

# Cumberland FA Women's League

## Women's Division 2017

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#### 1. Definition

- (a) The competition will be known as The Cumberland FA Women's League
- (b) The league will be played within the rules, regulations and policies of the Cumberland Football Association and the Football Association, superseded by FA Standard Code of Rules (SCOR) and will be in accordance with the 'Laws of the Game' (as determined by the International Football Association Board).

#### 2. Constitution

- (a) All clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association.
- (b) Inclusivity and Non-Discrimination – The competition and each club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination.
- (c) Clubs must comply with the provision of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including Charter Standard and Respect programmes.

#### 3. Entry

- (a) Clubs wishing to enter into the league, or add additional teams, will be expected to properly complete a Team Registration Form and pay the appropriate League Fees. Registrations will be presented at the AGM. Each Club will have one vote to agree acceptance or decline entry into the league.

#### 4. Management Committee

- (a) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and 2 ordinary (club) members who shall all be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) All 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. 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) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

## **5. Powers of Management**

- (a) The powers of Management are in line with FA SCOR (5 (A) to (L))
- (b) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with FA SCOR
- (c) Decisions of the Management Committee will be communicated in writing to those concerned within 10 days.

## **6. Annual General Meetings**

- (a) An Annual General Meeting will be held in advance of each season and notification will be provided to all member clubs
- (b) Any continuing Club must be represented at the Annual General Meeting
- (c) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot is demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chair so decides.

## **7. Agreement**

- (a) Every club shall be deemed, as a member of the competition, to have accepted the Rules and have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee
- (b) Any alteration of the Chair and/or secretary and/or coach must be notified to the County FA to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

## **8. Qualification of Players**

- (a) All players must be female and aged 16 or over.
- (b) All players must complete the registration process as prescribed by the Management Committee.
- (c) The management committee have the right to check and to obtain formal confirmation of player's age if required, via requesting copies of birth certificates.
- (d) New players may be signed on at any point in the season. Players who are signed on the day of a game must be co-signed by the opponent's managers, and submitted to the Secretary, via electronic copy no later than 3 days after the fixture.

- (e) A player is not permitted to simultaneously register or play for more than one team in the league.
- (f) A team must not include no more than 3 players who have played any more than 5 games in Step W4 level (Regional League Division One) or above in the 2016-17 season.
- (g) The management committee have the right to investigate all players registered if suspicion that FA Rules may be broken.
- (h) In accordance with FA regulations, players that are contracted or registered with a RTC (or equivalent), are not permitted to participate within the Competition.
- (i) Players will not be eligible to play in Cup Competitions if their registration to their club took place after the club had reached the semi-final stage of any Cup Competition (as per FA Rules).

#### ***Ineligible players***

- (j) A team found guilty of playing an ineligible player will:
  - A fine of up to £20.
  - The game(s) in which the ineligible player(s) took part may be declared null and void.
  - Any points won in such void game(s) will be expunged from the record.
  - The guilty club will be deducted three points from their revised record.

The management committee shall decide upon any additional punishment; including deducting of further points for each game the ineligible player(s) took part – in accordance with FA SCOR

#### ***Transfers & De-Registration of players***

- (k) Clubs may seek to de-register one or more of his/her players. Conversely a player may request transfer from the team with which she is registered. The management committee will consider all such requests; a letter or/and a phone call from/to the de-registered player confirming the managers/players reasons for the request may be required.
- (l) Managers will not be permitted to approach a registered player, in attempt to persuade her to join his/her team at any point in the playing season.
- (m) Any player who is permitted to transfer will not be permitted to play for their new team until such time as their transfer has been confirmed by the Competition Secretary.
- (n) It is the responsibility of the club signing any player to ensure the player is free from any debts to the players' previous team, club, league or The FA.

## **9. Club Colours, Club Name**

- (a) No team shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.
- (b) Please ensure club colours are communicated with the away team when organising your fixture. If there is a colour clash then it is the responsibility of the Home team to change.
- (c) Any club wishing to change its name and/or club colours must obtain permission from their respective CFA and the Management Committee

## **10. Conditions of play**

- (a) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the IFAB for 9v9 football as set down by The FA.
- (b) Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this competition providing they are listed on The FA Register of Football Turf Pitches.
- (c) A Minimum of 6 players will constitute a team for a match
- (d) Roll on roll off substitutions will be allowed, with a maximum of 5 per team. The referee must be made aware of any substitution and must comply fully with the Laws of the Game.
- (e) Each club shall ensure that the playing surface is correctly, and clearly, marked out in accordance with the Laws of the Game. These may be marked out with appropriate line paint, markers, cones or flat spots.
- (f) As part of the FA Respect Programme, all home teams must mark out an appropriate respect line for spectators to stand behind. Only coaches and substitutes may stand in front of the Respect line.
- (g) All clubs must use goal nets and corner flags. The home team must provide a size 5 match ball and have at least one spare ball available.
- (h) Every club is responsible for the action of its players, officials and spectators, and is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting or using obscene language to officials and players, during matches or after.

### **Pitch Sizes & Goals**

(i) Pitch sizes and FA goal post dimensions are detailed in the table below:

Age Group	Format	Minimum		Maximum		Goals
		Length	Width	Length	Width	
Women's Summer League	9v9	70 yards	40 yards	80 yards	50 yards	16 ft X 7 ft

### **Duration of Matches**

(j) The Women's Summer League will play 40 minutes each way; with a 10 minute half time break.

\*Same duration applies for league cup games\*

### **Fixtures, Postponements & Abandonments**

(k) All games in the Women's League will have a match default time of Wednesday 19:15.

(l) The home team manager is responsible for contacting the away team manager at least 5 days before the fixture to confirm the fixture details.

(m) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the original date of fixture.

However if mutually agreed by both managers – an application to change the date and time of kick off can be proposed to the Management Committee (at least 7 days prior to the designated date of the fixture) for their approval – otherwise the default time and date will be applied.

If a club needs to request to postpone a game (players away/exams/cannot field a team/holidays) this must be communicated with the Secretary within 7 days of the fixture – and if agreed this match will then be rearranged.

*Consider speaking to the opponent's manager to see if they can re arrange for another time within that week before submitting a game cancellation.*

(n) In the event of adverse weather conditions the home team MUST contact the appointed referee to have authorisation to postpone a match. The home team MUST then contact the visiting team (via phone) and the league secretary (via e-mail) informing them that the match has been officially postponed.

Clubs are strenuously instructed to make arrangements for prompt pitch inspections to avoid their opponents and the match referee being involved in unnecessary journeys.

If a match official has inspected a pitch and decided that it is not fit for play, the game will not and must not be played.

The management committee WILL review any postponed or abandoned game.

### **11. Reporting Results**

- (a) The Secretary must receive within 4 days of the date played a completed and legible team sheet via e-mail.
- (b) Both clubs shall SMS the result of each match utilising Full Time automated SMS Service

### **12. Determining Championship**

- (a) In all league matches a win will earn 3 points and a draw a single point. The team with the highest number of points at the end of the season shall be declared Champions of Women's League.
- (b) If at the end of the season, two or more teams are at the top of the league table equal on points then a play-off game/s shall take place with extra time if the scores are level after normal time.

If scores are still level after extra time the result will be decided by penalty kicks. Goal average or goal differences will not apply.

- (c) In the event of a team not completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained against such team shall be expunged.

### **13. Referees**

- (a) Match officials who are registered with their respective CFA must be appointed for each Match.
- (b) The CFA Referee appointments co-ordinator (Neil McCrickard) or a delegated authority will appoint all referee's for each game
- (c) It is the responsibility of the Home team to pay the appropriate Referee Fee's on the day of the fixture. For this season Fee's will be £22.50 for a referee.
- (d) In the event of a game not being played and the referee has made the journey to the venue (for pitch inspection and / or not been notified) they will be entitle to a half match fee.

#### **14. Continuation of Membership**

- (a) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a playing season

#### **15. Protests and Complaints**

- (a) All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretation of the rules shall be referred to the management committee and will be dealt with in line with FA Rules and processes.
- (b) Protests and complaints must be lodged with the Secretary within 3 days of the match or occurrence to which they refer. No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining club have deposited a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff.

#### **16. Appeals**

- (a) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within fourteen (14) days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary.

#### **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 by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from membership which must be supported by (more than) two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (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 (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.
- (c) A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

#### **18. Trophy**

- (a) At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners and runners-up

## **19. Special General Meetings**

- (a) The Management Committee or Clubs may call a Special General Meeting at any time (in line with FA SCOR).

## **20. Alteration to Rules**

- (a) Alterations shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting (in line with FA SCOR)

## **21. Finance**

- (a) The balance sheet of the Competition shall be prepared and verified annually by suitable persons appointed at the Annual General Meeting

## **22. Insurance**

- (a) All clubs must have public liability insurance cover of at least 10 million pounds
- (b) All clubs shall be members of a players personal accident scheme



FEES TARIFF

DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
ENTRY FEE	£
TRANSFER FORM	£
REFEREE FEES	£22.50
PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£40.00

FINES TARIFF (AS Per FA Standard Code of Rules)

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (B)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£100.00
2 (D)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£100.00
2 (E)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£100.00
4 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25.00
5 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£100.00
5 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN 14 DAYS OF NOTICE	DOUBLE THE ORIGINAL FINE UP TO £100.00
6 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£100.00
7	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£25.00
8 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£40.00
8 (B)(iii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£25.00
8 (F)	SIGNING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£25.00
8 (G) (ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£100.00
8(M)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£100.00
9 (A),10 (A)	DELAYING KICK OFF/NO NETS/ NO CORNER FLAGS	£30.00
9(A)	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00 (per shirt, up to an aggregate maximum of £30)
9 (B)	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£30.00
10 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£100.00
10 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£50.00
10 (D)	FAILURE TO HAVE MINIMUM NUMBER OF PLAYERS THAT WILL CONSTITUTE A TEAM	£100.00
10 (E) (i) & (iii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£100.00
11 (A) & 11 (C)	LATE TEAM SHEET	£20.00
11 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£20.00
11(D)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE	£50.00
11(E)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE	£20.00
13 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£25.00
13 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£25.00
13 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£25.00
13 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£25.00
14 (A)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH RULE	£100.00
14 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE OR COMPLETE FIXTURES	£100.00
18 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£25.00
19	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT A SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING	£100.00
22	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£100.00