



**Competition
Rules
2019/20
A Referee's Guide**



Number of Players

The format for all competitions shall be 11v11 with the exception of the Minor Girls U13 Cup which is 9v9.

Substitutes

Senior Cup and Premier Shield:

A club may at its discretion use three substitute players from five nominated at any time in a match, except to replace a player who has been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for misconduct after play has commenced. The substitutions are to be made in accordance with the Laws of Association Football (LOAF). The names of the five substitutes shall be submitted to the Referee prior to the commencement of the game. When a substitute player has played, his name shall be shown on the match result sheet.

All other adult male Competitions:

A club may at its discretion use five substitute players from five nominated at any time in a match, except to replace a player who has been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for misconduct after play has commenced. The substitutions are to be made in accordance with the Laws of Association Football (LOAF). The names of the five substitutes shall be submitted to the Referee prior to the commencement of the game. When a substitute player has played, his name shall be shown on the match result sheet

Women's Youth and Minor Competitions only:

A club may at its discretion use up to five substitutes on a roll on/roll off basis. This means that a player who has been substituted themselves becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with the LOAF.



The draw and playing of ties

- The Club first drawn shall have choice of grounds in all Rounds preceding the Final (and semi-finals of the Senior Challenge Cup and Premier Shield). In the semi-finals of the Senior Challenge Cup, Premier Shield, and in all finals, the Football Services Committee shall fix the ground.
- In the Premier Shield and Senior Cup all home drawn Clubs who have floodlights will be required to play the fixture midweek (7:45pm KO). Only those home clubs without lights will be permitted to play on a Saturday (3pm KO, except Nov, Dec & Jan 1.30pm KO). Each club will be required to state at the start of the season what their nominated day of the week will be for playing Senior Cup and Premier Shield matches. The timing of each round will be set for a designate week and the fixture will be played on the home Clubs nominated day.
- In all other Competitions the fixtures will be played on a designated date and time selected by the Wiltshire FA.

Junior Challenge Cup: Saturday 2pm Kick Off (1:30pm Nov, Dec, Jan)

Sunday Cup: Sunday 10:30am Kick Off

Women's Cup: Sunday 2pm Kick Off (1:30pm Nov, Dec, Jan)

Youth Challenge Cup: Sunday 2p Kick Off (1:30pm Nov, Dec, Jan)

Minor U16s Cup: Sunday 2pm Kick Off (1:30pm Nov, Dec, Jan)

Minor U15 Cup: Sunday 2pm Kick Off (1:30pm Nov, Dec, Jan)

Minor U14 Cup: Sunday 10:30am Kick Off

Girls Minor Cup U15 & Girls Minor Cup U13: Saturday 10:30am Kick Off



Playing Times

All matches with the exception of Youth and Minor games shall have duration of 90 minutes. In Youth and Minor matches the following shall apply:

U18 90 minutes

U16 80 minutes

U15 80 minutes

U13 70 minutes

Girls U15 80 minutes

Girls U13 70 minutes

In all County Cup matches the half-time interval shall not exceed 15 minutes.

In the event of a match being draw at the expiration of 'normal' time, an extra half hour (15 minutes each way) must be played in all Adult Competitions and an extra 20 minutes (10 minutes each way) played in all other Youth and Minor Competitions.

In the event of a further draw at the expiration of extra time, the game shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks (in accordance with the LOAF).



Ground Rules

Any club failing to commence a game at the appointed time shall be fined in accordance with the fees and fines tariff. The Home Club shall take every precaution to keep its ground in playing condition. Dressing rooms with washing and toilet facilities must be provided on the ground, and it is desirable (compulsory for the Senior Challenge Cup and Premier Shield) that the ground be properly enclosed. Goal nets **MUST** be used in all competitions.

In relation to the availability of the home drawn clubs pitch / ground, all Wiltshire FA Cup Competitions take precedence over League and other Affiliated Competitions. Where two or more Wiltshire FA Cup Competitions are scheduled to be played on a ground/pitch on the same date and kick off time then the order of presence will determine which fixture takes priority. If this applies to two or more teams from the same competition then the first drawn fixture shall play at the designated competition kick off time. Where a fixture is unable to take place due to the above then the home club will be responsible for arranging an alternative kick off time and/or venue then seeking clearance from the Wiltshire FA (Football Services Manager) before informing their opponents of the change in kick off time/venue.

In all Rounds prior to the semi-final if the Home Club's ground is not available (Precedence list and weather conditions excepted) then the tie is to be played on the ground of their opponents.

If a game has been postponed on two occasions because of the weather, then the tie is to be reversed or played on a neutral ground if the original away teams ground is unusable. Where the original Home Club believe there are extenuating circumstances as to why the tie should not be reversed or played on a neutral ground, then an appeal may be lodged with the Football Services Manager of the Wiltshire FA. Such an appeal must be lodged within 48 hours of the second postponement. The cost of such an appeal is in accordance with the fees and fines tariff.



Technical Areas

When the match is played at a ground where there are technical areas the following shall apply:

The number of players and officials in the technical area must not exceed 8 per team.

Only named substitute players, managers, coaching and medical staff shall be permitted in the technical area.

NOTE: In default, a Club shall be fined as per the fees and fines tariff.

RESPECT

The procedures of the FA's Respect Programme, including the provision of a Designated Supports Area and technical area in Youth and Minor fixtures are to be observed for all County Cup matches.

Team Colours

In the event of two teams having similar colours, then the AWAY team shall change. The players' shirts shall be clearly and individually numbered. Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from the other players and the match officials. **No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black shirts.** Any disputes on kit colours should be made to the Football Services Manager at least 7 days prior to the fixture.



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Team Sheets

The Wiltshire FA TSRC must be handed to the Referee and to the opposition prior to kick off (in the Premier Shield, Senior, Junior and Sunday Cups this is to take place in the Referee's dressing room 30 minutes prior to kick off, for all other fixtures the exchange is to take place in the Referee's dressing room 15 minutes prior to kick off).

Failure to comply with any part of this Rule will attract a fine in line with the fees and fines tariff



Match Officials

The Wiltshire FA shall appoint the Match Officials for all matches. Neutral Assistant Referees will be appointed for all Semi-finals and Finals, and for any other game as determined by the Wiltshire FA. Fourth officials will be appointed for all Finals, for the Premier Shield and Senior Challenge Cup semi-finals and for any other game as determined by the Wiltshire FA. The fees and expenses for these appointments are published on the referees appointment sheet.

In all matches preceding the Final (semi-finals in the Senior Challenge Cup and Premier Shield) the home club shall be responsible for paying the Match Officials fees and expenses.

In all Finals (and semi-finals of the Senior Challenge Cup and Premier Shield) the match officials shall claim any fees/expenses through the Wiltshire FA Referee Development Officer. In all Finals, the Officials will receive a suitable memento in lieu of a match fee.

Match officials are required to report to the ground at least 60 minutes before kick-off time for Premier Shield and Senior Challenge Cup matches, 45 minutes before kick-off time for all other adult fixtures and 30 minutes before kick-off time for all Youth and Minor matches. If on their arrival the game has been postponed, or after a pre-match pitch inspection the referee postpones the match, then they can claim half fee and full expenses. There is no fee for a referee to carry out an early pitch inspection; however travel expenses can be claimed.

In matches where neutral assistants are not appointed, each competing club shall nominate its own Club Assistant, and such particulars as may be required shall be given to the Referee at least 15 minutes before kick-off. Clubs failing to comply shall be fined in accordance with the fees and fines tariff.



Notice of Match details

The Home Club shall notify the Match Officials and Away Club of all match particulars i.e. ground entrance fee (if applicable), ground address, colours, dressing rooms, time of kick off, **at least 7 days before the match**. Such details can be communicated in writing, email or text. In the event of the **Away Club not being notified within 3 days** of the match it will be their responsibility to contact the Home Club and the Wiltshire FA (Football Services Manager). Clubs failing to comply with this rule will be fined in accordance with the fees and fines tariff.

All matches shall be played in accordance with the LOAF as settled by the International Football Association Board.

