

## Key Changes to County Cups

*Below is a summary of the key changes implemented in Hertfordshire FA County Cup Competitions for the 2022/23 season, along with a reminder of some which were introduced in recent seasons. Please refer to the relevant Rules and Guidance Notes for each competition for further information*

### **Reporting Results**

There is no longer a standalone Match Report Form. After the game you need to submit your scores via SMS or the Matchday app and also complete a full match report via FA Full-Time. Please ensure nominated substitutes and used substitutes are shown accordingly. Unused named substitutes are not considered to be cup tied.

### **Referee Fees**

It is the AWAY Team that is now responsible for paying the Match Official in all Youth competitions, Saturday Junior Cup, and all Sunday Adult Competitions.

### **Match postponements**

Only matches postponed due to the weather will be rearranged.

### **Extra-Time**

There will be no Extra-Time in any match. Matches which are drawn at full-time shall be decided by kicks from the penalty.

### **Roped-Off Pitches**

For the protection of players, the home club must provide a roped or fenced off playing area in the Semi-finals of the Saturday Junior Cup all Adult Sunday and all Youth Competitions. There is no longer a requirement to provide this at the Quarter-final stage.

### **Youth Competitions Mercy Rule**

Once a team has reached a 9 goal advantage (9-0, 10-1, 11-2) the game is considered ended and the result should be reported as such. This has been introduced to help keep matches enjoyable whilst still being competitive. The teams may choose to play a friendly or training match (with potentially more balanced sides) in the remaining time available.

## **Assistant Referees**

Neutral Assistants will be appointed to the Semi-finals of the Saturday Junior Cup, Saturday Intermediate Cup and all Adult Sunday Competitions (including the Women's Cup), but no longer at the Quarter-final stage.

## **Sin Bins**

Temporary dismissals are to be used for cautions for dissent in all competitions (including youth) where no clubs from Step 1 (National League) or above are involved.