

RULES OF THE DURNING LAWRENCE CHARITY CUP COMPETITION

1. The Competition shall be called “The Durning Lawrence Charity Cup Competition” and be governed by the Rules generally of the County Senior Cup Competition. Entry to this Competition shall be limited to sixteen Clubs, who shall be invited by the County Association to participate. Each Club shall pay the agreed entrance fee.
2. The Competition shall be run on the knock-out principle. In each round, the Council shall make the Draw and the Chief Executive of the Association shall intimate to each of the Clubs the name of the Club against which it is drawn and the date by which the tie is to be played. The game shall be played on the ground of the first named club. Rounds 1 and 2 shall be completed in November and February respectively, on dates to be mutually agreed by the competing clubs. Provided Clubs mutually agree, such matches may be played under floodlights. Within fourteen days of the notification of the Draw fixed dates must be notified to the Chief Executive, together with the times of the Kick-Off. The Council will give sympathetic consideration to a match being played on a Sunday provided both Clubs submit their agreement to the Chief Executive of the Association, with stated reasons. The Semi-Finals and Final to be played on grounds that afford the use of floodlights if necessary with a Kick-Off not later than 7.30 p.m.
3. In the preliminary games one-tenth of the gross proceeds shall be paid to the Hon. Treasurer of the Charity Cup fund by the home club. After deducting Referees and Assistant Referees expenses and £50 for floodlights if used, the balance or deficit resulting from the game to be equally shared by the competing clubs.
4. In the semi-finals and final, after payment of the Referee, Assistant Referees and Reserve Official, £20 for pitch marking and £50 for floodlights if used to the host club, the remainder of the gross gate shall be distributed, 10% to the host club and the remainder equally between the competing clubs and the Charity Cup Fund.
5. **Qualification of Players**
 - a. The Competition shall open to all Contract and Non-Contract players who have attained the age of 16 years.

- b. The following player eligibility Rules shall apply:
 - i. In all rounds of this competition, a player shall be a registered member for the team competing in this competition, having registered with the League in which his Team normally competes prior to playing and before March 1st in the current season.
 - ii. Teams in this competition shall not include more than TWO players in any one game who have taken part in two or more games at Step 4 or above in the F.A. National League System during the current season unless a period of 28 days has elapsed since they last played.
 - iii. A player may only play for ONE CLUB in this competition.

6. Reporting Results

- a. All results are to be reported by SMS message to the Association Full-Time system by no later than 6pm on the day of the match. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be fined £10.
 - b. After the conclusion of each competition match, the Secretary of each Club shall send to the Association within three days (Sundays excluded) the official form containing a list of players participating, the result of the match and a Club marking of the Referee. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be fined £10. Should a Club intentionally submit a wrong or false name, such Club shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and be dealt with by the Association as it sees fit.
 - c. The Association shall arrange the checking of team sheets and report to the Club or Clubs concerned any breaches discovered within four days of receipt of the team sheet.
- 7. In all matches, extra time, except under special circumstances of light and weather, to be played if necessary, i.e. 15 minutes each way. If at the end of extra time the Teams are still equal, the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with FIFA instructions.
 - 8. Three substitutes, players chosen from a maximum of five, all of whom must be nominated to the Referee before the match may be used in the Competition.
 - 9. Glasses, glass bottles, or cans containing alcohol are NOT permitted outside of

the clubhouse and must not be brought into grounds. No alcohol is to be consumed in the ground or premises during the match, except as may be governed by the terms of the club licence with regards to its own members, but notwithstanding such, no alcohol is to be taken or consumed outside the licensed clubhouse or any other authorised area during such match period or brought into the ground.

10. The taking of the gate money shall be left in the hands of the home clubs, assisted by representatives of the visiting Clubs, together with any member or representative of the County Association who may be present. The Home Secretary shall furnish the County Finance Director and the Treasurer of the visiting Club, within seven days, a statement of the gross receipts and expenses of each game. Failure to comply with this rule shall incur a fine of £10.
11. The distribution to Charities of the funds arising from the Competition shall be under the absolute control and discretion of the County Association.
12. The County Association shall have the power to alter or add to the above Rules as they from time to time may deem expedient, but such alterations shall be notified to the Clubs in membership not later than the date of the Annual General Meeting.

NOTE: The above Rules, together with those of the Senior Cup Competition, shall govern this competition.

