

DURHAM COUNTY FA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION RULES 2019/20

Administration:

- 1.1 The competition shall be open to teams that finish first and/or second in the top division of their league, taking into consideration discipline records.
- 1.2 The entry is FREE.
- 1.3 The venue for the Semi Finals and Final shall be decided by the Durham County FA.
- 1.4 The winners will be presented with the DCFA Champions Cup, overall winners receive £200.00, Runners Up £100.00, beaten Semi Finalists £50.00 each.

Eligibility of Players

- 2.1 To play in Group games ALL players must be registered with the league their clubs play in at least 7 days before the date of the game.
- 2.2 To play in the Semi Final All players must be registered with the league their clubs play in and played a minimum of THREE games.
- 2.3 To play in the Final All players must be registered with the league their clubs play in and played a minimum of FIVE games.
- 2.3 A player can only play for one team in the Competition.

Match arrangements:

- 3.1 All games shall be 90 minutes duration (45 minutes each way) which may be reduced to a minimum of 60 minutes (30 minutes each way) with agreement of both captains and the match referee, prior to kick off.
- 3.2 All games shall kick off at 10.30 am on Sunday's. Any club causing a late kick off will be fined £10.00.
- 3.3 The home club must confirm the game with the opposing team and the referee at least four clear days before the game failure to do so will result in a fine of £10.00
- 3.4 If the home teams ground is not available they must provide an alternative venue, if an alternative cannot be found then the fixture will be reversed to their opponents ground, if that is not available/playable the fixture will be rescheduled. No game shall be postponed unless a team is participating in an FA or County Cup competition.
- 3.5 Each team shall use competition team sheets provided by the competition secretary for each game played in the competition any team in default will incur a fine of £10.00
- 3.6 Each club shall submit a fully completed team sheet including the full names of the players and the referee including marks for the game out of 100, any team providing a mark of less than 51 must provide written reasons.
- 3.7 Three points for a win, one point for a draw. If teams are level on points in the Group stage goal difference will be taken into account, if still level most goals scored, if still level least goals conceded if still level head to head result and if still level a play-off match.
- 3.8 In the Semi Final and Final if the score is level at the end of the game, the result will be decided by penalty kicks. THERE IS NO EXTRA TIME.
- 3.9 Clubs must provide the names of substitutes (maximum of SEVEN) at least 20 minutes before kick off to the referee.
A substituted player then becomes a substitute (roll on/roll off).
Substitutes must be nominated to the referee as above, any not named will not be allowed to play in the game.

3.10 The half time interval shall be (5) five minutes it can be extended to a maximum of (15) minutes with the referees permission.

3.11 Results must be emailed to eve.walker@durhamfa.com or telephoned to 0191 3872929 within two hours of the completion of the game and the fully completed team sheet, either emailed or posted must be received within three days of the game being concluded.

Referees:

4.1 Referee's will be appointed by the Durham County FA and shall have the power to decide the fitness of the ground of play

4.2 Referees fees will be £25.00 inclusive of travel.

4.3 In the semi-final ties Assistant referees will be appointed and entitled to a fee of £20.00 inclusive of travel.

4.4 The home team is responsible for all match officials fees and then claim back from the DCFA when out of competition.

4.5 Referees are requested to report all late kick offs and late confirmations to the competition secretary within three (3) days

General:

5.1 Protests must be submitted within (3) three days of the event being protested accompanied by a fee of £25.00, in duplicate in the event of the protest being upheld and deposit will be returned to the protesting club.

5.3 Any club playing in ineligible player will be fined £30.00 and in group stage their opponents awarded the points and if in Semi Final or Final their opponents awarded the tie.

5.4 Any club failing to play a game will be fined £30.00 and the points awarded to their opponents in the group stage, in Semi Final or Final their opponents will be awarded the tie.