

MIDDLESEX FA COUNTY CUP CLUB GUIDANCE

ADULT COUNTY CUPS

Clubs should familiarise themselves with the Competition Rules for the season ahead. These are accessible on the Middlesex FA Website.

These Guidance Notes should be read in conjunction with those Rules and have been prepared to assist you.

KICK OFF TIMES (see Rule 5 (d))

Saturday: Matches shall kick-off no later than 2.00pm during August, September, October, March and April. During November, December, January and February, matches shall kick off no later than 1.00pm.

Sunday: Matches to commence no earlier than 10:00am and no later than 2pm during August, September, October, March and April. During November, December, January and February, match shall kick off no later than 1.00pm.

For all Competitions, the Home Team will determine the exact time of kick off.

TEAM SHEETS

ALL TEAMSHEETS ARE ONLINE, NO CLUB WILL BE POSTED ANY DOCUMENTS

- **PRE-MATCH** (see Rule 6 (h))

A Team Sheet is to be shared with the opposition and referee. As an online version has replaced the paper team sheets, therefore the Club has the option to either email or print various copies to ensure those required receive the documentation. If emailed, any last minute changes must be communicated to the Opposition and Match Official prior to Kick Off. The online version is an editable PDF, therefore can be edited on the side of the pitch if needed.

- **POST MATCH** (see Rule 6(h)(iv))

Both Clubs must ensure that a completed Team Sheet, with the result and referee mark is emailed to countycups@middlesexfa.com within 5 days of the tie, failure to do so could result in a fine.

MATCH OFFICIALS

- If you do not have a confirmed referee:
 - The Club must notify countycups@middlesexfa.com as soon as possible to attempt to reappoint.
 - Where a Referee fails to attend a match, the teams **MUST** agree on a Referee (see rule 8 (i)).
 - If a match is **not** played as a consequence of the Clubs failure to agree, the match shall be dealt with as an unfulfilled fixture.
- Where there are no gate receipts, both the home and away teams shall share equally the cost of the Match Officials Expenses (See Rule 8 (h)). Fees are listed in the Table at the end of this Guidance.
- If gate receipts are taken, the payments shall be made by the Home Club immediately after the conclusion of the match.

PITCH COST

The home team shall be responsible for covering the cost of the ground (see Rule 5 (e)).

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

Rule 10 outlines the complete qualifications a player must reach before playing in the County Cup.

- Players must be registered for the current season with the League in which the Club competes at least 7 days before the date set for the fixture by the Committee.
- If a fixture is postponed or replayed, only those players qualified for the original date of the match shall be eligible to play.
- In all sections, players who are not registered a minimum of 28 days prior to the scheduled date of the Final or who are not registered in time to play in the semi-final times (whichever is later), shall be ineligible to play in the Final.
- Players in the Veterans Cup must have attained the age of 35 on the date of the fixture.

- When a player has played in 2 or more matches in a Competition, he is ineligible to play in any lower competition. For full explanation please see from Rule 11 (f).

PLEASE NOTE...

- Artificial Turf pitches are allowed provided they are listed on The Football Association Register of Artificial Pitches, with the maximum dimensions outlined in the Cup Rule 6 (a).
- Clubs must wear colours that distinguish them from each other, and the black outfit worn by the match Officials. Where there is a clash, the Away team shall change unless otherwise mutually agreed (Rule 6 (j))

WHAT ELSE TO KNOW?

Competition	Extra Time	Pens	Sin Bins	Subs "5 from 5"	Subs "5 from 5 roll on/off"	Referee Fee	A/R Fee	Travel per mile
Midweek								
Senior Challenge	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	£75	£50	n/a
Senior Charity	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	£75	£50	n/a
Premier Cup	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	£60	£40	n/a
Saturday								
Intermediate Cup	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	£50	£38	n/a
Junior Cup	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	£50	£38	n/a
Junior Trophy	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	£50	£38	n/a
Sunday								
Sunday Premier	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	£50	£38	n/a
Sunday Intermediate	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	£50	£38	n/a
Sunday Junior	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	£50	£38	n/a
Sunday Junior Trophy	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	£50	£38	n/a
Veterans Cup	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	£50	£38	n/a