NORTHUMBERLAND F.A.

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Northumberland FA Global Image Embroidery Girls U14's Cup - Rules of the Competition

Name of the Competition

1. The Cup shall be called the "Northumberland FA Global Image Embroidery Girls U14's Cup".

Control of the Competition

2. Northumberland FA will manage the Competition. Northumberland FA shall have power to formulate the Rules of the Competition and to alter or to add to the Rules. Northumberland FA shall appoint a Cup Steering Committee to give decisions on matters arising out of the Competition. In any matter not specifically mentioned in these Rules Northumberland FA shall have the power to take such action and impose such penalties as it deems necessary.

Cup Ownership

3. The Cup shall be the property of Northumberland FA and shall not become the absolute property of any Club. The winning club will receive the Cup and shall be wholly responsible for its return to Northumberland FA on or before last day in March in the following year in good order and condition and suitably engraved with the winner's name. A fine as determined by Northumberland FA shall be imposed upon any Club which fails to carry out these conditions.

Medals /Trophies

4. In addition to the Cup, Northumberland FA shall present 16 (sixteen) Medals/Trophies to the players, substitutes, manager and secretary in the Final tie. When a player taking part in the Final tie is ordered to leave the field of play for misconduct, the Medal/Trophy to which the player would be entitled may be withheld at the discretion of Northumberland FA.

Organisation of the Competition

5. This Competition shall be open to all Girls U14 Clubs affiliated to Northumberland FA. The Cup shall be competed for annually and each Club shall pay an entry fee as determined from time to time by Northumberland FA. The Competition takes precedence over all League and Cup fixtures.

The Draw

6. The Clubs shall be drawn in couples. These couples shall compete, and the winners shall be drawn and shall compete in the same manner. This shall be continued until the end of the Competition, when the winning Club shall hold the Cup.
Immediately after each draw is made the details will be available to view on www.northumberlandfa.com/cups. All ties in each round shall be played on dates and time as Northumberland FA determine.
Should any club request a free week-end from their league they should also notify Northumberland FA of the dates. Any club informing Northumberland FA they are unable to play because of a free week-end which has not been notified may face disqualification from the competition.

Grounds for Ties other than the Final Tie

7. In each tie, the game shall be played on the ground of the Club drawn first, unless otherwise mutually arranged, and the consent of Northumberland FA obtained. Any change of venue or kick off time must be agreed with Northumberland FA. All teams entering the competition must be able to play games both home or away.

Club Colours/

8. Where the colours (shirts, shorts and socks) of the two competing Clubs are similar; the AWAY Club must change.
Colours must not clash with the black outfit worn by the Match Officials.

Footballs

9. A size 4 football will be used in these matches.

Duration of Matches

10. The duration of each match shall be 70 (seventy) minutes. The half-time interval shall not exceed 15 (fifteen) minutes which may only be altered with the consent of the match referee. If the match is drawn including the Final tie after 70 (seventy) minutes 10 (ten) minutes each way extra time will be played in all rounds. When a match including the Final tie has resulted in a draw the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedure adopted by the International Football Association Board.

When the first match has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of 70 (seventy) minutes, and neither Club being at fault, it must be played on the same ground on a date set by Northumberland FA. If extra time cannot be commenced or the match has been abandoned during extra time, and neither team being at fault, it must be replayed on the ground of the Club second drawn on a date set by Northumberland FA

The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and their decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. Any late kick off must be reported by the Referee to Northumberland FA who shall have the power to impose a fine.

Reporting Results

11. The Club Secretary of both clubs will receive a text from the **Full Time Text** service, both secretaries should reply to the text in the stated format immediately on completion of the game. If you do not receive a text please send the results, including the team names and Cup competition to 07458 043 673.

All Club Secretaries will be provided with an electronic Results Sheet; the HOME secretary must fill in the form in full and email it within 4 working days to rachel.carter@northumberlandfa.com

Provision for Final Tie

12. Northumberland FA shall have the authority to select and use any ground for the Final tie and shall have direct control of all the arrangements.

Provision Concerning Qualification of Players

13. The competing teams shall consist of 9 (nine) players, each bona-fide members of their respective Clubs and representing the full playing strength of such Clubs. No player shall be allowed to play for any Club until they have been a registered member of their Club by noon on the day previous to the time fixed for the playing of the match. All players must be under the age of 14 (fourteen) years as at midnight on 31st August of the current season to be eligible to play in the match. Players shall not be allowed to compete in an age group lower than that in which they have played during the current season except with Northumberland FA agreement.

A member is one who has registered with the League in which their Club competes. It is the competing club's responsibility to ensure that the players shall be duly qualified in accordance with the Rules of the Association.

A player shall not, in the same season, play in the Competition for more than 1 (one) Club, but the members of each respective team may be changed during the series of matches.

Only players who are eligible to play in the Semi-final ties shall be eligible to play in the Final tie, except that a Goalkeeper can be signed to play in the Final tie providing Medical evidence is provided in relation to any Goalkeepers registered with the Club.

A player who has been suspended may play in postponed, abandoned or replayed ties, subject to the term of her suspension having expired.

A maximum of up to 5 (five) substitutes may be named in any side by each side. A player who has been substituted herself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game. A substitute who is not used is entitled to play for another Club in the same season.

Each Club shall provide a list of players taking part in the match (including the substitutes) to the Referee and a representative of their opponents, in the presence of the Referee, at least 30 (thirty) minutes (45 (forty-five) in

the Final tie) before the kick-off. Any Club failing to do so will be fined the sum as determined by Northumberland FA. Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury after the submission of the Official Team Sheet to the Referee before the kick-off, she may be replaced, provided the Referee and a representative of their opponents are informed before the commencement of the match.
If a Club/person knows a player is ineligible to play in any match they must bring the matter to the notice of the offending Club before the commencement of the match.

Validity of Players Qualifications

14. If Northumberland FA have any doubt as to the qualification of any player taking part in this competition, they shall have power to call upon such player, or the Club to which they belong, or for which they played, to prove that they are qualified according to the Rules. Failing satisfactory proof Northumberland FA may disqualify such player, and may remove the Club from the Competition and impose such other penalty as they may think suitable.

Disqualification

15. Northumberland FA shall have the power to disqualify any competing Club, or player, or players of any competing Club who are proved to be guilty of breaching any of the Rules of the Association.

Provisions concerning Referees

16. Northumberland FA shall appoint a registered Referees in all ties who shall not be associated to either of the competing Clubs. In the event of the appointed Referee not being in attendance at the time of kick off, the 2 (two) Clubs shall agree to a substitute who shall be considered duly qualified for the time being only until the arrival of the appointed Official. The Referee shall have the power as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and, in other respects; the duties of the Referee referees shall be as defined in the Laws of the Game. The fees and expenses of all Match Officials will be as determined from time to time by Northumberland FA. Black uniforms must be worn by the Match Officials in all matches.

Provisions Relating to Protests

17. All questions relating to the qualification of Competitors or interpretation of the Rules, or any dispute or protest whatever shall be referred to Northumberland FA, whose decision shall be final and binding.
Every protest must be made in writing and must contain the particulars of the grounds upon which it is founded. A copy of the protest must be lodged with Northumberland FA accompanied by a fee, to be determined from time to time by Northumberland FA within 2 (two) days of the match to which it relates (Sundays and bank holidays not included). The fee shall be forfeited to Northumberland FA in the event of the protest not being upheld.
Northumberland FA may order any Club engaged in a dispute or protest to pay such sum as considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred.
Any protest relating to the ground, goal posts or bars or other appurtenances of the ground shall not be heard by Northumberland FA unless an objection has been lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match, and before the official time of the kick off. The Referee shall require the responsible Club to correct the cause of the objection, if this is possible, without unduly delaying the progress of the match.
When an objection has been lodged with the Referee a protest must be made to Northumberland FA and neither the objection nor the protest shall be withdrawn, except by leave of Northumberland FA.
Northumberland FA shall send a copy of the protest and particulars to the Club protested against.
Each Club may support its case by witnesses.
If a Member of the Cup Committee is connected with a Club concerned in a dispute or protest, they shall not sit on the committee while the dispute or protest is being considered.
A Club summoned to attend a hearing of a dispute may be represented by 1 or more of its members. A Barrister or Solicitor may represent a Club of which he/she is a member at the time of the alleged offence but otherwise only with the prior consent of Northumberland FA. Any person summoned to attend a Hearing of a dispute or protest must attend personally and shall not be legally represented except with the prior written consent of the Northumberland FA.

Match Expenses

18. The Away Club is responsible for its own travelling expenses with the Home Club responsible for the fees and travelling expenses of the Match Officials.
In the Final tie Northumberland FA shall take all receipts and pay all expenses.
Match Official Fees; Referee £15, travelling expenses 35p per mile.

Technical Area

19. In the final tie, a Technical Area shall be marked out as defined in the Laws of the Game. The number of Players and Officials seated on the Team Benches should not exceed 8 (eight). Only 2 (two) persons have the authority to convey instructions to the players during the match. These persons shall be the Team Manager and Coach.

Artificial Grass Pitches

20. Artificial Grass Pitches may be used in the Competition provided that they are of a type approved by FIFA and are listed on the FA Pitch Register on the FA website.
Any Club using an artificial grass pitch shall advise their opponents, at least 4 (four) days before the match, of any limitations or recommendations on the type of footwear that may be used on the surface.

Respect

21. Northumberland FA supports the use of the FA Respect Barriers and the FA Respect Program and encourages teams to apply it.