



Hertfordshire Football Association

County Youth Competition Rules 2017 -2018

EXPLANATORY NOTE: *The Rules of this Competition are based on the FA Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions and follow the layout and format of the Standard Code. For ease of reference the Rule numbers correspond to those in the Standard Code. Rules which have been amended by the Competitions Committee (other than to meet the requirements of the Standard Code) appear in Bold. Rules which are not applicable to the Competition are identified. This explanatory note does not form part of the Rules.*

DEFINITIONS

1. (A) In these Rules:

Affiliated Association means an Association accorded the status of an affiliated Association under the Rules of The FA.

Club means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

Competition means the Hertfordshire Football Association County Youth Cup Competitions as described in Rule 2(A).

Competition Match means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

Contract Player means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

Council means the Council of the Hertfordshire Football Association

Fees Tariff means a list of fees approved by the Council to be levied by the Competitions Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules.

Fines Tariff means a list of fines approved by the Council to be levied by the Competitions Committee for any breach of the Rules.

Ground means the ground on which the Club's Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

Competitions Committee means the Competitions Committee appointed by the Council to manage the running of the Competition in accordance with the Rules of the Association and with the articles of association of that company.

Match Officials means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

Mini Soccer means those participating at ages under 7s to under 10s.

Non Contract Player means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

Officer means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

Participants means an Affiliated Association, Competition, Club, Club Official, Intermediary, Player, Official, Match Official, Management Committee member, member or employee of an Affiliated Club and all such persons who are from time to time participating in any activity sanctioned either directly or indirectly by the Association.

Player means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.



Playing Season means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

Rules mean these rules under which the Competition is administered.

Sanctioning Authority means The Hertfordshire County Football Association Limited.

Scholarship means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the Rules of The FA.

Secretary means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition including such persons appointed by the Council to act as an Assistant Secretary.

Team means a team affiliated to a Club.

Team Sheet means a form provided by the Competition on which the names of the Players taking part in a Competition Match are listed.

The Association means the Hertfordshire Football Association

The FA means The Football Association Limited.

WGS means the Whole Game System and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by The FA from time to time.

written or in writing means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

Youth Football means those participating at ages under 11s to under 18s.

- (B) ***The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions (the “Standard Code”) determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition as determined by Council.***
- (C) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a Club affiliated to the Association to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Competitions Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 16.
- (D) The Competition will be known as Hertfordshire Football Association County Youth Cup Competition (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of and affiliated to the Association. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a participant in the Competition.
- (E) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Competitions Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.
- (F) Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

Name and Constitution

- 2(A) This Competition shall be designated the Hertfordshire Football Association County Youth Cup Competition and may comprise of the following competitions for youth players subject to the approval of the Council:

The Hertfordshire F.A. Boys County Cup at Under 18, 16, 15, 14, 13 & 12.

The Hertfordshire F.A. Girls County Cups at Under 16, 15, 14, 13 & 12.



The above competitions shall be subject to the Competitions' Committee deciding the actual age groups dependent upon the numbers of entries received and such other competitions as the Competitions' Committee may, from time to time, deem expedient to run.

The Competition will provide football in accordance with the agreed youth formats published under FA Rule C4 (A). This Competition will reproduce the relevant FA Rule in its handbook published and on its website to ensure clarity and compliance with Rule 8(B).

- (B) Only Clubs for which Hertfordshire Football Association is the parent County will be accepted into County Cup Competitions.
- (C) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination
 - (i) The Competition and each member Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).
 - (ii) This Competition and each member Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise.
 - (iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
- (D) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (E) The Rule is not applicable to this Competition.
- (F) The Rule is not applicable to this Competition.

Entry Fee, Subscription

- 3(A) The Association will include the respective method of entry on, or with, the Annual Affiliation Form, which will automatically be distributed to clubs who were affiliated the previous year and to new clubs on request.
- (B) The Entrance Fee shall be £8 per Team playing 9-a-side or 11-a-side football payable on or before the 15th June in each year. Applications received after this date may result in a late fee being payable.
- (C) The Rule is not applicable to this Competition
- (D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee has been paid.
- (E) Clubs must advise the Association in writing of details of its headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.



- (F) All Youth Clubs affiliated to the Association are required, unless exempted by the Council, to enter at least one youth team in the appropriate County Youth Competitions above the ages of Under 11 Football, i.e. from Under 12 Competitions upwards. Each Team entering a County Cup Competition must be a member of an affiliated Sunday or Saturday League.
- (G) Youth Clubs are permitted to enter more than one team in each age group under one club affiliation, but a player can only play for one team in the County Cup in any one season. In addition a player can only play in one Age Group during the same season.
- (H) If there are less than eight (8) teams entering a Competition at the time of the draw being made, or the first bulletin being issued, for a particular Competition the Competitions Committee reserves the right to cancel that Competition for the forthcoming season.
- (I) The Competitions' Committee shall reserve the right to refuse the entry of any Club. Any Club under suspension at the time of the draws for the Cup Competitions being made shall not have its Cup entry accepted and such entry fee will be refunded.

Management, Nomination, Election

- 4.(A) The County Competitions shall be under the entire control and management of the Competitions Committee of the Hertfordshire Football Association and shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association. The Competitions' Committee shall comprise of members of Council appointed in accordance with the Articles of Association and Council Standing Orders. All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The Association from time to time.
- (B) This Rule is not applicable to this Competition
- (C) The Competitions Committee shall meet as necessary to deal with business as it arises.
- (D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Competitions Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings. For the purposes of these Rules the reference to Secretary of the Competition/Competition Secretary shall also be interpreted as the Assistant Secretary (Youth).
- (E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Assistant Secretary (Youth) as specified in these Rules.
Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff)

Powers of Management

- 5(A) The Competitions Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Competitions Committee for ratification. The Competitions Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.



(B) Subject to the permission of the Association having been obtained the Competitions Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season.

(C) Each member of the Competitions Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Competitions Committee meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Competitions Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competitions Committee must be taken within twenty-eight (28) days of the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth) being notified.

With the exception of **Rules 5(I), 6(H) and 19**, in relation to any alleged breaches of a Rule the Competitions Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged is required to respond to the charge within five (5) days from the date of notification of the charge. In such reply a Club may:-

- (i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Competitions Committee on the papers; or
- (ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Competitions Committee; or
- (iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Competitions Committee on the papers; or
- (iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Competitions Committee.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within five (5) days, the Competitions Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate. Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.

Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Competitions Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £100 and, when setting any fine, the Competitions Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances. No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.



All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.

- (E) All decisions of the Competitions Committee shall be binding subject to any right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16.
Decisions of the Competitions Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within three (3) days.
- (F) This Rule is not applicable to the Competition.
- (G) This Rule is not applicable to the Competition.
- (H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Competitions Committee, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Competitions Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (I) Subject to the club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16 below, all fines and charges shall be paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of posting of notification of the decision.
Any Club failing to do so will be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Further failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within a further 14 days will result in the Club being charged with misconduct under Association Rule 6.
- (J) This Rule is not applicable to the Competition.
- (K) This Rule is not applicable to the Competition.
- (L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Competitions Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.
- (M) The Competitions Committee shall have power to alter or add to the Rules of the County Youth Competition as they may from time to time deem necessary or expedient; any such changes to be ratified by the Council of the Hertfordshire Football Association as per Rule 20.

Annual General Meeting

- 6 This Rule is not applicable to this Competition.

Agreement to be Signed

- 7 By affiliating to the Hertfordshire County Football Association a club agrees to conform to the Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the

Competitions Committee, subject to any right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16.



Qualification of Players

Explanatory Note: The wording of Rule 8(A)(i) differs from the Standard Code as players are not normally registered with the County Football Association. This Note does not form part of the Rule 8.(A)(i) A registered youth playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

except in rounds played prior to 1st October, **been a recognised playing member** of their Club for the seven (7) days previous to the match. A playing member is one who has been registered with a Sunday or Saturday Youth League in which his team plays at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the match concerned. No player may play for more than one team in the County Cup Competitions in the same season, whether it be for different clubs or within the same club (nor more than one League in the Inter League Competitions). When a Club is playing in an Affiliated League, only players registered with the respective league will be considered to be recognised playing members of their club.

League Identity Cards must be carried and be presented to the opposition along with a team sheet 20 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time. Only those players with a valid League identification card are eligible to play on the scheduled date. If a Club is found guilty of failing to present its League Identification cards to the opposition it may be struck out of the competition, as decided by the Competitions' Committee. Other penalties may also be incurred as the Competitions' Committee deem appropriate.

Where Leagues do not use player registration ID cards, such Clubs must apply to the Association Office for a registration form to ensure eligibility of their players. The form must be completed and returned to the Association Office at least 7 days prior to the first match. In return the Hertfordshire FA will issue registration cards which **MUST** be presented to the opposition in accordance with the above procedure for League ID cards.

In the case of postponed matches only those players who were eligible by registration on the original date fixed for the completion of the round shall be allowed to play. (Not including players who were serving a match suspension.)

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

In the U12, U13, U14, U15, U16 and U18 Challenge Cups it is acceptable for a Girl or Girls to participate so long as they are bona fide members of an eligible club in the competition.

- (B)
- (i) Contract Players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.
It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.
 - (ii) A Player registered with a Premier League or Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with a FA Girls' Regional Talent Club may play in this

Competition subject to the FA Programme for Excellence (Female) Regulations.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with Fines Tariff).



- (C) The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group.

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes (recommended)		Maximum Pitch Sizes (recommended)		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
	Under 12	9v9	80x50	73.2 x 45.75			21x7	4
11	Under 12	9v9	80x50	73.2 x 45.75			21x7	4
	Under 13		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
12	Under 13	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
	Under 14		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
13	Under 14	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	100x60	91.44 x 54.9	21x7	4
14	Under 15	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5
	Under 16		90x50	82.3 x 45.75	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	5



15	Under 16	11v11	90x50	82.3 x 45.7 5	110x70	100.58 x 64	24x8	
	Under 17		100x50	91.4 4 x 45.7 5	130x10 0	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
	Under 18		100x50	91.4 4 x 45.7 5	130x10 0	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
16	Under 17	11v11	100x50	91.4 4 x 45.7 5	130x10 0	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
	Under 18		100x50	91.4 4 x 45.7 5	130x10 0	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5
	Open Age		100x50	91.4 4 x 45.7 5	130x10 0	118.87 x 91.44	24x8	5

(D) This Rule is not applicable to this Competition

(E) The Competitions Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration.

(F) It shall be deemed a breach of these Rules for a Player to:-

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season.

(ii) Play for a different team in the same Club to the team registered with their League or with the Association.

Failure to comply with Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with Fines Tariff).

(G) (i) The Competitions Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Competitions Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player, the exercise of such power being without prejudice to the Competitions Committee's ability to fine a Club at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Competitions Committee shall also have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct; such refusal or cancellation being subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority. Where the Competitions Committee does not have enough information to enable it to make a decision pursuant to

the above power, it may apply, in its absolute discretion, to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA for further information. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.



- (iv) Any Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.
- (Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall only be taken against a Player in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

(H) This Rule is not applicable to this Competition

(I) A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after the deadline date of their respective league except by special permission of the Competitions Committee.

(J) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Competitions Committee.

In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 8(C).

(K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Secretary. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.

In the event of a Non-Contract Player changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition his registration as a Non-Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 8(B)(i).

(L) This Rule is not applicable to this Competition.

(M) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players may be removed from the Competition and may receive a fine (in accordance with the fines tariff) and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.

(N) (The following Clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education):-

- (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to

comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).



- (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the head teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).
 - (iii) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season, shall not be permitted to play in a Competition Match during that Playing Season where any other Player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.
- (O) A player who has played for a team in a higher age group once or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower age group except by permission of the Competitions Committee.

Club Colours. Club Name

9. (A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts, shorts and socks with the Association by 15th June who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other Players and the Match Officials.

No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least seven (7) days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away team shall make the change except in a semi-final or final when the second named team should change. Should a team delay the scheduled time of kick-off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). Shirts must be distinctly numbered.

- (B) Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Association and from the Competitions Committee. Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Competitions Committee prior to any purchase of such kit. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (C) The Assistant Competition Secretary (Youth) may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to the lack of distinguishing colours, and the Competitions Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit.

Playing Season. Conditions of Play

Times of Kick-Off. Postponements. Substitutes

- 10(A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, and 9v9 football, the Rules as set down by The FA.

The Competitions Committee shall determine the date for the commencement of the ensuing season which shall be in accordance with Football Association Rules. No Club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date.



Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Competitions Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a match has to be replayed, the Competitions Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Competitions Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.

All playing grounds must be within the borders of the Hertfordshire County, but the Competitions' Committee has the discretion to allow certain grounds outside the County boundary to be used if considered appropriate. Any Club wishing to play a fixture on a ground which is different from that shown in the Handbook and is outside County boundaries must apply for permission to do so from the Assistant Secretary responsible for the Club's relevant Cup Competition. Any Club, who is found to have played a match in contravention of these conditions, having ignored this instruction, may be dealt with at the discretion of the Competitions' Committee.

Artificial Football Turf Pitches (e.g. 3G) are allowed in this Competition. All Artificial Football Turf Pitches used must be on The FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches and must be tested (by an accredited test institute) every 3 years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 10(C).

All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and, in any event, shall be of equal halves. Matches should be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, as detailed below:



Age Group	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events / festivals (minutes)
Under 12	20	30 plus 10 minutes each way extra time	80 (if applicable)	120
Under 13 and Under 14	25	35 plus 10 minutes each way extra time	100	150
Under 15 and Under 16	25	40 plus 10 minutes each way extra time	100	150
Under 17 and Under 18	25	45 Plus 15 minutes each way extra time	120	180

The draws for the Competition shall be made by a sub-committee appointed by the Competitions Committee. Once the draw notification bulletins have been published no team will be accepted into a competition as a late entrant except at the discretion of the Competitions Committee. After the draw the appropriate Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth) shall advise each of the Clubs drawn the name of the Club it is drawn against and the date on which the tie is to be played.

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 Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth) obtained.

All matches shall be concluded at the first meeting. If the scores remain level after full time, extra time shall be played. If the scores are still equal, kicks from the penalty mark shall decide the result according to the procedure laid down in the Laws of Association Football. If unforeseen circumstances prevent the completion of the kicks from the penalty mark, the game shall be played again the following week at the ground of the "away" team in the original match.

The kick-off time in each tie (except the Final Tie) will be at the discretion of the home drawn team. In the event of a dispute regarding the kick-off time as set by the home team, the



Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth) has the authority to stipulate the actual kick-off time having taken all the facts into account. Kick-off times shall be between 10.00am and 2.00pm except in the months of November, December and January when the latest kick-off time shall be 1.30pm. **This time may be extended if the match has been agreed by all parties to be played under floodlights.** Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined in accordance with the fines tariff or be otherwise dealt with as the Competitions Committee may determine. The Home team must advise by email the time of kick-off to the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth) at least **10** days prior to the scheduled date of their match and immediately for subsequent postponed matches. Any club failing to notify the time of the kick-off under this rule will be liable to a fine of at least **£15. Any team which changes its kick-off time after the allocation of a referee resulting in the referee having to decline the appointment may not have the referee replaced. The referee will not be replaced if such change occurs within 4 days of the scheduled match.**

By agreement between the two competing Clubs, which must be notified to the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth) and the Referee before the game, the whole, or part, of any match in County competitions may be played under floodlights.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth).

The Home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Referees Appointments Officer (Youth) if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

- (B) Except by permission of the Competitions Committee **or the designated Competitions Secretary or Assistant Secretary**, all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to any FA Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Competitions Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given five (5) clear days of the match by the Competitions Committee or its nominated Secretary (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

- (C) An Officer of the Home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and the secretary of the opposing Club at least five (5) clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

- (D) The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
9v9	7
11v11	7



Failure to comply with this Rule may result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

- (E) (i) In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Competitions Committee shall have the power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) award the match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting club to pay expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them.
- (ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the Assistant Secretary (Youth), the Referees Appointments Officer (Youth), the Secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.
- Any request for consideration of the Competitions' Committee to allow a postponement of a tie must be at least 28 days before the scheduled date of the fixture. No other request for a postponement of a match will be granted, whether the match in question is on the original published date, or on a later date due to an earlier postponement caused by the weather or unplayable ground conditions etc., unless decided by the Competitions' Committee. Consideration for requesting a postponement of a match on a particular date on the grounds of religious dispensation will only be given if it is included by the Football Association on their list of Major Religious Festival dates. The granting of a postponement will be the final decision of the Competitions' Committee.
- (iii) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Competitions Committee or on the following Sunday. Failing such agreement and notification to the Secretary within one day the Competitions Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. If a match is abandoned through no fault of either team, at the completion of normal time or during extra time, the re-arranged game will be played on the ground of the "away" team in the original tie. **Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand.**

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

In the event of the original County Cup fixture being postponed both Clubs should have an alternative ground available when the fixture is rearranged in case a change of venue is required. The Competitions' Committee shall have the authority following a postponement to switch the venue for the rearranged fixture (to either another ground supplied by the home drawn team, or to the away team's ground) if the circumstances are considered appropriate and beneficial to both Clubs, affiliated leagues and the running of the Competition concerned. However, the switching of a venue is not an automatic procedure and will be at the discretion of the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth), whom the clubs MUST contact immediately a ground is deemed unplayable.

If a match in any Competition has the venue switched to the ground of the away drawn team, whether by mutual consent or by order of the Competitions' Committee, the fixture shall be reversed – i.e. the away drawn team becomes the home team and vice



versa.

Home teams whose grounds are unplayable for any reason must accept any invitation from the published Away team, whose ground is playable and available, to travel to and play at their opponent's venue, provided it is no further than 5 miles by road and that the revised kick-off time is no later than 2.00pm.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

- (iv) The Competitions Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the match to the opponent. No fine(s) can be applied by the Competitions Committee for an abandoned match.
 - (v) The Competitions Committee shall review any match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 8(M)(i) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the match must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed. The Competitions Committee shall be empowered to award a bye for the next round or otherwise determine the progress of the Competition.
- (F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any match in this Competition.

For Under 12s - Under 18s – up to 5 may be selected from 5 substitute Players. ***A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace any Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.***

In Youth Football only, the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than ten (10) minutes before the start of the match and a Player not so named may not take part in the match.

A Player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.

- (G) The half time interval shall be of up to 10 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed 10 minutes, except for the semi-finals and finals when the half time interval shall be of up to 15 minutes duration, but shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the Match Officials.
- (H) The Teams taking part in Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who shall wear an

armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. If the participating players are considered to be too young to take on this role a member of the team coaching staff should provide this support. Clubs in breach of this rule shall be liable to a fine (in accordance with the fines tariff).



- (I) Prior to each match the participating teams and officials shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake and participating teams to offer handshakes to the opposing team after the match. Clubs in breach of this rule shall be liable to a fine (in accordance with the fines tariff).
- (J) It shall be the responsibility of every club involved in youth football to provide a Match Delegate for each match including the Final Tie in which it participates. The delegate must report to the match referee at least 15 minutes prior to kick off. Clubs in breach of this rule shall be liable to a fine (in accordance with the fines tariff). See also L (vi) regarding Cup Final.
- (K)
 - (i) In the semi-final round where Assistant Referees are appointed the playing pitch must have a designated area at least five (5) feet from the goal and touch lines for use by the Assistant Referees. This area can be marked by the use of cones, or be a roped off area. The area for Assistant Referees should start two metres from the touchline on both sides of the pitch. Each area should run the full length of the pitch. Where local regulations do not allow this the home club must find an alternative ground or play on the ground of their opponents which must comply with these conditions. Any posts or stakes used must be of a material considered satisfactory for players' safety. Clubs in breach of this rule shall be liable to a fine (in accordance with the fines tariff).
 - (ii) Each home club shall make arrangements for the provision of designated areas for spectators. This area can be marked by an additional painted line, the use of cones, a roped off area or use of a temporary spectator barrier. The area for spectators should start two metres from the touchline on one side of the pitch. The area should run the full length of the pitch. Managers and coaches should be located on the opposite side of the pitch so that there is complete segregation between those managing and coaching and those who are spectators. It is recognised, however, that the alignment of some public pitches does not allow for this arrangement in which case other appropriate arrangements should be made. All posts or stakes used must be of a material considered satisfactory for players' safety. Clubs in breach of this rule shall be liable to a fine (in accordance with the fines tariff).

Semi Final & Final Ties

- (L) (i) Every Club playing in a semi-final or final of a County Competition shall send to the opposing Club, the Association Headquarters and to the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth) a list of players, which must include their dates of birth, from whom the team for the semi-final or final must be selected giving seven (7) clear days' notice. No player will be considered eligible unless his/her name appears in the list. Additions to the team lists can only be made with the consent of both the opposing Club and the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth). No objection to the qualifications of any players mentioned in such list shall be entertained unless notice of objection, setting out in detail the grounds of such objection, is in the hands of both the Secretary of the opposing Club and the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth)

prior to the date of the kick off for the match. Failure to submit a list of players with seven (7) clear days' notice will result in the offending Club being liable to a fine (in accordance with the fines tariff).



- (ii) All semi-final ties must be played on the days and at times fixed by the Council.
 - (iii) The Competitions Committee shall determine the grounds on which Finals shall be played. All Finals must be played to completion on the scheduled date.
 - (iv) In each Tie team sheets must be exchanged between the two teams, in the presence of the Referee, at least 30 minutes in a semi-final and 45 minutes for the Final prior to Kick Off. The names on each team sheet must correspond exactly with the names shown on the match result sheet. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
 - (v) On the day of the Final Tie each Team shall hand to the Referee at least 45 minutes prior to Kick Off a Technical Area Form detailing the occupants of the Technical Area. Only those persons will be allowed in the Technical Area. No more than two persons at a time are authorised to stand in the Technical Area from each Team at any time but only one person is allowed to coach at any one time. Substitute players may warm up behind the nearest Assistant Referee and once this is completed must return to the dugout. A maximum of 8 (eight) persons are allowed in the dugout at any one time.
 - (vi) Each Club playing in a Final must nominate a Match Delegate who must report to the Member of the Association in Charge of the Cup Final arrangements at least 45 minutes before kick-off. Any Match Delegate found not carrying out instructions given by the Member in Charge will be reported for misconduct and may be liable to action being taken against the Club at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.
 - (vii) Each Club playing in the Final of a Youth Cup Competition must send to the nominated member of the Competitions Committee, or Herts FA staff member, details of the Club history and pen pictures of each of the players liable for selection for inclusion in the Cup Final programme **at least 10 days prior to the scheduled Cup Final date**. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
 - (viii) Each Club playing in the Final of a Youth Cup Competition must send to the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth) a list of a maximum of twenty (20) players from which the playing squad will be selected at least seven (7) days prior to the advertised date for the Cup Final. The list shall also contain the names of the management team (manager, coaches etc.). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- M During a match, should one team gain a ten-goal advantage (eg 10-0, 11-1, 12-2 etc) over its opponents, the match shall be considered completed and the referee shall signal such. The match result shall show the score at this time as being the final score.**

REPORTING RESULTS

- 11(A) All clubs (whether home or away) must communicate the result of their County Youth Cup match by 6.00pm (11.00pm for evening matches) on the date of the match. This communication must be in the form of an SMS message in response to an automated message sent from the County FA on the day of the game. Any club failing to communicate the result of their game by this deadline shall be liable to a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (B) Each club playing in a match in the County Youth Competition shall notify the result by using an on-line result form available on the County FA website. This form must be completed in all sections within two days of the match taking place. This shall indicate which substitute players actually took part in the match by entering the field of play at any time during the match. Non playing substitutes need not be named on the form. The form must include an



assessment of the Match Referee, by allocating a mark out of 100. A club awarding a Referee a mark of 60 or less must forward a covering letter giving a valid reason for such low marking. Clubs submitting a late result form i.e. later than two days after the match shall be liable to a fine (in accordance with the fines tariff). The Competitions' Committee shall also have power to take such action as they deem suitable against a Club which submits an incomplete form or provides incorrect information.

- (C) This Rule is not applicable to this Competition.
- (D) This Rule is not applicable to this Competition.
- (E) This Rule is not applicable to this Competition.

Determining Championship

- 12. This rule is not applicable to this Competition.

Referees

- 13(A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by the County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Competitions Committee and by the Sanctioning Association.

Appointed Match Officials shall acknowledge acceptance of appointments once received for all County Youth Competition ties to the appropriate appointing officer. Match Officials must also acknowledge to the Home Club the receipt of their match confirmation details once received.

- (B) ***In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any competition. Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the Referee, for example. a 15-year-old Referee may only officiate in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.***

If a referee withdraws from a fixture, by notifying the Home Club, that Club must contact the relevant Referee Appointment Officer so that a replacement can be found. **Should a referee withdraw from a fixture due to a team changing the kick-off time, the referee may not be replaced. A referee will not be replaced if such a change is made within 4 days of the scheduled match.** In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance the Clubs shall agree upon a referee or one or both Clubs may be eliminated from the Competition. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. **Where the home team does not have a**

qualified and appropriate referee available and the away team can provide such a referee then the home team must allow that referee to officiate on the match. If no such referee is available another suitable person may be used.



- (C) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee who shall report to the referee five minutes before the appointed time of kick- off; failure to do so will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) being imposed on the defaulting Club. The Competitions Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any match.
- (D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, the representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted. **To prevent unnecessary travel, another Herts FA Registered referee may inspect the ground to determine its fitness. However, that referee must contact the appointed referee before a decision regarding any postponement is made. Such postponement may only be made by the appointed referee.**
- (E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Association, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid their fees and expenses in accordance with the Fees Tariff. Match Officials fees, inclusive of travel, shall be as follows:-

<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Referee</i>	<i>Assistant Referee</i>
<i>Under 18</i>	<i>£35.00</i>	<i>£27.00</i>
<i>Under 16/15</i>	<i>£30.00</i>	<i>£23.00</i>
<i>Under 14/13</i>	<i>£27.00</i>	<i>£21.00</i>
<i>Under 12</i>	<i>£25.00</i>	<i>£19.00</i>

Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the **home** Club unless otherwise ordered by the Competitions Committee. Where Assistant referees are appointed the Home team shall pay the referee and one Assistant his fee and the away team shall pay the second Assistant.

The Home Club is responsible to ensure the Officials have their received their fees immediately after the match.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

In the Final ties the match officials will receive suitable mementoes in lieu of any fee and shall be entitled to claim a flat fee for expenses of £15.

- (F) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half their match fee only. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee. Failure to comply with the

Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).



- (G) A referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, shall be reported to the Association with which he or she is registered.
- (H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. See Rule 11(B). Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Competitions Committee shall determine.
- (I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Playing Season, shall submit a summary to the Football Association or County Football Association.
- (J) The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the County FA within two days of the match.
- (K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each Playing Season with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge. This may be in the form of an electronic version.
- (L) This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.
- (M) ***Match Officials in Competitions of the Hertfordshire Football Association shall wear traditional Black shirts (either all black or with white trim), Black Shorts and socks which are all Black or Black with White tops. No coloured kit is permissible.***

Continuation of Membership or Withdrawal of a Club

- 14.(A) Any Club intending to withdraw any or all its teams, or not fulfilling the fixture in any tie in a County Competition shall be deemed to have conceded the tie to its opponents unless decided by the Competitions' Committee.
- (B) A Club intending to withdraw any or all its teams must give notice of its intention to do so to the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth), the Association and to the Secretary of the opposing Club.

A Club withdrawing any or all its teams from a County Cup Youth Competition, but remaining a member of the League that it entered at the start of the season, shall be fined a minimum of £60.00. However if 21 days or more notice is given to the Association the fine shall be reduced to a maximum of £20 for each team being withdrawn from the Competition. A Club withdrawing any or all its teams with less than 48 hours, but prior to the date of the match, shall be fined a minimum of £70.00. A Club withdrawing any or all its teams on the day of the match, shall be fined a minimum of £80.00, plus the reimbursement of any costs incurred

and a Club withdrawing any or all its teams failing to keep its engagement without notification being given prior to kick off time shall be fined a minimum of £100.00, plus the reimbursement of any costs incurred.



- (C) A Club withdrawing a team in a semi-final or final of a County Competition shall be deemed guilty of serious breach of rules and dealt with in such manner as the Council may direct.
- (D) In the event of a Club withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition. In the event that any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of twenty-one (21) days the Competitions Committee are empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

Protests and Complaints

- 15(A)
 - (i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of Players or interpretations of the Rule shall be referred to the Competitions Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Competitions Committee.
 - (ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Competitions Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the match.
- (B) Except in cases where the Competitions Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (as set out more fully at Rule 15(A) above) (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged in duplicate with the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth) within **three (3)** days of the match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Competitions Committee. A member of the Competitions Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
- (C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Competitions Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth) a sum of £25 in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.
- (D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least five (5) days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.
 - (i) All parties must have received five (5) days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
 - (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then they should forward a deposit of £ 25 and

indicate such when forwarding the written response.



- (E) If so requested by all parties concerned, the Competitions Committee may determine any disputes, protests, appeals, claims or complaints between two Clubs, in which event, both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such determination shall be final and binding upon the parties concerned. The procedure for such determination shall be determined by the Competitions Committee.

Appeals

16. **Any appeal against a decision of the Competitions Committee to expel a Club from the Competition must be lodged with the Hertfordshire Football Association within two (2) days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff, which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Assistant Competitions Secretary (Youth). The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Association, in such respect the Association may (but is not obliged to):**
- (i) Invite submissions by the parties involved;**
 - (ii) Convene a hearing to hear the appeal;**
 - (iii) Permit new evidence; or**
 - (iv) Impose deadlines as are appropriate.**

Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Competitions Committee.

For the avoidance of doubt, a Club may not appeal against any other decision of the Competitions Committee or any penalty imposed on it other than expulsion from the Competition.

Exclusion of Clubs or Teams

Misconduct, Clubs, Officials, Players

- 17(A) This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.
- (B) This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.
- (C) This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

Trophy:- Legal Owners, Conditions of Taking Over, Agreement to be Signed. Awards.

- 18.(A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-
“We A [name] and B [name], the Chairman and Secretary of [] FC(Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of [] Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally

agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Association on or before []. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Association the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”



If a trophy is returned without being engraved a charge for the costs of the engraving plus an administrative fee of £25.00 will be imposed on the Club concerned.

Failure to comply will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

- (B) At the conclusion of the Final, in addition to the Trophy, the Association shall present mementoes to the players, substitutes and match officials in the Final Tie. The Competition Committee reserve the right to withhold a memento being handed to any player who has been sent off the field by the referee during the match. In such case the memento will be handed to the player once the teams have left the field of play. No additional trophies or mementos shall be presented by the Association.

Special General Meetings

19. This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

Alteration to Rules

20. Alterations shall be made to these Rules only at the last Council of the Hertfordshire Football Association prior to the Annual General Meeting. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to the Rule relating to the qualification of Players shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

A Member Club wishing to propose alterations to these Rules shall submit such proposals to the Association by 1st January in each year.

Finance

21. This Rule is not applicable to this Competition.

Insurance

22. This Rule is not applicable to this Competition as it is a condition of Affiliation to the Association.

Dissolution

23. This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

Youth Cup Fines and Costs Tariff

(All Fines are exclusive of any administration fee specified in these Rules.)

Rule	Description	Maximum Fine
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2 (D)	Failure To Comply With FA Initiatives £100.00	
4 (E)	Communications Conducted By Persons Other Than Nominated Officers	£25.00
5 (H)	Failure To Comply With an Instruction of The Competitions Committee	£100.00
5 (I)	Failure To Pay A Fine Within 14 Days Of Notice	Double The Original Fine Up To £100.00
8 (A)&(B)	Failure To Correctly Register A Player	£50.00
	Failure To Produce Id Registration Cards	£50.00
8 (F)	Signing or Playing For Multiple Clubs	£25.00
8 (G) (li)	Registration Irregularities	£100.00
8(M)(I)	Playing An Ineligible Player	£100.00
8 (N)(I)	Failure To Give Priority To School Activities	£50.00
9 (A)	Delaying Kick Off By Failure To Change Colours	£30.00
9(A)	Failure To Number Shirts	£10.00 (Per Shirt, up to a Maximum of £30)
9 (B)	Failure To Obtain Consent For A Change Of Club Name	30.00
10(A)	Failure To Provide Goal Nets, Corner Flags & Footballs	£100
10(A)	Failure to notify Kick-off time	£15
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	£50.00
10 (E) (i) & (lii)	Failure To Play Fixture	£100.00
10 (H)	Failure To Identify Captain/Club Official To Support Discipline	£50.00
10 9h0	No Captain's Armband	£20.00
10(I)	Failure To Observe 'Respect' Handshake	£50.00
10(J)	Failure To Provide A Match Delegate	£50.00
10(K)(I)	Failure To Provide Railed Or Roped Area	£50.00



10 (K)(ii)	Failure To Provide Designated Area For Spectators £50.00	
10 (K)(ii)	Failure To Provide Segregation of Coaches And Spectators	£50.00
10(L)(i)	Failure To Provide List Of Players	£50.00
10(L)(iv)	Failure To Provide/Exchange Team Sheet	£50.00
10(L)(vii)	Failure To Provide Club History & Pen Pictures	£50.00
10(L)(viii)	Failure To Provide Cup Final Playing Squad	£50.00
11 (A) & 11 (B)	Failure To Communicate Result Of Match	£50.00
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 (B)	Club Withdrawing Team(s) From Competition	£100.00
18 (A)	Failure To Submit Written Agreement Regarding The Trophy	£25.00
18 (A)	Failure To Return Trophy Before The 1 February	£100.00