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7. Qualification of Players

- (c) No player shall play for a team in the Semi-Finals or final of any County Cup Competition unless:
- he/she has played in at least two competitive matches (League, League Cup and/or County Cup) for the said team prior to the Semi-Finals during the current season
 - and/or (or was a registered bona fide player for the said team on 1st October of the current season)

10. Specific Competition Eligibility

(j) Norfolk Women's Cup

Reserve Teams Pilot – 2020-21

Any Club that has a Women's Reserves side may choose to enter that team into the Women's Cup if they wish to do so, in addition to entering their First Team.

Should a Club enter more than one team into the Competition, then any players at that Club shall only be permitted to play for either the First Team or the Reserves and shall not be permitted to play for both sides in the Competition in the same season.

For the avoidance of doubt, once a player has played for either team, they must not play for the other team at the Club in the Competition. Should they do so, this will make them an ineligible player and this will be dealt with in accordance with Cup Rule 12.

14. Venues

(d) In all Competitions, if the ground of the first drawn Club is not available for any other reason, and the ground of the opposing team is available, then the venue of the tie shall be switched to the ground of the opposing team. In the event of a tie being switched to the ground of the second drawn Club, they shall become the home team and shall be responsible for payment of the Match Officials fees and pitch fees if applicable.

Should the ground of the second drawn Club also not be available then the delegated committee shall have the power to determine where the match be played and the financial conditions related to this.

Failure to comply with the Rule may result in a fine of up to £30 for either or both Clubs.

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21. Match Arrangements

(g) In all Competitions except for the Norfolk Senior Cup, if both teams are in agreement, any tie prior to the Quarter Finals may be played on the weekend prior to the date of the Round or no later than the weekend following the date of the Round. Such agreement shall be confirmed with Norfolk County Football Association no later than 10 days prior to the original match date.

(i) For the avoidance of doubt, from the Quarter Finals stage of all County Cup competitions, ties must be played on the specified date of the round and at the scheduled kick off time. Failure to comply with this Rule may result in a fine of up to £100

24. Duration

(i) The duration of all County Cup fixtures will be as per the tables below

Competition	Duration	Half Time Interval	Extra Time	Penalties
Invitation Cup	2 x 45 minute periods	Shall not exceed 5 minutes, except by consent of the referee	No	Yes
Veterans Cup	2 x 45 minute periods	Shall not exceed 5 minutes, except by consent of the referee	No	Yes
All other Adult Competitions	2 x 45 minute periods	Shall not exceed 5 minutes, except by consent of the referee	No	Yes
John Savage Cup	2 x 40 minute periods	Shall not exceed 5 minutes, except by consent of the referee	No	Yes
Stuart Dracup Cup	2 x 35 minute periods	Shall not exceed 5 minutes, except by consent of the referee	No	Yes
Under 12's Cup	2 x 30 minute periods	Shall not exceed 5 minutes, except by consent of the referee	No	Yes
The referee shall allow for any time, which he/she considers has been wasted either owing to an incident or other cause				

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25. Postponed and/or Abandoned Fixtures

(b) For all matches prior to the Semi-Final in the Norfolk Senior Cup and for all matches from the last 16 onwards in all other County Cup competitions, in the event of doubt regarding the condition of the pitch and/or the possibility of the match not being played due to adverse ground conditions, the home Club shall arrange for a pitch inspection to be carried out by the match referee or if they are unavailable, an alternative suitably qualified match official who must not be associated with either Club. Should an alternative match official be used they must communicate with the match referee who will ultimately be the one who decides if the tie is to be played. The inspecting Referee shall be entitled to claim travel expenses which will be paid by the home Club.

27. Match Expenses and Gate Money

Where a fee is charged, the same fee structure must be applied for all spectators, including any concessionary fee that may be charged. The home Club shall provide the visiting Club with 10 complimentary admission tickets.

(ii) Further to the above, the home Club are required to complete the Statement of Receipts and Expenses Form and submit copies of the form to both the opposing team and Norfolk County Football Association within 7 days of the fixture and where applicable payment must be made to the visiting Club within 14 days of the match . Any Club failing to comply with this rule may be fined up to £30

(iv) Match and travelling expenses are defined as those applicable to The FA Vase competition. Should there be any dispute regarding Match and travelling expenses, the delegated committee shall have the authority to resolve such dispute as deemed appropriate.

Failure to comply with this rule may result in a fine of up to £100

42.Provisions Concerning Appeals

(a) A Club that is expelled from a County Cup may appeal against that decision to an appeal board in accordance with the procedures for FA appeals