THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WOMEN’S PREMIER LEAGUE

RULES OF THE LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION

1. The Cup shall be called ‘The Football Association Women’s Premier League Cup’.

2. The Cup is the property of The Football Association Women’s Premier League.

   When the winning Club is ascertained, the League shall deliver the Cup to the Club. The Club shall be responsible for its return to the League on or before 1st February in the ensuing year in good order and condition.

   Should the Cup be lost, destroyed by fire or any other cause whilst under the care or custody of the Club, the Club shall refund to the League the amount of the current like-for-like replacement value or the cost of thorough repair in addition to any other penalty which the Management Committee may impose.

3. In addition to the Cup, the League shall present medals to the players and substitutes in the Final tie. If a player taking part in the Final tie is ordered to leave the field for misconduct, the medal to which she may be entitled may be withheld at the discretion of the Management Committee.

4. The League Cup will be competed for by all Full Member Clubs. Any Club withdrawing or failing to fulfil a League Cup Competition match shall be fined a sum not exceeding £500 and removed from the Cup Competition for that Season with the tie awarded to its Opposition.

5. Only players registered for a FAWPL Club in accordance with League Rule 8 shall be eligible to player for that Club in any one season. A player shall not play for more than one FAWPL Club in the League Cup Competition during any one season. A Club playing an ineligible player shall be removed from the Competition and be subject to a fine as decided by the Management Committee.

6. (i) A Player shall not be eligible for play in the League Cup Semi Final or Final unless they have played three games for that Club’s 1st team during that current season.

   (ii) A player participating in more than 2 Rounds (including the Determining Round) of The FA WPL Cup will not be permitted to participate in the FA WPL Reserve Cup.

   Any Club found to have played an ineligible player in a match or matches may be removed from the Competition and will be subject to a fine as decided by the Management Committee. The tie shall be awarded to the opposition.

7. The Management Committee will decide on any exceptional circumstances. The Competition may be played on a knock-out basis. The ties shall be drawn as soon as possible after each round. If possible the draw will be made at a Management Committee.

The Football Association Women’s Premier League Cup Rules Season 2017-2018
meeting. In each tie the game shall be played on the ground of the Club first drawn, unless otherwise mutually arranged, and the consent of the Management Committee is obtained.

In all rounds, including the Final (if only one tie is played on a neutral ground), 90 minutes must be played in all matches. If the Teams are level after 90 minutes, an extra 15 minutes each way will be played. If the scores are level after extra time has been played the tie shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

8. All FA WPL rules apply to the FA WPL Cup Competition unless a specific rule is listed elsewhere

The format of the Competition for the coming season will be decided at the Annual General Meeting. In the event that the format for the coming season is decided to be a Cup and Plate Competition following any deciding preliminary or determining round, the Competition will be considered as one Competition for the interpretation of Cup and League Rules especially pertaining to matters of eligibility of players. Except where specified otherwise League Rules shall apply.

9. In Semi-Final ties the home club shall pay the Match Officials their fees and expenses immediately after the match in the Match Officials changing room. Payments may be made in cash or by cheque. The Home Club will be reimbursed any payments made under this rule upon application to the League Secretary.

10. All matches in this Competition shall be played in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association Women’s Premier League, The Football Association and the Laws of the Game.