

MIDDLESEX FA COUNTY CUP CLUB GUIDANCE

YOUTH 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. The Rule Number is listed as advisory for more information.

KICK OFF TIMES (see Rule 5 (c))

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 matches shall commence no later than 1pm. Unless a time is mutually agreed by competing teams.

The Home Club 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 7 (f))

A Team Sheet is to be shared with the opposition and referee. As an online version has replaced the paper team sheets, 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 7(f)(iii))

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 9 (i)).
- Both the home and away teams shall share equally the cost of the Match Officials. (see Rule 9 (h)). Fees are listed in the Table at the end of this Guidance.

PITCH COST

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

ID DOCUMENTS

Prior to Kick Off, Clubs **MUST** exchange Identity Documents. These are the Identity Documents produced by your League, therefore either Match Cards, a printout from WGS or an electronic version showing a list of registered players. If a Club fails to produce Identity Documents, it is the responsibility of the Club and Referee to ensure Rule 11 (d) is followed.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

Rule 11 outlines the complete qualifications a player must reach before playing in the County Cup. Some Rules may alter within the Senior Youth Cup, please refer to Rule 12.

- Players must be registered for the current season with the League in which the Club plays.
- Players cannot play for more than one competing team in the Competition during any one playing season.
- Matches after the 31st October, players **MUST** have attained the below:
 - A player must have been a member of his/her Club for at least 14 days prior to the date fixed for the match. If a fixture is postponed or replayed, only those players qualified for the original date of the match shall be eligible to play.

- A player must have taken part in at least **TWO** matches for his/her Club in the current season.
- In all sections, players who are not qualified to play in the semi final ties shall be ineligible to play in the final ties.
- If a match is deferred or postponed, only those players qualified in accordance with the Rules at the original date fixed for the match shall be eligible to play.

POSTPONED MATCHES

If a match is postponed over circumstances which neither competing team has control, the fixture will be rescheduled no later than 7 days after the date of the match (see Rule 5 (e)).

When a match has been postponed on two occasions, the fixture will be reversed to the Away side (see Rule 5 (e)).

No other reason will be accepted for the fixture to be postponed. If a Club has a clash, they need to submit to countycups@middlesexfa.com in line with 5 (i), for which the fixture will be played one week prior.

SENIOR YOUTH CUP

If your Team competes in the Senior Youth Cup, please take note of the differences that are applied in this Cup which may differ in other Youth Competitions. This is outlined in Rule 12.

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 Rules 7 (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 7 (h))
- Temporary Dismissals (Sin Bins) apply in all sections of the Competition, excluding the Senior Youth Cup, in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Please see table below.

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
Senior Youth	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	£45	£35	n/a
Under 16 / 17 / 18	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	£45	£35	n/a
All Other Youth	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	£40	£30	n/a