**Supplementary information for North Riding FA County Cup Competitions 2020/21**

**APPOINTMENT OF MATCH OFFICIALS TO NORTH RIDING FA JUNIOR COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS**

As a consequence of wanting to improve the Association’s safeguarding protocols for Match Officials who are under the age of 18 it has been agreed that North Riding FA will endeavour to appoint Match Officials for all ties to be played in each round within its junior competitions during the 2020/21 season. Whilst every effort will be made to ensure that this is the case, we cannot guarantee the appointment of a referee for every game. If the County FA is unable to appoint an official, then it is expected that both clubs will agree on an individual to officiate the game. Failure to play a match under these circumstances may result in the North Riding FA Competitions Committee removing both clubs from the competition.

Please contact **Paul Stalker on 07725 307822** if you have any queries on referee appointments in junior cup competitions.

**OUT OF HOURS CONTACT**

If you need to contact North Riding FA outside of office hours in relation to the County Cup competitions, please call **Barry Casterton on 07921 455470.**

**REPORTING RESULTS AND SUBMITTING TEAMSHEETS**

* Team Sheets must be submitted to the County FA to support@northridingfa.com as soon as possible but within 3 days of the fixture.
* Both teams are required to communicate the result of the game by SMS Text immediately after the game has ended.
* Both teams are required to communicate P-P if postponed, followed by written reasons within 24hrs of the match kick-off time to support@northridingfa.com
* When contacting the County FA via email please use the fixture name/Competition & Round in the subject title *e.g FC Red V Blues FC Saturday Challenge Prelim Round*
* Where a fixture is to be postponed please check your Competition Rules for timescales as to when the opposition/Referee must be notified

Please note that all of the above is within the Rules of the Competitions and failure to comply with the above will result in a minimum fine of £10.

**SPECIFIC POWERS OF THE NORTH RIDING FA COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE IN RELATION TO COVID-19**

(a) The North Riding FA Competitions Committee may determine that any match in the Competition must be played behind closed doors.

(b) If the North Riding FA Competitions Committee determines that it will not be possible to start the Competition as scheduled, the North Riding FA Competitions Committee may amend the format of the Competition.

(c) If the Competition has started but the North Riding FA Competitions Committee determines that it will not be possible for all rounds of the Competition to be played (including a round which has started but not completed), The North Riding FA Competitions Committee may amend the format of the Competition, including but not limited to (i) cancelling the Competition or (ii) declaring that a round (or multiple rounds) of the Competition is either null and void (including any matches in a round which have already been played) or shall not be played and that the Competition shall re-commence from a later round. If the North Riding FA Competitions Committee declares that the Competition shall commence from a later round, it shall determine (in its sole discretion) which Clubs shall be selected to participate in that round.

**PROVISIONS FOR WITHDRAWING FROM THE COMPETITION**

If a Club may not be able to compete in a match on the date scheduled for the match for reasons due to COVID-19 (including but not limited to on the basis that a significant number of its players have tested positive for, or are showing symptoms of, COVID-19 or a local lockdown has been imposed which prevents the Club from playing), it must inform The Association as soon as it becomes aware of the relevant circumstances. In such circumstances, and subject to Rule 11 below, the National Game Board shall take such action as it deems appropriate (in its absolute discretion).

**RESCHEDULED, POSTPONED AND ABANDONED MATCHES (MATCHES PLAYED PRIOR TO THE SEMI-FINALS)**

(i) If the competing Clubs are not able to play the match at the ground of the Home Club on the scheduled or agreed date, due to COVID-19, the Clubs can agree to:

a. play the match at the ground of the Visiting Club or an alternative ground on the original date; or

b. postpone or reschedule the match (to be played at the ground of either the Home Club, the Visiting Club or an alternative ground) to another date within seven days of the date fixed for playing the round (the “Postponement Window”),

provided that in each case the consent of The Association has been obtained.

(ii) It is in the interests of both Clubs to mutually agree on arrangements, and consider having alternative options, such as back-up date and 3G Football Turf pitch on stand-by to ensure the match can be played within the Postponement Window.

(iii) If the Clubs cannot agree on a date for the postponed or rescheduled match, the default date will be seven days from the original date of the tie.

(iv) If the Clubs are not able to reschedule and play the match within the Postponement Window, the Clubs will have no further opportunity to reschedule the match. If one Club is not able (or willing) to compete in the match within the Postponement Window, that Club will be deemed to have forfeited the match and withdrawn from the Competition and its opponent shall be deemed eligible to participate in the next round of the Competition. If both Clubs are not able (or willing) to compete in the within the Postponement Window, both Clubs will be deemed to have forfeited the match and withdrawn from the Competition and there will be one bye in the next round of the Competition.

(vi) If one or both Clubs are not able or willing to compete in a match within the Postponement Window, the relevant Club shall submit the reasons why it was not able or willing to compete in the match to the National Game Board. The North Riding FA Competitions Committee (or a subcommittee of the same) shall determine whether one or both Clubs shall be deemed to have forfeited the match and withdrawn from the Competition (as appropriate).

**PLAYERS**

In exceptional circumstances related to COVID-19, a Club may make a written application to the North Riding FA to field a player who was not registered with The Association prior to the Registration Deadline for a round which has subsequently been postponed.

**TESTING**

(a)

A player shall be ineligible to compete in his Club’s next match in the Competition (and any

further matches in respect of which the same circumstances apply) if either:

(i)

1. a player has taken a COVID-19 antigen test (“CAT”) which has returned a positive

result; and

1. has not isolated:
	1. for ten days; or
	2. for fourteen days if the player has been defined as an at-risk close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case, unless the player develops symptoms within that fourteen day period in which case the player is only required to isolate for ten days; or
	3. in accordance with any updated government or national guidance in force at the relevant time; or
2. has isolated for the relevant number of days specified above but is still experiencing symptoms of COVID-19; or
3. the player has not taken a CAT but has experienced symptoms of COVID-19: and
	1. has not isolated for ten days or fourteen days in accordance with the above; or
	2. has isolated for the relevant number of days specified above but is still experiencing symptoms of COVID-19; or
4. If any of the circumstances above apply and the Club has appointed a COVID-19 Medical Officer, he or she shall confirm to The Association the relevant period of self-isolation for the player and whether the player has complied with that period of self-isolation.
5. Where a Club fields a player that is ineligible in accordance with the above, the North Riding FA Competitions Committee may impose such sanctions against the Club as it considers appropriate (at its sole discretion).