



Manchester FA

COMPETITION RULE CHANGE
SUMMARY
SEASON 2017-18



All Competitions

All -

- Consistent rewording, reorder and alignment of the rules against each other.
- Amendments to sanction guidelines.
- Removal of Match Official fees for Final Ties - replaced with an enhance memento + expenses + medal

Competition (Entry) -

- Only Associate Members within a 16 mile radius will be considered eligible to enter all MFA Competitions.

Competition (Player Qualification & Registration) -

- Players must be registered and assigned to the competing team through the Whole Game Player Registration facility.
- Photo ID using either the Whole Game player registration facility or other ID card systems must be shown prior to any competition fixture.

Fixtures (Duration) -

- **No Extra Time** to be played in any MFA Competition game - the rule was in force last season however the rule change sees the introduction of the sanction that **both teams will be excluded** from the competition in this eventuality.

Fixtures (Match Cards) -

- Teams must submit a match card to the match official(s) either 30 or 45 minutes prior to the game (competition specific). Any changes after the submission to the document must be agreed with the match official(s).

Fixtures (Match Officials) -

- Match officials will be permitted to wear a coloured referee jersey should the team kit colours require it. The only permitted colour, other than black, is yellow.

Trophies -

- When the winning team is ascertained, the Association shall deliver the trophy to such Club which shall be responsible for its return to the Association on or before 5th January in the ensuing year in good order and condition.

In addition to the above the following amendments have been made to each competition.



Premier Cup

Competition (Final Ties) -

- Clubs competing in the final tie will be allocated 100 tickets each for sale to their supporters with more available if required. All clubs will receive a rebate of 5% of ticket sales.

Adult Competitions

Competition (Grounds) -

- For teams playing at grounds where there are no suitable changing facilities, clubs must confirm this with both the opposition and match official(s) at the time of confirming the fixture.

Competition (Player Qualification & Registration) -

- All players must be a minimum of 35 years of age to be eligible for the Veteran's Cup.

Fixtures (Postponements) -

- When owing to adverse weather, fixtures may only be postponed by a designated match official, ground owner or local authority where the ground is under local authority jurisdiction.

Fixtures (Match Cards) -

- Teams must tick which substitutes have been used during a fixture. Any Substitute that has not been ticked will be considered to have played should the 'No Subs Used' box be left blank.
- Should any player sustain an injury prior to kick off and after the completion of the match card they may be replaced provided the Match Official and opponents are informed before the commencement of the match.

Fixtures (Substitutions) -

- A player substituted becomes a substitute & may replace a player at any time during the fixture (roll on roll off substitutes from 5 named on the match card). The rule is for all competitions excluding the Premier Cup & Saturday Challenge Trophy.
- In the Premier Cup & Saturday Challenge Trophy substitutions are allowed from any 3 players from a maximum of 5 names on the match card (not rolling).



Youth Competitions

Competition (player qualification & registration) -

- Photo ID using either the Whole Game player registration facility or other ID card systems must be shown prior to any competition fixture.

Fixtures (Postponements) -

- When owing to adverse weather, fixtures may only be postponed by a designated match official, ground owner or local authority where the ground is under local authority jurisdiction.

Fixtures (Match Cards) -

- Both teams are required to complete all requirements stated on the match card. It is the requirement of the home team to provide the match card.
- The home team shall send a scanned/photo image of the completed match card to **competitions@manchesterfa.com** within 7 days of the fixture. Postal copies are no longer accepted.
- Teams must tick which substitutes have been used during a fixture. Any substitute that has not been ticked will be considered to have played should the 'No Subs Used' box be left blank.

Fixtures (Club Responsibilities) -

- Within 7 days of the draw being published, any teams unable to play the assigned fixture must notify the competition via email to **compeitions@manchesterfa.com**.

**If you have a query regarding any of these changes,
please contact competitions@manchesterfa.com.**