

Association Cup Competition

1. For information about **referee fees** please see the FAQs at <https://www.sheffieldfa.com/cups-and-competitions/rules-and-documents>
2. For information about **extra time** please see the FAQs at <https://www.sheffieldfa.com/cups-and-competitions/rules-and-documents>
3. The **home club** must advise the visitors and the referee, by email or in writing, as to the location of their ground and time of kick-off not less than FOUR DAYS prior to the match.
4. To avoid clashing of colours, the **home club** should correspond with the away club. In the event of both teams having similar kits both teams should make mutually agreeable arrangements, or alternatively the away team should change to their second kit.
5. All ties in each round shall be played on the same day (Saturday), but if the Clubs drawn together mutually agree, and both Clubs notify the County FA within 14 days of the draw, the tie may be played on a weekday, in the week preceding the appointed Saturday.
6. Each team must **submit to Full Time** the full match details, performance and conduct scores, team lists and results of their match within two working days. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine of £15.00 and any default of payment, shall be struck out of the competition.
7. For issues with The FA Grassroots technology please submit a ticket to the FA IT service and support team. <https://grassrootstechnology.thefa.com/support/home>
8. Any questions or issues around the use of Full Time for County Cups please email support@sheffieldfa.com
9. All Clubs must provide a **Club Assistant Referee** if required by the Appointed Match Referee.
10. In the event of the **Appointed Referee** not being available to officiate in the match, for whatever reason, the match must be played using a substitute official. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in both teams being dismissed from the competition.
11. A club may at its discretion use three **substitute players** at any time in a match except to replace a player who has been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee for misconduct. The substitution can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. Only three substitutions by each side will be permitted in any match and the five substitute players shall be nominated to the referee prior to the commencement of the game.
12. The **Sin Bin System** will be in operation in all games in this competition

Notes for Referees

1. Appointments in the Association Saturday Challenge Cup Competition take precedence over all other matches except those set out by the Football Association.
2. Referees MUST acknowledge appointments to – aaron.bannister@sheffieldfa.com
3. Late starts must be reported by the Referee.