

RULES OF THE LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS 2017-18

NAMES

1. (a) The ownership, organisation, control and management of all Competitions and any rights associated with them of any nature shall be vested entirely and exclusively in the London Football Association.
- (b) The Cups known as “The London Senior Cup”, “The London Senior Trophy”, “The London Junior Cup”, “The London Sunday Challenge Cup”, “The London Sunday Trophy”, “The London Sunday Junior Cup” and “The London Veterans Cup” (henceforward known as “the Senior Cup”, “the Senior Trophy”, “the Junior Cup”, “the Sunday Challenge Cup”, “the Sunday Trophy”, “the Sunday Junior Cup” and “the Veterans Cup” respectively) shall be managed by the London Cup Competition Committee (hereinafter called “the Committee”).

THE PROPERTY OF THE ASSOCIATION

2. London Football Association Limited (hereinafter called “the Association”) shall be, for all intents and purposes, the legal owner of the Cups.

CUPS TO BE COMPETED FOR ANNUALLY

3. The Cups shall be competed for annually.
 - (a) The Senior Cup Competition shall be open to all non FA Premier League Clubs at step 5 and above affiliated to the Association or approved by the Committee. Applications will only be accepted into this competition if the club's home ground complies with the FA Vase criteria. However, the Under 23 sides of all Premier League and Football League teams may enter the Senior Cup. They will play their fixtures away from home unless drawn against another Premier League or Football League team when the tie shall be played at the ground of the first drawn team.
 - (b) The Senior Trophy competition shall be open to Steps 6 and 7 Clubs and Second Teams of all Clubs competing in the Senior Cup competition directly affiliated to the Association or approved by the Committee. Clubs not accepted into the Senior Cup due to non-compliance with F.A. Vase criteria shall also be accepted.
 - (c) The Junior Cup competition shall be open to all open-aged Clubs below Step 7, Third Teams of Clubs entered in the Senior Cup and Second Teams of Clubs entered in the Senior Trophy affiliated to the Association.
 - (d) The Sunday Challenge Cup competition shall be open to Sunday Clubs approved by the Committee whose ground facilities and standard of football meet with the requirements of the highest grade of Sunday Football.
 - (e) The Sunday Trophy and the Sunday Junior Cup competitions shall be open to Sunday Clubs whose applications are approved by the Committee.
 - (f) The Veterans Cup competition shall be open to all Clubs with Veteran Teams affiliated to the Association.

ENTRY OF CLUB. FEE. ENTRY DECLINED

4. (a) Applications to enter the Cup competitions shall be made in writing to the Headquarters of the Association by 31st July in each year and shall be accompanied by the appropriate entrance fee. The Committee shall have the power to decline the application of any Club.
- (b) The entrance fees shall be as determined from time to time by the Committee. Applications shall be included on the annual affiliation form.
- (c) Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance must be in place as per F.A. regulations.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS

5. (a) In all rounds of the Cup competitions, a player must have been a Recognised Playing Member of his or her Club.
- (b) A Recognised Playing Member is:
 - (i) in the case of the Senior Cup, the Senior Trophy, the Junior Cup, the Sunday Challenge Cup, the Sunday Trophy and the Sunday Junior Cup competitions one who has actually played for the Club in the current Season, or has been registered as a player of his/her club with a League in which the Club competes; and
 - (ii) in the case of the Veterans Cup competition one who has been registered with the Club.Any such registration must have been received and accepted by the League by 12 noon on the last working day preceding the date fixed for playing the match and the registration must be continuous through to the date of the match.
- (c) A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing Club in any of the individual Cup competitions but the Members of each respective team may be changed during the series of matches.
- (d) When a player has played in two or more matches in the Senior Cup he shall be ineligible to play in the Senior Trophy and Junior Cup in the same season.
- (e) A reserve team of a Senior Club may play no more than two players who have played in any of the previous three competitive first team matches immediately prior to the actual playing date of the match in the Senior Trophy.
- (f) When a player has played in two or more matches in the Senior Trophy, he shall be ineligible to play in the Junior Cup in the same season.
- (g) In the Veteran's Cup competition all players must have reached 35 years of age by 1st August in the year in which the competition started in the season concerned.
- (h) A player is not eligible to play in:
 - (i) the Senior Trophy competition if during the current season he has actually appeared on the field of play either as a player or substitute in six or more games in Step 5 or above;
 - (ii) the Junior Cup competition if during the current season he has played any games in Step 6 or above;
 - (iii) the Sunday Challenge Cup competition if he is a Contract Player;
 - (iv) the Sunday Trophy competition if he is a Contract Player or if during the current season he has played in one or more ties in the Sunday Challenge Cup competition;
 - (v) the Sunday Junior Cup competition if he is a Contract Player or if during the current season he has played in one or more ties in the Sunday Challenge Cup or the Sunday Trophy competitions;
 - (vi) the Veterans Cup competition if he has played three or more games in Step 6 or above during the current season;and for the purposes of this Rule nominated substitutes who are not called upon to play during a game are not regarded as having played in it
- (i) A player who has been suspended may play in postponed or replayed ties after the term of his or her suspension has expired.
- (j) In the Senior Cup, the Senior Trophy, the Junior Cup, the Sunday Challenge Cup, the Sunday Trophy and the Sunday Junior Cup, a Club may at its discretion use up to a maximum of three substitute players from any five nominated at any time in a Cup-tie except to replace a player who has been sent off the field of play for misconduct by the Referee after play has commenced. The substitution can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission.
- (k) A club may at its discretion (and in accordance with the Laws of Association Football) use up to and including 7 substitute players in any match in the Veterans Cup competition. All such substitute players must be selected from up to 7 substitute players whose names have been notified to the referee before the start of the match. In accordance with FIFA dispensations, substitutes will be allowed to 'roll on' and 'roll off', provided that the substitutions are made with the permission of the match referee and conducted as per the requirements of the Laws of Association Football.
- (l) Each Club is responsible for ensuring that a list of names of players taking part in the tie (including the nominated substitutes and, in the case of the Veterans Cup competition, the dates of birth of all players and substitutes named) is given:
 - (i) in all rounds of the Senior Cup and in the Final ties of all Cup competitions to the Referee and to a representative of the opposing Club in the presence of the Referee at least forty five minutes before the advertised time of kick-off;

- (ii) in all the rounds of the Senior Trophy, the Junior Cup, the Sunday Challenge Cup, the Sunday Trophy, the Sunday Junior Cup and Veterans Cup competitions except the Final ties to the Referee at least fifteen minutes before the advertised time of kick-off.

Each player must be numbered on the list. Any Club which fails to hand over its list by the time specified or which alters the composition of its team or changes the numbers of the players after its list has been handed over will be subject to any appropriate action decided upon by the Committee including a maximum fine of £5.00 for the first change and a maximum fine of £10.00 if there are two or more changes.

- (m) In all rounds of the Senior Cup competition and in the Final ties of all other Cup competitions the number of substitutes, players and officials seated on each team bench in the designated technical area shall not exceed eleven unless the team bench facility provides more than eleven individual seats. All team officials and substitutes seated on the bench shall be listed on the Official Team Sheet when it is submitted to the Referee. Only those persons listed on the Official Team Sheet shall be permitted in the technical area. With the exception of the team manager, the team coach and any substitutes who are warming up, all other personnel are to remain seated on the team bench. Any Club breaking this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £15.00.

PROOF OF QUALIFICATION ON OBJECTION. LIABILITY IN DEFAULT. FRIVOLOUS OBJECTION

6. If, upon an objection being raised by a Club or otherwise, the Committee shall have any doubts as to the qualification of a player taking part in any of the Cup competitions, it shall have the power to call upon such player or the Club of which he or she is a Member, or for which he or she has played, to prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that he or she is qualified according to these Rules and, failing such proof, the Committee may determine such player to have been and/or be disqualified, and may remove the Club from the competition, or deal otherwise with such player or Club as it deems fit. Any Club making a frivolous objection or losing a protest will be liable to be fined by the Committee, and to pay such attendant costs of the enquiry as the Committee may think fit.

COMPETITION COMMITTEE MAY DISQUALIFY COMPETITORS

7. (a) In addition to any other action or penalty, the Committee shall have the power to disqualify any competing Club, or player of any competing Club(s), which it determines to have breached the Rules of the Association or the Competition Rules (and any rules or regulations issued pursuant to the Competition Rules), and the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding, save from club expulsion.
- (b) If a Club is removed from the League in which it is playing once it has been accepted into a Cup competition the Committee shall have the right to remove the Club from the Cup competition.
- (c) The Committee shall consider any reports received within seven days of the date of the tie of serious misbehaviour, abandoned matches, late starts beyond the stipulated time and shall disqualify, fine or take no action against the club(s) allegedly responsible. For the efficient management of the competition, such action will not be dependant on the outcome of any misconduct hearings that may be pending or the consequent result of any disciplinary hearings.

ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITIONS

8. The Clubs in all rounds shall be drawn by the Committee at its discretion by lot in couples. The Committee may grant exemptions to Clubs in the early rounds. The first-drawn Club of each couple shall have the choice of ground unless the Committee shall decide otherwise. After each drawing the Committee shall intimate to each of the Clubs drawn the name of the Club against which it is drawn and the date and hour on (or, in the case of the Senior Cup competition, by) which the tie is to be played.

Clubs competing in the Senior Cup will be expected to field the strongest team available in every tie. Should the Committee decide the spirit of this rule is being breached it will reflect this when positioning Clubs in the draw for the following season.

Clubs competing in the Senior Cup and Senior Trophy without floodlights shall play all ties away from home.

Clubs competing in the Senior Cup shall produce a programme for home ties to include a full page advertisement for the competition sponsor. Artwork for the advertisement is available from info@londonfa.com. Home Clubs failing to provide to the Cup Committee Representative and/or Referee Committee Representative a copy of the programme including the advertisement shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £25.00.

HOSPITALITY AT SENIOR CUP TIES. The Boardroom must be open to visiting Officials at least 45 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time, with tea and coffee available to Club Officials and visiting Officials.

- Tea or fruit squash must be provided before the match, at half-time and after the match for the visiting team and match officials.
In addition, suitable food must be provided for all players and match officials after the match.
- Tea and coffee must be available to Club officials and visiting Officials in the Boardroom at half-time and bar facilities as well as tea and coffee together with food must be available in the Boardroom after the match.

DATES OF TIES. TIME OF KICK-OFF. LATE STARTS

9. (a) The dates by which the ties in the Senior Cup competition should be played shall be fixed and the ties played as the Committee may determine. The Secretary of the club drawn at home in the Senior Cup competition shall notify the Secretary of the Committee of the date arranged for the tie within seven days of that date being agreed between the competing clubs or otherwise determined.
- (b) The dates upon which the ties in all other Cup competitions should be played shall be fixed and the ties played as the Committee may determine.
- (c) The times at which the ties shall be played shall be fixed:-
- (i) in the Senior Cup competition as the Committee may determine and Clubs responsible for a late start shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £30.00;
 - (ii) in the Senior Trophy competition as the Committee may determine and Clubs responsible for a late start shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £20.00;
 - (iii) in the Junior Cup and the Veterans Cup competitions as the Committee may determine and Clubs responsible for a late start shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00;
 - (iv) in the Sunday Challenge Cup, the Sunday Trophy and the Sunday Junior Cup competitions 10.30 a.m. or as ordered by the local authority under whose auspices the ground falls for games commencing in the morning and as the Committee may determine (but not later than 2.00 p.m.) for games commencing in the afternoon and Clubs responsible for a late start shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.
- (d) No match in the Senior Trophy, the Junior Cup, the Sunday Challenge Cup, the Sunday Trophy, the Sunday Junior Cup and the Veterans Cup competitions shall be allowed to kick off later than fifteen minutes from the designated time. Defaulting Clubs shall be liable to disqualification from the competition and/or payment of the match expenses and/or subject to a fine not exceeding £15.00.
- (e) Clubs failing to appear for a fixture shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £25.00 and shall be liable to pay match expenses. They are also liable to pay travelling expenses to the non-defaulting Club, as the Committee decides. They may also be subject to having their application for entry into future competitions refused.

CHOICE OF GROUND. APPELLANT'S COSTS OF APPEAL. REFEREE TO DECIDE AS TO FIT CONDITION OF GROUND.

POSTPONED TIES

10. (a) All matches shall be played on a natural grass surfaced ground considered by the Committee to be suitable, except that artificial grass pitches will be permitted, provided that the artificial turf meets the following conditions:

Football Turf pitches (3G) are allowed in these Competitions providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf pitches. For clubs playing at Step 7 and below a pitch must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three 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. Clubs playing in the football pyramid, the pitch must be certified annually. The home Club is also responsible for advising participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 10 (c).

The Club using the artificial grass pitch shall advise their opponents at least five days before the match of any limitations or recommendations regarding the type of boot or stud that may be used on the surface.

- (b) Unless otherwise mutually arranged, the Club which is in each instance first drawn in the ballot shall have choice of ground for playing the match and shall:-

- (i) in the Senior Cup competition be at liberty with the consent of the Committee to select any private and enclosed ground for the playing of the match save that, provided that the Away Club has floodlighting, the tie will revert to the Away Club if the Home Club does not have floodlighting;
 - (ii) in the Senior Trophy competition be at liberty to select any private and/or enclosed ground for the playing of the match unless the Committee shall decide otherwise;
 - (iii) in the Junior Cup and the Veterans Cup competitions be at liberty to select any ground for the playing of the match unless the Committee shall decide otherwise;
 - (iv) in the Sunday Challenge Cup, the Sunday Trophy and the Sunday Junior Cup competitions be at liberty to select any previously approved ground provided that no change of ground from that stated on the Application Form shall be allowed unless authorised by the Committee.
- (c) The Club having choice of ground shall send in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the opposing Club and to the Referee (and to any Assistant Referees and Fourth Official appointed by the Association) all particulars necessary for the playing of the tie to be received at least ten days prior to the date of the tie and the away Club shall seek and acknowledge details of such particulars. Defaulting Clubs shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £15.00.
- (d) If the ground of the Club having the choice of ground is considered unsuitable for a Cup-tie, its opponent may appeal to the Committee within three days of receipt of the particulars mentioned in Rule 10(c). The Committee may thereupon order the tie to be played on the ground of the appealing Club, or on a neutral ground. If such an appeal be not sustained, the appellant Club may be called upon to pay the expenses incurred in deciding the appeal.
- (e) Each Club must take every reasonable precaution to keep its ground in good playing condition. The Referee shall, subject to the decision of the authority controlling the ground, have the power to decide as to the fit condition of the ground in all ties. If deemed necessary, either Club having doubts as to the fit condition of the ground may require the Referee or another person approved by the Committee to visit the ground at least two hours before the advertised time of kick-off and to decide the point.
- (f) Unless either competing Club is engaged the following week in (i) an FA Competition or (ii) another County Cup tie taking precedence or unless the Clubs notify the Committee that they have agreed to an earlier date (in any of which cases the tie must be played or replayed as directed by the Committee), postponed or abandoned ties shall be played or replayed not later than the following week. If a further match is necessary, subject as aforesaid, it shall be played or replayed not later than the week thereafter. If a match is postponed on two occasions, the Committee shall have the power to order the match to be played on the ground of the Club drawn second in the draw.
- (g) In the event of a tie being postponed or abandoned, the Secretary of the Club drawn at home must report that fact to the Association Office either by SMS (on the "Full-Time" system) or by electronic mail or by telephone on the answerphone service by no later than 12 noon on the next day, Sundays not included. Defaulting clubs shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £15.00.
- (h) The Committee shall have the power to vary these arrangements if it is deemed necessary.

SIZE OF GROUND. GOAL NETS

11. (a) The playing ground for the Cup-ties shall be a rectangle a maximum of 120 yards long by 80 yards wide and a minimum of:-
- (i) in the Senior Cup competition 110 yards long by 70 yards wide;
 - (ii) in the Senior Trophy Cup competition and the Sunday Challenge Cup 100 yards long by 60 yards wide;
 - (iii) in the Junior Cup, the Sunday Trophy, the Sunday Junior Cup and the Veterans Cup competitions 100 yards long by 50 yards wide; and
- (b) All lines must be clearly defined according to Law 1 of the "Laws of Association Football".
- (c) Goal nets must be used in all ties except prior to the third rounds of the Junior Cup.

REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES. ELIGIBILITY. APPOINTMENT

12. (a) The Association shall appoint Referees for all matches in these Competitions and shall appoint Assistant Referees for:-
- (i) all matches in the Senior Cup, the Senior Trophy and the Sunday Challenge Cup competitions;
 - (ii) the Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Final Ties of the Junior Cup, the Sunday Trophy and the Sunday Junior Cup competitions with each competing Club being required to appoint an Assistant Referee in earlier rounds; and
 - (iii) the Semi-finals and Final Ties of the Veterans Cup competition with each competing Club being required to appoint an Assistant Referee in earlier rounds.
- The Association shall also appoint a Fourth Official for:-
- all Final Ties in these competitions;
 - if so requested in writing by both clubs competing in any other tie; and
 - such other ties as the Committee shall in its absolute discretion decide.
- (b) Neither past nor present Members of either of the competing Clubs in any tie shall be eligible for appointment by the Association to that tie.
- (c) Match Officials must acknowledge in writing, by electronic mail or by first-class post, appointments made by the Association and must also acknowledge receipt of match details from the Home Club.
- (d) The appointed Match Officials must be present at the ground at least one hour prior to the advertised time of kick-off.
- (e) Referees must be handed each Club's Team Sheet as required by Rule 5(l) and shall return both sheets to the Association, duly endorsed with the result and actual time of kick-off. Referees must report and indicate the reasons for any late start of a tie. The Club(s) responsible for a late start must be informed that they are being reported.
- (f) Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to charge fees and travelling expenses and any reasonably incurred Congestion Charge or Toll according to the scales approved by the Committee. In the event of a match being postponed due to causes beyond the control of either Club, the Match Officials shall be entitled to charge half the match fee plus full travelling expenses and any reasonably incurred Congestion Charge or Toll, according to the scales approved by the Committee, if they attend the ground.
- (g) In the Junior Cup, the Sunday Trophy, the Sunday Junior Cup and the Veterans Cup competitions, where a Referee is not appointed by the Association or, having been so appointed fails to attend the match, the teams must agree on a Referee.
- (h) In Final ties, fees, travelling expenses and a medal or plaque shall be awarded.

FEES AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF APPOINTED MATCH OFFICIALS FOR LONDON FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS

13 (a) FEES

Competition	Referee	Assistant Referees/Fourth Officials
Senior Cup	£53	£34
Senior Trophy	£35	£25
Junior Cup	£35	£25
Veterans Cup	£35	£25
Sunday Challenge Cup	£35	£25
Sunday Trophy	£35	£25
Sunday Junior Cup	£35	£25

(b) EXPENSES

- a. By rail or underground – cheapest available fare.
- b. By other public transport – actual fare by cheapest direct route.
- c. By private car – 35p per mile and any reasonably incurred Congestion Charge or Toll.

(c) CUP FINALS

In Final ties, fees, travelling expenses and a medal or plaque shall be awarded.

THE DURATION OF PLAY. INTERVAL. WHEN EXTRA TIME PLAYED

14. (a) The duration of all ties shall be ninety minutes or, prior to the Final ties (and excluding the Senior Cup and the Senior Trophy competitions), such shorter period as the competing Clubs may agree upon and notify to the Referee prior to the commencement of the tie being:-

- (i) in the Junior Cup competition not less than eighty minutes; and
- (ii) in the Sunday Challenge Cup, the Sunday Trophy, the Sunday Junior Cup and the Veterans Cup competitions not less than seventy minutes.

The Referee shall extend such time limits to the extent that he or she considers that time has been lost or wasted by accident or other cause.

(b) The half-time interval shall not exceed:-

- (i) fifteen minutes in the Senior Cup, the Senior Trophy Cup, the Junior Cup and the Veterans Cup competitions; and
- (ii) ten minutes in the Sunday Challenge Cup, the Sunday Trophy and the Sunday Junior Cup competitions.

The half-time interval may be altered only with the consent of the Referee.

(c) In all games up to and including the quarter finals in all of the Competitions if the scores remain level after 90 minutes (plus any additional time allowed by the Referee for time lost or wasted by accident or other cause) the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures adopted by The International Football Association Board.

(d) In all games in the Semi-Finals and the Finals in all of the Competitions if the scores remain level after 90 minutes (plus any additional time allowed by the Referee for time lost or wasted by accident or other cause) extra-time of fifteen minutes (plus any additional time allowed by the Referee for time lost or wasted by accident or other cause) each way shall be played and the team having scored the greater number of goals at the conclusion of extra-time will then be declared the winner. If the scores still remain level after extra time the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures adopted by The International Football Association Board.

CLUBS' LIABILITY IN DEFAULT OF NOTICE TO WITHDRAW

15. No Club shall be allowed to withdraw without the permission of the Committee. Any Club intending to withdraw must give written notice to the Secretary of the Committee to be received by him or her not later than the one week before the date fixed for playing the tie. In default of such notice, the Committee shall have power to order the offending Club to pay all or part of the expenses incurred by its opponents. The Committee shall also have power to impose such penalty for withdrawal as it thinks fit.

RESULTS OF TIES TO BE REPORTED TO THE ASSOCIATION. DEFAULTERS' LIABILITY

16. (a) The Secretary of each Club shall return the Match Result Form (Form "L"), fully completed, (either by electronic mail or by fax or by post) to be received by the Secretary of the Committee within four days of playing the tie.

(b) The Secretary of each Club must by no later than 12 noon on the next day (Sundays not included) report the result of the tie to the Association Office either by SMS (on the "Full-Time" system) or by electronic mail or by telephone.

(c) Clubs failing to comply with paragraphs (a) and/or (b) of this Rule shall be liable to a fine on either failure of £15.00.

COMMITTEE TO DECIDE QUESTIONS OF ELIGIBILITY, ETC. OBJECTIONS TO GOAL POSTS ETC., TO BE MADE TO THE REFEREE PRIOR TO TIE. PROTEST PROCEDURE. WHEN BARRISTER OR SOLICITOR MAY REPRESENT THE CLUB. WHEN MEMBER OF COMMITTEE MAY NOT SIT. LIABILITY OF APPELLANT CLUB. TIME LIMIT FOR PROTESTS. DECISIONS OF SUB-COMMITTEES.

17. (a) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players, or of interpretation of the Rules herein contained or referred to shall be referred to the Committee, whose decision shall be final. No objections relative to the ground, goal posts, crossbars or other appurtenances of the game will be entertained by the Committee unless a protest is made to the Referee before the commencement of the tie. No reference or protest of any kind whatever will be entertained by the Committee unless and until the protesting Club shall have lodged the protest containing full particulars of the grounds of such protest together with a deposit of £25.00 with the Secretary of the Committee, who shall then send a copy of the protest to the Club protested against without delay. Each Club may support its case by witnesses. No Barrister or Solicitor shall represent a Club at the Hearing of a protest unless he or she is a bona fide Member of the Club concerned. Should either of the two Clubs have a Member on the Committee, such Member shall not be eligible to sit on or be present at the Hearing (except as a witness) when such dispute or protest is being determined. In the event of the protest not being sustained, the Committee, if it deems fit, may cause the deposit to be forfeited to the funds of the Association in addition to ordering the said Club to pay such sum as the Committee may consider necessary towards defraying the expenses of the Association and of the Club protested against. No reference or protest above referred to shall be withdrawn except by consent of the Committee, which shall have power to insist on payment of the protest fee in all cases relating to the fit playing condition of the ground, in which cases the decision of the Referee shall be final.

(b) Protests must be lodged within two days of the tie (Sundays not included) except protests with respect to the eligibility or qualification of players, which must be lodged within seven days of the tie. Decisions of any Sub-committee appointed by the Committee to hear and determine any matter shall be deemed to be decisions of the Committee within this Rule.

GATE CHARGES

18. In the Senior Cup competition, prior to the final tie, gate money must be taken. The minimum charge for admission to ties in the Senior Cup competition shall be £5.

DIVISION OF GATE MONEY. MATCH EXPENSES. INSUFFICIENT RECEIPTS. SETTLEMENT.

19. (a) The proceeds of all ties (except ties replayed in consequence of a breach of Rule and Final ties) shall be divided equally between the competing Clubs after paying out the allowable expenses.

(b) Allowable expenses shall be the fees and expenses of the Referee and of the Assistant Referees when appointed by the Association and of the Fourth Official when appointed by the Association together with:-

- (i) in the Senior Cup and the Senior Trophy Cup competitions gateman, stewards and turnstile operators and costs (not exceeding £75) of floodlighting when used. Travelling expenses actually incurred, which must not exceed £3.00 per coach mile. If private cars or mini buses are used, then the expenses which can be claimed will be for a maximum of five cars at £0.40 per mile. When travelling by rail, the cost of 18 standard class fares at the cheapest available rate may be charged.

- (ii) in the Junior Cup, the Veterans Cup, the Sunday Challenge Cup, the Sunday Trophy and the Sunday Junior Cup competitions the cost of the ground up to a maximum of £100.00.

(c) In all rounds of the Senior Cup competition prior to the Final tie a full statement shall be made by the Club playing at its home ground to the visiting Club and to the Secretary of the Committee within fourteen days of the date of the match on the prescribed Statement of Receipts and Payments Form. Failure to return the Gate Statement within the time specified will render the Club liable to a fine not exceeding £15.00 and it may also be struck out of the competition.

(d) If the receipts are not sufficient to cover the allowable expenses the deficit shall be shared equally between the two competing Clubs.

(e) The net gate receipts or the deficit shall be divided immediately after the match.

FINAL TIES

20. (a) All Final ties shall be played on such grounds as the Committee may determine. The Association shall take entire control of the same, taking all receipts and paying all expenses in connection with such ties. If the receipts are not sufficient to cover the expenses the deficit shall be borne by the Association.

(b) Medals or other commemorative tokens shall be presented to the competitors in the Final Tie, save that the Committee may withhold such tokens from any player ordered from the field of play by the Referee for misconduct.

- (c) Unless otherwise agreed by the Committee, the minimum charge for admission to the London Senior Cup final shall be the minimum charged by the League in which the highest placed finalist competes. All concessions shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

REPLAYED TIES THROUGH BREACH OF RULE

21. In any tie ordered to be replayed in consequence of a breach of Rule, the Club in default may be instructed by the Committee to defray all or part of the costs of the replay.

COLOURS

22. No player shall be allowed to play in a shirt the colour of which is likely to cause confusion by being similar to the outfit worn by the Referee (i.e. black or dark blue). Where the colours of the two competing Clubs are similar, the away Team must make a change, unless the home team has a change of kit available, in which case the away club shall be liable for the cleaning bill of such kit. In Final ties, where the colours of the two competing Clubs are similar, both Clubs must change their colours.

LIABILITY OF CLUBS IN FINAL TIES

23. In the Final Ties, any Club failing to play, without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure, may be adjudged by the Committee to have been guilty of serious misconduct and liable to be dealt with by the Association.

CLUBS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFE CUSTODY OF CUPS AND TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT

24. When the winning Club shall have been ascertained, the relevant Cup shall be handed to the Representatives of the Club and the following agreement signed:

"We, the Secretary ofFootball Club, and and Members of and representing the said Club, having been declared the winner of the London Football Association Limited (insert competition name) Cup Competition and the Cup having been delivered to us in good order do hereby, on behalf of the said Club and individually and collectively engage to return the Cup to the Association on or before the 31st December next in like good order and condition in accordance with the Rules of the Competition to which we also have subscribed our respective names provided always that if the said Cup is destroyed or damaged by fire or by any other cause or lost whilst in our care we agree to refund to the Association the amount of its value or the cost of thorough repair as the case may be. **Failure to return the Cup by the due date will result in a fine of £250."**

COMMITTEES MAY ALTER RULES

25. (a) The Committee shall have power to alter, expunge or add to these Rules as it shall from time to time deem expedient, but such alteration or expunction or addition shall not come into force until the season following that in which the Committee shall have decided upon it.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Committee has to adopt emergency measures to complete its competitions in a season, such alteration or expunction or addition shall come into force forthwith if two-thirds of those being present vote in favour of such action at a Meeting held to deal with an emergency.
- (c) All decisions made by the Committee are final and are not subject to appeal, save for a club being expelled from the Competition.
- (d) Provisions concerning appeals:
- A Club that is expelled from the Competition may appeal against that decision to an appeal board comprising 3 members of administering County's Council selected by the Chairman of Council or his nominee. Any such appeal shall only be permitted on one or more of the following grounds:
- (i) The Cup sub-Committee misinterpreted/failed to comply with the procedures relevant to the hearing of the charge.
- (ii) The Cup sub-Committee came to a decision on the facts of the case which no reasonable body could have reached.
- (iii) The Cup sub-Committee imposed a sanction that is excessive.
- Any appeal must be made in accordance with such procedures as may be determined by the Association from time to time.
- For the avoidance of doubt, a Club may not appeal against any penalty imposed on it other than expulsion from the Competition.

WHERE COMMUNICATIONS ARE TO BE ADDRESSED

26. All communications required by any of the Rules shall be addressed as required by the appropriate Rule or in default of any such requirement to the Secretary of the Committee.