**Welcome to the 2020-21 London Cup Competition. All administration for these competitions is run from the London FA Office. Point of contact is Jamaal.Horne@LondonFA.com**

**Important Cup Rules**

**Extra time and penalties**

**No extra time, straight to penalties.**

\*All London Cup matches will go straight to penalties if the scores are level after regulation up to and including the quarterfinals\*

*If the score remains level after normal time, extra time will be played* ***(Semi-finals & Finals Only):***

**Substitutions**

* Sunday Adult Cups, a maximum of 5 substitutes may be named, with **roll-on roll-off substitutions** made throughout the game.

All other Cup rules can be seen on the London FA website. Any rule queries should be directed to Jamaal.Horne@LondonFA.com

Please ensure you have familiarised yourself with the London FA Cup Rules and enjoy playing in the 2020/21 London County Cups this season.

**Please read the below to avoid being fined:**

**Team Sheets**

Clubs must download, print and complete their team sheet and give to the referee 15 minutes prior to kick off. The team sheets are available to download at www.londonfa.com/cups-and-competitions.

Please ensure that the referee is either handed the team sheet, given a copy or takes a clear picture of the team sheet to submit to London FA HQ. Clubs are expected to ensure their team sheet is either handed to the referee, emailed or scanned. Clear pictures sent via e-mail are acceptable. If a team sheet is not received by London FA within 4 days of the match, the club can face a fine.

**Referee Marks Results Sheet**

A copy of this completed form must be returned by both clubs after each game. It can be downloaded from www.londonfa.com/cups-and-competitions.

This must include both the match result and the referee mark for the game. The referee should be marked in 3 areas, which will total a score out of 100, with anything below 60 counting as below standard and therefore requiring a written report explaining the low mark.

These must be returned within 4 days of the match or the club can face a £25 fine. If you have difficulty downloading the result sheet, an email with the referee’s mark is acceptable. Please note the guidance below on referee’s marks:

Well Below Standard – 0-60

Below Standard – 61-69

Standard Expected – 70-75

Above Standard – 76-85

Well Above Standard/Exceptional – 86-100

**Match Officials**

Match Officials will be appointed by London FA. Assistant Referees will be appointed to all Sunday Challenge Cup matches, as well as from the Quarter Finals of the Sunday Trophy and Sunday Junior Cup.

**Referee Match Fees**

Match fees for London Sunday Adult Cup games are as follows:

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| Competition | Referee | Assistant Referee |
| Sunday Adult Cups | £40 | £30 |

**Match Expenses and Costs**

Referee and pitch costs are to be split equally (50/50) by both teams. **The home team must** **physically pay the referee** but the costs shall be split equally. The maximum the home team can claim for pitch costs is £100. For example, if the pitch costs £300, the home team cannot claim £150 from the away team, the most they can claim is £100. If the pitch costs £120, then the away team are to provide the home team with £60 as their share of the costs.

For the Sunday Junior & Trophy, referee costs shall be split £20 each club and for the Sunday Challenge Cup £50 each club for the referee and 2 assistant referees.

We encourage the safe payment of cash to referees (enveloped, money bag etc) considering the current Covid-19 climate. BACS transfer is permitted but immediate payment is strongly encouraged.

**Full-Time**

The London Cup will be administered by Full-Time with further information e.g. draws, fixtures, referee appointments etc. provided on the London FA website as well.

**Email Notifications**

One of the key aspects to Full-Time is that fixtures and referee appointments are automatically emailed to clubs and referees on a “need to know” basis. Emails are sent when the fixtures and/or appointments are created or adjusted and as a reminder closer to match time.

**\*Please ensure at least 1 member of your club has their email verified to receive notification from Full Time\*** If you are unsure, please check your email, spam and/or junk for an email from *donotreply@FullTime* or email Jamaal.Horne@LondonFA.com.

**Pre-match Communication**

***Please confirm venue and kick off time as early as possible***

*The secretary of the home club is responsible for communicating the kick-off time and venue to the away team secretary and match officials a minimum of 7 days before the game. We understand there will always be 1st round teething problems and we will be as reasonable as possible. From the 2nd round onwards, this will be strictly enforced.*

Contact details for all parties will be sent via Full Time as soon as the match has been arranged and again 14 days before the fixture. You will also receive notification when match officials are added or changed. It is then vital the home club secretary contacts the away team and match officials. Failure to do so can result in the home club being fined.

*Kick-Off Time –* Any teams failing to agree on a kick-off time should contact London FA for a decision. All London Cup Competitions matches must kick-off between 10.00am-2.00pm unless otherwise agreed by both teams in writing.

If a team wishes to play a match at a later kick-off time, under floodlights, special permission must be sought, in writing, from London FA. Permission will only be granted with the agreement of both participating teams.

Any teams failing to contact their opposition and referee may face a fine.