

Kent FA Abridged Regulations

- 1. Advertising matches** – Matches involving teams other than a club's first team must be so described.
- 2. Representative Teams County Honours** – Presentation to be arranged as and when players are reported by football services officer to have qualified.
- 3. Gate checkers** – For Kent FA cup-ties clubs concerned may send at their own expense not more than six gate checkers.
- 4. Extra Medals** – Applications can be made for additional medals for competitions under the direct control of the Kent FA.
- 5. Divisional Procedures** – Life members, holders of order of merit and vice-presidents are ex-officio members of the divisional committees in whose area they reside.
- 6. Benevolent, Sick or Accident Funds** – No such fund may be run by a club. Affiliated competitions will normally not be allowed to organise such funds. In special cases sanction will only be considered if a competition has at least five years' standing.
- 7. County Cup Competitions** – Without prejudice to the wider powers contained in FA regulations, the winners and runners-up of all sanctioned leagues and competitions may be required to compete in a suitable county cup competition in the following season.
- 8. Municipal Playing Pitches** – Clubs and referees must conform to regulations made by municipal authorities in regard to the use of or non-use of municipal pitches due to weather and like conditions.
- 9. Referees** – No league or competition shall ask a referee for a subscription to their funds.
- 10. County Cup Final Ties** – Each member of council plus a guest shall be entitled to free entry to any Kent FA county cup final tie. Any additional benefits shall be at the invitation of the board.
- 11. Referee Appointments to County Cup Ties** – Should a match official be appointed to two, or more, different county cup competitions on the same date then they must honour the appointment to the most senior competition. Should, however, the appointment in the most senior competition occur less than 4 days prior to the match then the association must obtain permission from the affiliated association or competition for the referee to be released.
- 12. Club's Balance Sheets** – Club accounts and supporting documentation must be kept for at least two seasons prior to the current season. These must be available upon request for inspection by the Kent FA.

- 13. Competition Rules** – In the event of conflict between a league or competition rule and the rules, regulations and practice of the association, the latter shall prevail.
- 14. Conflicts of interest** - In all investigations or commissions of inquiry held by or on behalf of the council, or by any affiliated league or competition, no member of such committee of enquiry or commission shall be in any way connected with the clubs or parties in the investigation or with the matters in dispute.
- 15. Council Members** –The Kent Schools representative, Kent Referees Branches representative and Youth Council representatives will become members of the divisional committee in whose area they reside. League representatives will be placed in the division where the majority of their teams play. Countywide league representatives may either become members of the divisional committee in whose area they reside or where the majority of their teams play. The HE/FE representative may either become a member of the divisional committee in whose area they reside or where they are geographically based within higher/further education.
- 16. Lists of Referees** – Any League sanctioned by the Kent FA shall submit a list of its referees (on the form provided) to the Kent FA prior to the 31st August, each season. Any League failing to comply with this regulation may be liable to a fine not exceeding £50 and sanction may not be granted or suspended until the list is submitted.
- 17. County Cup Competitions** – No club, whose parent association is the Kent FA will be permitted to compete in other county association competitions without first obtaining permission from the Kent FA. Any club failing to comply with this regulation may be liable to a fine not exceeding £50
- 18. Expenses** – In addition to the provisions of Kent FA Article 76 – Any person appointed by the association shall be entitled to be reimbursed reasonable expenses occasioned through the implementation of Kent FA business.
- 19. Change of Club Name** – Clubs within the FA National League System, and FA Feeder Leagues will need to complete a change of name application form and submit this by 31st March. Clubs outside of the National League System should complete the application as per the process that is prescribed by the Kent FA. When returning club affiliation forms or requests for change of club name, clubs must submit the full name. Abbreviations or initials will not be accepted, except in the case of a company or organisation whose nomenclature consists only of letters which do not relate to any other title. Requests for a change of club outside of the National League System will be decided by senior members of Kent FA staff.

20. Passes - In accordance with the provisions of FA Rule A(7), council shall have the power to issue officers and members a pass, which shall not be transferable. On production of this pass admission shall be granted to the grounds and stands of clubs affiliated to the Association at all matches, including Cup ties.

Note: A minimum of 72 hours' notice must be given to clubs of intention to be present at matches, otherwise accommodation cannot be guaranteed. clubs shall be required to provide access to up to a maximum of 10 council members using their annual pass at any given match. Access shall be provided to council members on a "first come, first served" basis. It is a matter for the club to determine if it wishes to allow access to more than 10 council members at a given match.

Persons acting in an official capacity for Kent FA as assessors, observers or mentors, for example, on production of written authority, must also be accorded admission to the ground of the affiliated Club.

21. Charity Competitions - A proper banking account with responsible trustees must be maintained. Balance sheets must be sent to the Kent FA by the 1st August each year. A subscription to the Kent FA Benevolent Fund shall be a first call on the divisible balance each year and wherever possible a match or matches in aid of the fund should be arranged.

22. Referees' Fees- For all grassroots football, operating outside of the National League System and/or any designated Feeder Division into the National League System, the following shall apply and will be inclusive of both the match fee and any travelling expenses.

The maximum amount payable to a match official for a match in affiliated mini-soccer football is £20.

The maximum amount payable to a match official for a match in affiliated youth football (U16 age group and below) is £30.

The maximum amount payable to a match official for a match in affiliated youth football (U17 and above) and open-age football is £40.