(I)(i) Clubs may request a postponement of a first team fixture if one or more of their senior registered team have been selected for a Jersey F.A. senior representative fixture (as defined in J.F.A. Rule N1).

(ii) Clubs may request a postponement of a junior fixture if three or more of their junior players have been selected for a junior Jersey F.A. representative fixture (as defined in Jersey F.A. Rule N1), in the same age group. Consideration may be given to postponing a junior fixture scheduled for the day following a junior representative fixture only if the representative fixture is played off Island.

(iii) Clubs may request the postponement of a senior fixture if three or more of their junior players who are senior registered are selected for a junior Jersey F.A. representative fixture. In the case of a club requesting the postponement of a fixture involving a team not covered by the registration system, the player(s) in question must have played at least 50% of the games for that team preceding the request.

(iv) All requests for postponements are to be made in writing to the Fixtures Secretary for verification at the next management meeting. In the case of the request and the playing of the fixture falling between meetings, the Fixtures Secretary will be solely responsible for making the decision.

(v) All requests must be made at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled playing of the 'postponed' fixture. Exceptions will be made in the event of late call-ups.

(vi) Clubs may request the postponement of a junior fixture because of any school trip providing at least four players are away. The Fixtures Secretary must be provided with a list of names of those players away and details of the trip on school headed paper at least seven days prior to the game in question.

J(i) Only one person has the authority to convey tactical instructions to the players during the match. This person shall be the Team Manager or the Team Coach. He is allowed to move to the edge of the technical area to issue instructions to his team but then must return to his position towards the back of the technical area immediately after giving these instructions.

(ii) All substitutes in the technical area shall be listed on the Official Team Sheet when it is submitted to the Match Officials. Only those persons listed on the Official Team Sheet and the appointed team management shall be permitted in the technical area.

(iii) The occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner at all times. Misconduct by occupants of this area will be reported by the Referee to The Association, who shall have the power to impose sanctions as deemed fit.

10. (JUNIOR) PLAYING SEASON YOUTH. CONDITIONS OF PLAY TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES

(Junior)(A). The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season in accordance with The F.A. Rules. Original fixtures arranged by the Fixtures Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than the July Management Committee Meeting, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date determined by the Annual General Meeting.

(Junior)(B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, the Laws of Mini-Soccer as set down by The F.A.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All 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 matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.

All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time (not less than 40 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.

For Mini-Soccer – The maximum duration of play shall be two halves of 20 minutes each way. The maximum playing time in any one day for under 7 and under 8 age groups is 40 minutes and for under 9 and under 10 age groups is 60 minutes.

For Youth football – The duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time. For under 11 and under 12, 30 minutes each half; for under 13 and under 14, 35 minutes each half, for under 15 and under 16, 40 minutes each half; for under 17 and under 18, 45 minutes each half.

The minimum time for any game will not be less than 20 minutes each half for players in the under 14 age group and below and 25 minutes each half for all other age groups.

No player under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August in any season shall be permitted to play more than one game or, in the event the competition allows the playing of a double-header, i.e. two separate matches, 100 minutes per day in this Competition.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the Management Committee. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined a sum of £10 or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

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

The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. The size of football to be used: For Mini-Soccer, size 3 for players in the under 7 and 8 age categories; size 4 for under 9's and under 10's. For youth football – size 4 for those playing under 11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups; size 5 for all other age groups. Goal nets must be used.

(Junior)(C) (i) The Secretary of the home Club must, if requested, give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least 3 clear days prior to the playing of the match. The away Club shall seek and acknowledge receipt of such particulars.

(ii) Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of £5.

(Junior)(D) Any Club with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixtures, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence:- A Team, B Team, C Team. Clubs in breach of this requirement shall be fined a sum not exceeding £20 or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

(Junior)(E) For Mini-Soccer – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the Referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A player who has been replaced may return to the play as a substitute for another player. A Team must not have a squad greater than double the size of its team in an age group. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 from 5 players.

(Junior) (F) For Youth Football – for teams in the under 18 age group and below, a player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

(Junior) (G) The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 20 minutes before the start of the match.

(Junior) (H) The half time interval shall be of 5 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes, the half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

Junior (I)(i) Only one person has the authority to convey tactical instructions to the players during the match. This person shall be the Team Manager or the Team Coach. He is allowed to move to the edge of the technical area to issue instructions to his team but then must return to his position towards the back of the technical area immediately after giving these instructions.

(ii) All substitutes in the technical area shall be listed on the Official Team Sheet when it is submitted to the Match Officials. Only those persons listed on the Official Team Sheet and the appointed team management shall be permitted in the technical area.

(iii) The occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner at all times. Misconduct by occupants of this area will be reported by the Referee to The Association, who shall have the power to impose sanctions as deemed fit.

11. REPORTING RESULTS

(A) The Hon. Registration Secretary must receive within 2 days (not including Sundays) of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner on the official report form. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £10 with further fine of £10 after ten days and £10 for every week thereafter and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide. Any report not filed within a calendar month of the date played during the season, or within ten days after the last match of the season in that division, will incur a fine of £100 and the club will be deemed to have lost the game.

(B) Both Clubs shall submit the result and scorers of each match to the Results Line within 60 minutes of the completion of the match. Clubs in default shall be fined £1 for the first offence by a club in a season, increasing by £1 for each subsequent offence, so that, for example, the fine for the fifth offence is £5 up to a maximum of £10 for the tenth and subsequent fines.

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. Failure to do so will result in a fine £10.

N.B. If the fixed penalty exceeds £20, the Club must be charged as detailed in Rule 5(D).

12. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

(A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 points for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

(B) Promotion and relegation shall apply to all Senior Divisions.

(C) If teams finish the season with an equal number of points, goal difference, followed by goals scored, followed by results between the teams that finished equal on points will decide. Exceptions to this will be –

(i) Where a Divisional Championship is at stake when a play-off will be arranged.

(ii) Where promotion or relegation is at stake when their positions will be decided by the results of the matches between them by the aggregate of points and if this is equal by the aggregate of goals. Note that if one side has scratched against the other then the side that scratched will be deemed the lower finishing team in the league, regardless of the other results between them. If the aggregate of points and the aggregate of goals is equal then goal difference, followed by goals scored in all league matches will decide the positions. If still equal a play-off will be arranged. If promotion, or qualification to another competition whose entry depends on league position or status, is not decided by the above, a play-off will be arranged. All play-offs will be played under league match rules with kicks from the penalty mark "penalties" deciding the result if the teams are still level after extra-time.

(D) Rule 12(C) will apply to all Senior Divisions only, in the case of all Junior Divisions a play-off shall be arranged in all cases of teams finishing level on points for a Divisional

Championship. In the case of Under 14 Divisions, if the teams are still level on goals after extra time in the play off match the trophy will be shared.

(E) Any team eligible for promotion from The Championship and is subsequently unable to field a Second team in the ensuing season will be replaced in the Premiership by the next team in the Divisional table.

13. REFEREES

(A) Registered Referees and Assistant Referees (where approved by The F.A. or Jersey F.A.) shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association(s).

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.

(C) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £5 being imposed on the defaulting team.

(D) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final.

(i) Clubs with a home ground calling off a game due to the weather/unfit pitch can only do so on the day of the match. The cut off times are as follows: -

(ii) Saturday afternoon – midday, Sunday morning – 9 a.m., Midweek – 4 p.m.

(iii) After the cut off time the decision to play or postpone the game will be made by the referee. It is the duty of the home club to immediately notify the away team, the Fixtures Secretary and the Referees' Appointments Secretary.

(E) 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 not be entitled to a match fee. 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.

(F) A Referee not keeping his engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he is registered.

(G)(i) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The F.A., award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(ii) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The F.A./Jersey F.A.

(H) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

14. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

(A)(i) After 31st December in the current Season a Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing seven days prior to the May Management Meeting each Season or be liable to a fine not exceeding £100

(ii) All Clubs wishing to remain in membership of the Competition for the following Season must confirm their intention to do so, in writing, to The Secretary by completing the Annual Affiliation and Entry form and returning it to the League Secretary seven days prior to the May League Management Meeting.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the arrangement of fixtures for the following season. Any Club infringing this Rule may be liable to a fine not exceeding £25 per team and may also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(C) The Membership for the coming season having been decided at a May Management Meeting held for that purpose or at the Annual General Meeting, the Competition shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions in this Rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its team(s) in order to join another Competition and may hold the Club to its engagements

(D)(i) In the event of a Member Club withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition. The club's players registrations will remain with that club until its debts are paid or as otherwise decided by the Management Committee.

(ii) In the event that any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of 21 days then such obligation shall be met by the then current Club Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age. Until a Member's pro-rata obligation is discharged in full the Member shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition, which may apply to the Jersey F.A. for a suspension order.

15. PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

(A)(i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee.

(ii) 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 match. Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.

(B) 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 in duplicate with The Secretary within 3 days (excluding Sundays) of the 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.

(C) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 16.

(D) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with The Secretary the sum of £25. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or to order that the costs be shared by the parties.

(E) All parties to a protest or complaint must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and must have received 7 days notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the submission. When dealing with a protest or complaint the Management Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.

16. BOARD OF APPEAL

(A) Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or the Competition, a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Jersey F.A., including the appeal fee required by the Jersey F.A., for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with Jersey F.A. rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.

(B) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

17. EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS

MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

(A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further membership which must be supported by more than two thirds of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.

(B) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than on field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.

(D) Any senior men's team failing to complete three of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season.

18. TROPHY:- LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED. AWARDS.

(A) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the sanctioning Association may decide.

(B) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of any Cup or Trophy:-

"We A _____ and B _____ the Chairman and Secretary of _____ FC, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of _____ Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before _____ suitably engraved by the competitions approved engraver. 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."

(C) At the close of each Competition awards may be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

(A) Upon receiving a requisition signed by two thirds of the Clubs in membership The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

(B) The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

(C) At least seven days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.

(D) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £25.

20. ALTERATION TO RULES

(A) Alterations shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose, called in accordance with Rule 19 and for which consent has been given by the sanctioning Association. Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season.

(B) Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to The Secretary 14 days prior to the A.G.M. in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs 7 days prior to the A.G.M. and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to The Secretary 48 hours prior to the A.G.M. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the A.G.M. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

All amendments of Rules can only be implemented once approved by the appropriate sanctioning authority.

21. FINANCE

(A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution, the funds of the Competition will be lodged.

(B) All expenditure shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end no later than the 4th Saturday in June.

(D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of the Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited or verified annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

(E)(i) Gates must be manned at all Premiership matches by the home club who shall charge the entrance fees laid down by the Management Committee and shall retain the proceeds for their own benefit. Any Club failing to take such a gate shall be liable to a fine of £50. The cost of grounds for Premiership games shall be borne by the home club. Home clubs may take a gate or collection for their own benefit at all other matches organised by the Combination, except matches subject to Rule 21

(ii) At all Cup Finals and at all Combination matches played at Springfield, except Premiership matches, the Assistant Honorary Treasurer shall arrange for a gate to be taken. For senior matches he shall be assisted by two representatives of each of two clubs, participating in the competition but not involved in the match. The clubs shall be selected by rota. The rota for senior matches shall be fixed by the Management Committee and the rota for junior matches shall be fixed by the Junior Management Sub-Committee. Any club not supplying representatives as arranged shall be fined £25, for each absence.

(iii) If a match referred to in Rules 21 (E)(i) or 21 (E)(ii) is played at Les Quennevais, Grainville, F.B. Fields or St. Brelade, a collection shall be taken instead of a gate.

(iv) Notwithstanding this rule the Management Committee may decide on any variation in the event of exceptional circumstances.

APPENDIX - CUP COMPETITIONS

1 OBTAINING A RESULT (SENIOR AND JUNIOR)

1.1 In the event of a draw after extra-time (Senior: 30 minutes, Junior: as Rule 1.11) a result shall be obtained by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark "penalties" in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the instructions of the International F.A. Board. The exceptions to this rule are the Francis Bingham Charity Cup and the Zenith Cup as detailed below.

1.2 In the event of light failing before the end of the taking of the kicks from the penalty mark, the match will be replayed.

2 KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS (SENIOR)

2.1 LE RICHE CUP

Open to teams in the Premiership and Championship Divisions plus any approved application from another club outside the Island.

2.1.2 FRANCIS BINGHAM CHARITY CUP

Open to teams in the Premiership and Championship Divisions. In the event of a draw after ninety minutes a result shall be obtained by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the instructions of the International F.A. Board.

2.2 TOUZEL MEMORIAL TROPHY

Open to teams in the Championship Division.

2.3 ZENITH CUP (Ladies League Cup)

Open to all teams in the Ladies Division(s). The Qualifying Round shall be played in a group or groups as decided by the Management Committee.

The number of qualifying teams from each group shall be decided by the Management Committee. Competing teams in the Qualifying Round shall play each other once or twice as decided by the Management Committee.

In the event of a draw after ninety minutes in the Qualifying Round a result shall be obtained by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the instructions of the International F.A. Board.

Three points shall be awarded to the winning team of a Preliminary Round match, and none to the losing team, of a match decided after ninety minutes.

Two points shall be awarded to the winning team of a Preliminary Round match, and one to the losing team, of a match decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

In the event of two teams finishing on equal points at the end of the group stage their positions shall be determined by the result of the match between them.

In the event of three or more teams finishing equal on points at the end of the group stage then their positions shall be determined by the results of the matches between them.

In the event of three or more teams still being equal on points then their positions shall be determined by the drawing of lots.

No calculation of positions shall be determined by a goal difference unless otherwise decided by the Management Committee.

2.4 COLIN WELSH TROPHY

Open to all teams in the Ladies Division.

2.5 DOG CLUB TROPHY

Open to all Second teams.

2.6 LADY BINGHAM TROPHY

Open to teams in Division 2.

2.7 G4S TROPHY

Open to teams in Division 3.

2.8 WILLIS CUP

Open to the teams defeated in the first and second rounds of the Le Riche Cup.

2.9 TRADESMEN'S TROPHY

Open to the teams defeated in the first and second rounds of the Dog Club Trophy.

3. INTER DIVISION CLUB COMPETITIONS (JUNIOR)

3.1 E. J. DE STE CROIX MEMORIAL TROPHY

Under 18 Division 1 Champions versus The Rest.

3.2 Knock Out Competitions – Juniors

3.2.1 Under 18 – JOHN TREGEAR MEMORIAL TROPHY

- 3.2.2 Under 18 (Division 2 only) – PRESIDENT'S TROPHY
- 3.2.3 Under 16 – ERIC AMY TROPHY
- 3.2.4 Under 16 (Division 2 only) – ALEX SCOTT MEMORIAL TROPHY
- 3.2.5 Under 15 – DAVE MELTON MEMORIAL TROPHY
- 3.2.6 Under 15 (Division 2 only) – CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY
- 3.2.7 Under 14 – BRIAN BECKETT MEMORIAL TROPHY
- 3.2.8 Under 14 (Division 2 only) - CORY CAR PAINTS TROPHY

4. TRINITY SPORTS SHIELD

4.1 The competition is only open to Country Parishes.

4.2 Registration of Players

4.2.1 The competition shall be open to only Jersey born players.

4.2.2 Any player qualified as a resident of a Parish, other than the one of his birth, must have been a bona fide resident of that Parish from the first day of January in order to qualify for the ensuing season.

4.2.3 All registration forms must be registered between the first day of June and the last day of December of the current season.

4.2.4 Kicks from the penalty mark "penalties" to decide matches still level after extra time.

4.2.5 The Competition shall be on a seeded knockout basis.

4.2.6 The winners to receive the Trinity Sports Shield. Both the winners and runners-up will receive sixteen plaques/medals each.

4.3 Any change of rule

Only member Parishes will be entitled to vote on any matter or rule change related to the Trinity Sports Shield Competition

4.4 A Trinity Shield Registration Committee of three persons shall be elected from the Combination Management Committee not later than 31st October. Persons eligible must be in accordance with rule 4.3.

5. THE ANDREW "ZANY" LABBE MEMORIAL TROPHY

5.1 This shall be a match between the champions of the Ladies Division and The Rest.

5.2 The winning team shall receive the "Zany" Labbe Memorial Trophy and a set of sixteen medals/plaques.

5.3 When a match ends in a draw, an extra 30 minutes shall be played. If no result is then reached, then Appendix rule 1.1 shall operate.

6. Over 35 League and the Jayson Lee Memorial Trophy

The rules and regulations applicable to senior teams in the Jersey Football Combination are applicable with the following exceptions:

Squads for each match will be a maximum of 16 players (11 in the starting line up and a maximum of 5 "rolling" substitutes).

Players must have had their 35th birthday before playing.

Matches will be arranged on dates when clubs do not have a "C" team fixture and on the clubs home pitches wherever possible, however if these are not available then the smaller pitches at the F.B. Fields will be utilised.