

# TAMWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
COMPETITION LEAGUES

## SEASON 2018/19

TJFL STANDARD CODE OF RULES & LAWS  
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**<http://full-time.thefa.com/>** .... for Tamworth Junior League results, tables, fixtures & news

**[birminghamfa.com](http://birminghamfa.com)** .... Birmingham County FA

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**DBS info:** <http://www.tmgcrb.co.uk/already-using-tmg-crb/the-fa/>

**TAMWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
STANDARD CODE OF RULES FOR YOUTH COMPETITIONS**

**SEASON 2018-2019**

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## **SECTION 1**

### **STANDARD CODE OF RULES FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL (as submitted)**

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for Mini Soccer and Youth Football Competitions (the "Standard Code").

The Standard Code is mandatory for all Mini Soccer and Youth Football Competitions.

Competitions seeking sanction must draft their Rules in conformity with the Standard Code, using the same numbering and standard headings.

The mandatory rules are printed in normal text and the optional rules in italics.

It should be noted that in many cases rules are so printed because they are alternatives and the procedure to apply should be retained and the others omitted.

In all cases where a [ ] is shown the necessary name, address, number or wording to complete that rule must be inserted.

Competitions may add to the core of the Standard Code, which is mandatory, providing the additions are approved by the Sanctioning Authority and do not conflict with the mandatory rules or any relevant principles and policies established by The FA. Guidance from the Sanctioning Authority should be sought in advance if there is any doubt as to the acceptability of additional rules.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

1. (A) In these Rules:

"Affiliated Association" means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of The FA.

"AGM" shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Club" means a club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

"Competition" means the [Tamworth Junior Saturday Football] League and the [Tamworth Junior Sunday Football] League

"Competition Match" means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

"Contract Player" means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

"Deposit" means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

"Fees Tariff" means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

"Fines Tariff" means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

"Ground" means the ground on which the Club's Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

"Management Committee" means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

"Match Officials" means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

"Mini Soccer" means those participating at ages under 7s to under 10s.

"Non Contract Player" means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

"Officer" means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

"Participant" shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time.

"Player" means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

"Playing Season" means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

"Rules" means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

"Sanctioning Authority" means [The FA][the [Birmingham County Football Association Limited].

"Scholarship" means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the rules of The FA.

"Season" means the period of time between an AGM and the subsequent AGM.

"Secretary" means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

"SGM" means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Team" means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.

"The FA" means The Football Association Limited.

"WGS" means the Whole Game System and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by The FA from time to time.

"written" or "in writing" means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

"Youth Football" means those participating at ages under 11s to under 18s.

(B) Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

## GOVERNANCE RULES

### COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION

2.

- (A) The Competition will be known as [Tamworth Junior Saturday Football] League and the [Tamworth Junior Sunday Football] League. The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.
- (B) This Competition shall consist of not more than [ 100] Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be [Tamworth & the surrounding areas ].
- (D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.
- (E) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.
- (F) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions (the "Standard Code") determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.
- (G) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, *each not exceeding [12 ] in number.*

#### (H) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

- (i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).
- (ii) This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise.
- (iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
- (l) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

#### **(TJFL competition rule applies - see appendix)**

- (J) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.
- (K) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing at a particular age group in the Competition in any other competition (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (L) At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22. **(TJFL competition rule applies - see appendix)**

### CLUB NAME

- 3. Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

### ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

- 4. (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an entry fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.  
At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a SGM or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.
- (B) The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club or Team (where a Club has more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable on or before [31st August ] in each year. **(TJFL competition rule applies - see appendix)**
- (C) *A Deposit of £[1] shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club or Team (where a Club provides more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable on or before [ 31st July following the AGM] in each year. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.*
- (D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid.
- (E) If requested by the Competition, Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by [31st August ] of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

### MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

- 5. (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and [11 ] members who shall all be elected at the AGM.

**The Officers of the Competition shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, Mini-Soccer Fixtures Secretary, Registrations Secretary, Results Co-ordinator, Youth League Welfare Officer, Charter Standard Liaison Officer, Football Development Officer and Joint Referees Secretaries**

- (B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than [31st May] in each year.
- All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than [31st May] in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.
- (C) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required, save that no more than three calendar months shall pass between each meeting.
- On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.
- (D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.
- (E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary.
- Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (F) ALL League business conducted by telephone to ANY League Officer must be made by 9.00pm Monday to Friday and 8.00pm Saturday and Sunday. Clubs failing to adhere to this will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

6. (A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.
- (B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any club which may have withdrawn during the Season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.
- (C) Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).
- In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.
- (D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.
- With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H) and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:-
- (i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
  - (ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or
  - (iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
  - (iv) Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee.
- Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.
- Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.
- Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Management Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).
- The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £100 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.
- No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.
- All breaches of the Laws of the Game or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.
- (E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.
- Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.
- (F) [20%] of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.
- (G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill, in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.
- (H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision.
- Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.
- (J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or Competition Match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.
- (K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season.
- (L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.
- (M) **(TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES - See appendix)**
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## PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

7. (A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.
- (ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.
- (B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within [3] days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
- (C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.
- (D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.
- (i) All parties must have received [7] days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
- (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should forward a deposit of £ [10] and indicate such when forwarding the written response.
- (E) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.
- (F) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):
- (i) invite submissions by the parties involved; or
- (ii) convene a hearing to hear the appeal; or
- (iii) permit new evidence; or
- (iv) impose deadlines as are appropriate.
- Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.
- (G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

8. (A) The AGM shall be held not later than [31st July] in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least [12] members are present and entitled to vote:-
- (i) To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM.
- (ii) To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts.
- (iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
- (iv) Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.
- (v) Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.
- (vi) Appointment of auditors.
- (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14).
- (viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
- (ix) Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season.
- (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.
- (B) A copy of the duly *audited/verified* balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting together with any proposed Rule changes.
- (C) A signed copy of the duly *audited/verified* balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.
- (D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.
- (E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing Season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the Season being concluded. *This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.*
- (F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.
- (G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.
- (H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.
- (J) Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

9. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.
- The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.
- At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.
- Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.
- Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.

## AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

10. Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, (A), (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Chairman)/Director and (B) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Secretary/Director) of [ ] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [Tamworth Junior Football League] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7."

The agreement shall be signed by:

- (i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club chairman and secretary; or
- (ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two directors of the Club.

Any alteration of the chairman and /or secretary of the Club on the above agreement must be notified to the [parent] County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

11. (A) Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition must do so at least [28] days before the AGM. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

**(TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES: See appendix)**

- (B) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (C) Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

## EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAM. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

12. (A) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (i) remove a member of the Management Committee from office, (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (B) At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club or Team whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (C) Any Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of clauses (A) and/or (B) of this Rule.

**(TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES - See appendix)**

## TROPHY

13. (A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the cup or trophy:-

"We A [name] and B [name], the Chairman and Secretary of [ ] FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of [ ] cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before [ ]. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair."

Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (B) At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

(C) **(TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES - See appendix)**

## ALTERATION TO RULES

14. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by [1st May] in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by [14 days prior to the AGM] and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by [7 days prior the AGM]. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if [a majority] of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

## FINANCE

15. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
- (B) All expenditure in excess of £[500] shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.
- (C) The financial year of the Competition will end on [31st May].
- (D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited/verified annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

## INSURANCE

16. (A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.
- (B) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

**(TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES - See appendix)**

## DISSOLUTION

17. (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.
- (B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.
- (C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:
- (i) Any surplus assets, save for a trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Authority.
  - (ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide.

## **MATCH RELATED RULES**

### **QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

18. (A) (i) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

- (a) *signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the (Registrations) Secretary [ ] days prior to the Player playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing in a Competition Match. The registration document must incorporate emergency contact details of the Player's parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the Player attends within the management of the Club or Competition;*  
*or*
- (b) *registered through WGS.*  
*or*
- (c) **registered through Gotfootball**

Any registration form which is sent by either of the means set out at Rules 18(A) (i)(a) or (b) above that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed. If a Club attempts to register a player via WGS but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via WGS, the registration will not be processed.

For Clubs registering Players under Rules 18 (A) (i) (a) or (b) registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players via WGS (under Rule 18 (A) (i) (c)) Clubs must access WGS in order to complete the registration process.

- (ii) Registration forms may also be submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary by electronic mail or facsimile machine prior to the Player playing in a Competition Match. The original document must be forwarded by post to the appropriate Officer of the Competition within three days of the Competition Match.

*The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player's proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate.*

- (iii) **Online Registrations** will be controlled by the Management Committee and will conform to the time restraints laid down in Rule 18(H) & 8(L). Clubs must ensure their teams Registration documents are available at every match in printed form using their official team roster (re-printed when amendments confirmed) and where applicable via the Smartphone Application if required. All Registration rules and penalties pertaining to the Registration documents remain in force.
- (iv) Last season's registration document for the League is also accepted as proof of date of birth. Online Registrations, using the approved system, will take place on Mondays of each week during the playing season (with the exception of Bank Holidays) concluding at 8pm, with the exception of those additional requests approved by the Registrations Secretary and reported to the Management Committee but which still conform to Rule 18(H & I). For Cup competitions, registrations **MUST** conform with Rule 18(L).  
*The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration*

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (B) (i) Contract Players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.  
It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.
- (ii) A Player registered with a Premier League or English Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with a FA Girls' Regional Talent Club may play in this Competition subject to the FA Programme for Excellence (Female) Regulations.
- (iii) Each Team must have the following number of Players registered [14 ] days before the start of each Playing Season:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5V5	5
7V7	7
9V9	9
11V11	11

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (C) A child who has not attained the age of 6 shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match of any kind.  
The relevant age for each Player is determined by his or her age as at midnight on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season i.e. children who are aged 6 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season (together with those who attain the age of 6 during the Playing Season) will be classed as Under 7 Players for that Playing Season. Children who are aged 7 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season will be classed as Under 8 Players for that Playing Season, and so on.

Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above his or her chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under 7 age group, and may not play in the Under 8 age group, for that Playing Season.

The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
6	Under 7	5V5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 8		30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	
7	Under 8	5V5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 9	7V7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	
8	Under 9	7V7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 10		50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	4
9	Under 10	7V7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	4
	Under 11	9V9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	
10	Under 11	9V9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 12		70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	
11	Under 12	9V9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 13	11V11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
12	Under 13	11V11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 14		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
13	Under 14	11V11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 15		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	
14	Under 15	11V11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 16		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	
15	Under 16	11V11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 17		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
16	Under 17	11V11	100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Open Age		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	

(D) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered, if applicable.

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes taking into account the following.

- (i) A Player shall not be permitted to register for more than one Club subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below.
- (ii) In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below.
- (iii) A Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club provided that:
  - a. The Team(s) in which the Player plays in are not in the same age group; or
  - b. Except for the purpose of a transfer.
And the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C).

(F) It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Player to:-

- (i) Play for more than one Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.
- (ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except if the provisions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) apply.
- (iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS (or Gotfootball) for registration that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (G) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rule 18(G)(ii) and (iii) below.
- (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player, the exercise of such power being without prejudice to the Management Committee's ability to fine a Club at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).
- (iii) The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. Where the Management Committee does not have enough information to enable it to make a decision pursuant to the above power, it may apply, in its absolute discretion, to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA for further information.  
Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.
- (iv) For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G)(iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Rule 18(G)(iii) shall only be taken against a Player in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

- (H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or [7] days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

- (I) A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after [1st March] except by special permission of the Management Committee.
- (J) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of all matches in which those Players have played for the Club, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C).

- (K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (*Registrations*) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of an Officer of the Club at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.

In the event of a Non Contract Player changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a club in another competition his registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18(B)(i).

- (L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played [4 ] Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season. **(TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES - see appendix)**

- (M) A Team shall not include more than [1] Player who has/have taken part in open age or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is /are any open age competition.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (N) (i) Subject to Rule 18(N)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (ii) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N)(i) only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.
- (iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:
- (a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; or
  - (b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
  - (c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

(The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education):-

- (O) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with their head teacher (except for Sunday league competitions).
- (iii) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in the relevant Playing Season, shall not be permitted to play in a Competition Match during that Playing Season where any other Player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.

## CLUB COLOURS

19. Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by [31st July] who shall decide as to their suitability.

Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.

No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least [5 ] days before the Competition Match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the *away* Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick-off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

*Shirts must be numbered, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.*

**(TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES - see appendix)**

## PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES

20. (A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, and gvg football, the Rules as set down by The FA.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a Competition Match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Matches on another ground.

Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The

FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20(C).

All Competition Matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the Competition Match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

Competition Matches should be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, as detailed below.

Age Group	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events/festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 7 and Under 8	10	20	40	60	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
Under 9 and Under 10	20	25	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	20	30	80	120	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)
Under 12	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 and Under 14	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 15 and Under 16	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 and Under 18	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table

For round robin/trophy events, the maximum duration of play per half cannot be exceeded, but the minimum duration of play per half may be adjusted.

For trophy events, the Competition may award mementos.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the Competition Match with written notification given to the Competition at least [5] days prior.

Referees must order Competition Matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition Match with the consent of the (Fixtures) Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the Competition Match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

- (C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least [5] clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (D) The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5V5	4
7V7	5
9V9	6
11V11	7

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (E) (i) In competitions where points are awarded, home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have the power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. *Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.*
- (ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures & Results) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.
- (iii) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (Fixtures) Secretary within [ 2] days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand.  
Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (iv) The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Competition Match.
- (v) The Management Committee shall review any Competition Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the Competition Match must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.
- (vi) Any Club wishing a free date without a fixture must give 28 day's notice in writing to the LEAGUE SECRETARY using the appropriate form. This request may only be implemented once per team in any season, for League fixtures only. Match free dates cannot be used in any Cup Competitions.  
Where it is not possible to provide 28 days notice, a second free date is permissible if requested in writing using the appropriate form and submitted to the LEAGUE SECRETARY, at least 7 days prior to the scheduled game, with a £20 (including 9v9) (or £10 per Mini-Soccer team non-returnable administration fee. Again this request may only be implemented once in any one season, for League fixtures only. Match free dates cannot be used in any Cup Competitions. No Match Free Dates will be accepted after 1<sup>st</sup> March.
- (vii) If no Saturday fixture has been allocated in the Fixture List within Tamworth Junior Saturday OR no Sunday fixture has been allocated in the Fixture List within Tamworth Junior Sunday, teams shall be available for re-arranged fixtures should the occasion arise, providing five days notice is given by the Fixtures Secretary. Failure to make themselves available will result in them being charged with a breach of Rule 20(e)(i) and dealt with in accordance with Rule 6(D).  
Should any match need to be played week-day evenings, it will be played on the **midweek evening as determined by the Fixtures Secretary**, unless mutually agreed by both teams.  
If agreement cannot be reached, the match will be played on **the original fixture date**.  
Failure to complete the fixture will result in the offending Club being charged as per Rule 20 (E) (i).
- The League will not issue fixtures on 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> December; 1<sup>st</sup> January or the Easter weekend. If teams wish to play over the Easter period then they must inform the Fixtures Secretary.  
Clubs who are under County Suspensions will forfeit ALL matches scheduled on the fixtures until such time as a clearance certificate is received by the League Secretary from the County Football Association.
- (F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match.  
Where a Competition does not allow return substitutes:  
**For Under 17s and Under 18s** – a Club may name up to [5] substitute Players of whom not more than [5] may be used.  
Where a Competition does allow return substitutes:  
**For Under 11s - Under 18s** – a Club may use up to [5 from 5 substitute Players]. A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace any Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.  
**For Mini-Soccer** – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to play as a substitute for another Player. A Team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its team in an age group.  
In Youth Football only, the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than [5] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.  
A Player who has named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.
- (G) The half time interval shall be of [5] minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.
- (H) The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who *shall* wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) **(TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES - see appendix)**

## REPORTING RESULTS

21. (A) The (Results) Secretary must receive within [ 2] days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) *and also the referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition*. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (B) The Home Club shall SMS or enter via Gotfootball within 1 hour of the match completion and email the result of each Competition Match to the [Results Secretary ] by [7pm on the day of the fixture ]. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. **(TJFL COMPETITION**



**RULE APPLIES - see appendix**

- (C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. **TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES - see appendix**
- (D) The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under 11s. Any Competition failing to abide by this Rule will be dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and any Club failing to abide by this Rule will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect and publish results for trophy events.

**DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP**

- 22. (A) In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.  
In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings may be determined by a deciding match or matches played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, or the position shared.
- (B) *Automatic promotion shall be applied for the first [2 ] Teams and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last [2 ] Teams in each division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(L).*
  - (i) *Should one or more Teams withdraw from any one division after the Playing Season has commenced an equal number of Teams to those withdrawing in that division shall not be automatically relegated.*
  - (ii) *Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the Playing Season may be filled in any of the following ways:*
    - (a) *retention of otherwise relegated Team(s); or*
    - (b) *additional promotion of the next ranked Team(s) from the division below; or*
    - (c) *election*
  - (iii) *The last [1 ] Teams in the lowest division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of Rule 22 (B)(i) above.*
  - (iv) *Should either or both of the leading Teams in any of the divisions have a Team in the next higher division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest Team or Teams in the division concerned.*
  - (v) *Should either or both of the relegated Teams in any of the divisions have a Team in the next lower division, relegation shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next lowest Team or Teams in the division concerned.*
- (C) *In addition to the Team(s) automatically promoted under Rule 22(B), a maximum of one further Team shall be promoted by virtue of being the winner of a play-off match or series of matches (the "Play-Offs). The eligibility criteria and format of the Play-Offs are as [as determined by the Management Committee].*
- (D) *In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 22 (D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.*

**MATCH OFFICIALS**

- 23. (A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (B) In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match. Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the Players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the referee, for example a 15 year old referee may only officiate in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger. **TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES - see appendix**
- (C) *Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) being imposed on the defaulting Club.*
- (D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, *subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.* **TJFL COMPETITION RULE APPLIES - see appendix**
- (E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff and inclusive of travel expenses.  
Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to *half fee plus expenses*. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (G) A referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.
- (H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.
- (I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.
- (J) *The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.*
- (K) *Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.*
- (L) *Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.*

## **SECTION 2**

### **SCHEDULE A**

<b>FEES TARIFF</b>		
<b>RULE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MAXIMUM FEE</b>
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£50.00
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£150.00
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	£100.00
6 (N)	FAIL TO ATTEND LEAGUE MEETING	£50.00
7 (C), 7(E)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£25.00
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£10.00 (per player)
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£10.00
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	As agreed with Sanctioning Authority
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	As agreed with Sanctioning Authority

<b>FINES TARIFF</b>		
<b>RULE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MAXIMUM FINE</b>
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£100.00
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£100.00
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£100.00
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£30.00
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£100.00
4(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	£100.00
5 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25.00
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£100.00
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	DOUBLE THE ORIGINAL FINE UP TO £100.00
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£100.00
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£100.00
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£25.00
11 (A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£100.00
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£100.00
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£25.00
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£100.00
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£100.00
16	FAIL TO HAVE A FIRST AID KIT AT ALL MATCHES	£10
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£40.00
18 (B)(iii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE PLAYING SEASON COMMENCING	£25.00
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£25.00
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£100.00
18(M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£100
18 (J)	FAILURE TO PRODUCE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS	£50
18 (N)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£100.00
18 (O)(i)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£50.00
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00 (per shirt, up to an aggregate maximum of £30)
19	DELAYING KICK OFF TO DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£30
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£30.00
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£100.00
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£50.00

20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£100.00
20 (E) (i) & (ii)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£100.00
20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£10.00
21 (A) & 21 (C)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£20.00
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£20.00
21(D)	PUBLISHING RESULTS/GRADING TABLES FOR FIXTURES INVOLVING U7S, U8S, U9S, U10S OR U11S	£50.00
23 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE	£25.00
23 (E)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS' FEES AND EXPENSES	£25.00
23 (F)	FAILURE TO PAY MATCH OFFICIALS WHERE A MATCH IS NOT PLAYED	£25.00
23 (H)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE REFEREE'S MARK	£25.00

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# APPENDIX

## Section 4

# Tamworth Junior Football League Competition Rules for 2018/19 FOR MINI SOCCER AND YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS

Competition rules are inserted within the SCOR rules set out below.

### GOVERNANCE RULES

#### COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION

2.

(I)

*As such it recognises that everyone in football has a collective responsibility to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. A Respect League values the courtesy and fairness by opposing players, club officials and spectators. The League and its Clubs will seek to play fixtures in a fair, competitive but not antagonistic environment.*

(L)

*The competition will provide 11-a-side football for players who have attained the age of 12 as at midnight 31<sup>st</sup> August in a playing season and Mini-Soccer for players who have attained the age of 6 years but not the age of 11 years as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in a playing season and for a player who has attained the age of 6 during the playing season but they are restricted to U7 ONLY.*

*9v9 may be provided for players who have attained the age of 10 as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August in accordance with Rule 8(C).*

*The Management Committee shall have the power to change or alter as the occasion may arise, the number of Competitions or Cups played for. This is subject to the League strength and variable conditions that might arise within the League.*

*The League cannot accept responsibility for any loss of items or damage to any property, however caused, in or from changing rooms etc., incurred during the playing season.*

#### ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

4.

(B)

*The Annual Subscription shall be £95 per Team playing 11-a-side football (£50 payable by the third Tuesday in August and £45 by the third Tuesday in January), £95 per Team playing 9v9 football (£50 payable by the third Tuesday in August and £45 by the third Tuesday in January), £50 per Team playing Mini-Soccer – U7s/U8s/U9s/U10s (£30 payable by the third Tuesday in August and £20 by the third Tuesday in January) in each year. This fee will include ALL trophy contributions, cup fees and affiliation fees. Once elected first half of League Fees must be paid, these are non-returnable.*

*In addition there will be a charge of £1 per player registration fee payable monthly for each player's initial registration within the club and £1 fee per player transfer and registration amendment payable by the requesting club.*

#### POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

6.

*(M) Any Management Committee member who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without suitable explanation or who is deemed guilty of undesirable conduct could, after a vote of 'No Confidence', have his/her seat declared vacant.*

*(N) All Clubs must be represented at League Meetings. Clubs failing to have a representative at a meeting will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Clubs failing to be represented at TWO consecutive meetings will be deemed as resigned from the league. League Meetings will be held at a time and date as set by the Management Committee giving at least 14 days notice to Clubs and advertised on the websites.*

*If the Management Committee feels it necessary to convene an extra League Meeting, 14 days notice will be given.*

## CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

11.

- (A) *A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the arrangement of fixtures for the following Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to be charged with a breach of Rule 11(B) and dealt with in accordance with Rule 6(D) which may result in a penalty not exceeding the full annual subscription per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).*  
*(ii) Any team withdrawing from any League Division during the playing season AND who re-enters the league the following season shall pay a £100 surety, refundable upon completion of all the new season's fixtures. If the team again withdraws during the playing season, they shall forfeit the £100 surety or upon full completion, will have the £100 surety refunded.*

## EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAM. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

12.

- (C) *Clubs shall be responsible for the conduct of their players, officials and spectators. ALL Clubs must have a 'Code of Conduct' as part of their Constitution acceptable to the League Committee and is to be submitted to the League Secretary by the 15<sup>th</sup> August each season. The League shall supply a 'Code of Conduct' which will be the minimum requirement for membership. This must be included within the Club's 'Code of Conduct'. A Club's 'Code of Conduct' should be voted on by each Club on an annual basis as part of its Annual Meeting, to be signed by the Club Officials – Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer.*

## TROPHY

13.

- (C) *The League shall issue and pay for trophies for up to 8 (U7s) & 10 (U8s), 10 (U9s) & 12 (U10s), 14 (U11s & 12s), 16 (U13s, 14s), 18 (U15s) and 20 (U16s upwards) etc for registered players for each team qualifying for finals.*

## INSURANCE

16.

*All teams must take a fully stocked First Aid Kit to all matches within the TJFL. Failure to comply will result in a £10 fine.*

## MATCH RELATED RULES

### QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

18.

- (J) ALL players' registration documents, including the printed copy of the current official team roster MUST BE taken to all matches within this League. It is the responsibility of each Team Manager or Official to examine the opposing teams documents prior to the commencement of the match.  
The registration documents MUST BE produced upon request to the opposing Team Manager, opposing team or club Official, the appointed match Referee or any member of the League Management Committee.  
Failure to do so will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff)  
**No team shall have more than 16 registered players at any one time, except for Under 15 age group who will be allowed no more than 18 players and Under 16 age group upwards who shall have no more than 20 players.**  
**Mini-Soccer player numbers are subject to the Laws of Mini-Soccer at the rear of the book but specifically are:**  
**U7 teams shall have no more than 8 players**  
**U8 teams shall have no more than 8 players until 31st December then to include TWO additional players permitted to register from 1st January to 1st March ONLY - Maximum match day playing squad remains at 8 throughout the playing season**  
**U9 teams shall have no more than 10 players**  
**U10 teams shall have no more than 10 players until 31st December then to include TWO additional players permitted to register from 1st January to 1st March ONLY - Maximum match day playing squad remains at 10 throughout the playing season**

*If a player wishes to play for two age groups in the SAME CLUB, he/she must register in each age group.*

*No player shall be permitted to register for TWO CLUBS within the same Tamworth Junior Saturday Competition or Tamworth Junior Sunday competitions. A player is permitted to register for a different club on a Saturday & Sunday as these are different competitions.*

- (L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played [4] Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.  
**For ALL Cup Competitions a player must have been registered for 7 clear days, providing he/she has not played for another team in that Competition. A transferred player having played in a round of a particular Cup Competition with his/her previous team may not take part in that same Competition for his/her new team. Teams found guilty of this offence MAY be excluded from the Competition and be liable to a £50 fine. The Management Committee may at its discretion order a match to be replayed under any conditions they deem acceptable. It is the Team Manager's responsibility to ensure that a player who has been transferred has not played in a previous round of a Cup Competition for his/her previous Team. Any team found guilty of this offence will be dealt with by the Management Committee. A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any Cup competition semi-final OR final unless the Player has played a round of the respective cup competition and at least [4] matches for that Team in this Competition in the current Playing Season or special permission has been granted by the Management Committee.**  
**All teams participating in ANY Cup Final, special Championship, promotion, relegation or play-off deciding match MUST submit in writing or email to the Registrations Secretary at least 7 clear days prior, a list of ALL players being nominated to play in the match. Failure to submit will result in a fine of £25. Any players submitted to the list after the closing date MAY be deemed ineligible to play in the match. Clubs MUST also submit the dates of the qualifying matches as specified in Rule 18 (K) for checking.**

- (O) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

**Tamworth Junior Saturday league ONLY (not applicable to Tamworth Junior Sunday League competition) - More than 2 players must be involved in schools activity for a team to impose the relevant match free date option.**

#### CLUB COLOURS

19.

**No players' shirts' shall display ANY players name, nicknames or other personal player identification at any age group.**

#### PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES

20.

##### (A) Duration of Play - Tamworth Junior League

Age Group	<u>TJFL Duration of play per half (minutes)</u>	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)
Under 7 and Under 8	15	20	40
Under 9 and Under 10	20	25	60
Under 11	30	30	80
Under 12	30	30	80 (if applicable)
Under 13 and Under 14	35	35	100
Under 15 and Under 16	40	40	100
Under 17 and Under 18	45	45	120

- (I) (i) **The League shall require all players and club officials to have signed the FA's Respect Codes of Conduct and produce these if so requested by the League Management Committee.**

**Prior to each match, the participating teams and officials shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake**

- (ii) **Each home club shall make arrangements for the provision of designated areas for spectators. This area can be marked by an additional painted line, the use of cones, a roped off area or use of a temporary spectator barrier. The area for spectators should start two metres from the touchline on both sides of the pitch. Each area should run the full length of the pitch. It is recognised, however, that the alignment of some public pitches does not allow for this arrangement in which case other appropriate arrangements should be made**

- (J) (i) **In all Knock-out Cup Competitions, up to and including the semi-finals: in the event of the scores being level at the end of full time, extra time will be played in two equal periods of:**

**Mini-Soccer – five minutes each half**

**U11s and U12s – seven and a half minutes each half**

**U13s, U14s, U15s & U16s – ten minutes each half**

**U17s/18s – fifteen minutes each half**

**If the tie is still undecided after the period of extra time, the winners will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark (3 for Mini-Soccer, 5 for 9 & 11-a-side, followed by 'sudden death' penalties) in accordance with the International Board Decisions contained in the Laws of the Game.**

**For Cup Finals: If scores are level at full-time there will be NO extra-time. Winners will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as above.**

#### REPORTING RESULTS

21.

- (A) **The Home Club's Secretary is responsible for notifying the Results Co-ordinator of the result of each match by email not later than 7pm on the Saturday/Sunday evening of the match date and for midweek fixtures by the Saturday/Sunday immediately following the match, which must include the final score, all scorers (U12-U18s only) and the Referee marks from both teams. Results must also be sent by SMS Text to the Full-Time website or via the Gotfootball results system as required by the Management Committee within an hour of the match finishing. Where required by the Management committee, a copy of the match report form must be uploaded to the relevant fixture using the online system. If a match is postponed due to weather, the Home Club's Secretary MUST INFORM by email, the League Secretary, Results Co-ordinator & Fixtures Secretary by 7pm on the evening of the match date.**

(C) *The Match Report Form shall be proof of teams playing. It must be completed as specified on the form itself AND IF APPLICABLE, MUST BE SIGNED ON THE DAY OF THE MATCH BY EACH COMPETING PLAYER PRIOR TO THE GAME COMMENCING. Failure to comply with this will result in a fine of £5 per player. Where applicable, the Match Report Form is to be signed by the Official in charge of the match to say it has been completed in accordance with the rules AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE GAME and to include the caution/dismissal sections of the form where applicable.*

*The Home Team must supply the Match Report Form to the Away Team AT LEAST FIFTEEN MINUTES prior to the kick-off OR when the away team arrives, whichever is the later. Incomplete Match Report Forms may result in the offending Club being fined.*

*The Referee must be notified by Managers of any players that are liable to arrive late, prior to the commencement of the match.*

*If any players arrive late, THEY MUST SIGN THE MATCH REPORT FORM, if applicable AND HAVE THEIR REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS CHECKED BEFORE THAT PLAYER TAKES PART.*

#### DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

22.

(A) *Should they still be level then final places would be decided by a play-off. For deciding matches, in the event of the scores in a special championship (winners or runners-up) match played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, being level at the end of the game, extra time shall be played in two equal periods (as per Rule 10(a)). If the tie is still undecided after the period of extra time, the winners will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Board Decisions contained in the Laws of the Game.*

(E) *Where split Leagues apply, promotion / relegation will be at the Management Committee's discretion.*

*All new teams will be allocated to the League / Divisions at the discretion of the Management Committee*

#### MATCH OFFICIALS

23.

(B) *In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. The nominated Official who starts the game must complete the game unless he/she is injured, and is entitled to his/her fee and should complete the required portion of the match report form.*

(D) (ii) *Referees must arrive at the ground 30 minutes before kick-off.*

(E) *Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).*

*The match fees for all age groups and combination of age groups are as follows:*

*U7s&U8s - £16 (one game), £20 (two games) or £27 (three games)*

*U9s&U10s - £20 (one game), £26 (two games) or £33 (three games).*

*A combination of one U7s/U8s and one U9s/U10s game will be £26.*

*A combination of three U7/U8s & U9/U10s games will be £30.*

*U11s and U12s games are £25 – assistants £15;*

*U13s and U14s are £25 – assistants £17;*

*U15s and above are £29 – assistants £20.*

*The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees or expenses immediately after the match after collecting half of the fee from the Away Club.*

(H) (ii) *Teams must award the Referee marks out of a HUNDRED. Teams awarding a Referee assessment mark of SIXTY OR UNDER shall detail in writing at the same time of the delivery of the assessment, their reasons for the low assessment to the REFEREES SECRETARY BY EMAIL. Clubs failing to comply will be fined up to a maximum of £10.*

Rule 18 (M) has caused some confusion throughout. Below is The FA's reasoning for the change:

18(M)	To clarify that any Player(s) that has/have played in a senior competition may play in the Competition and to allow the Competition to apply restrictions on the number of such players that may play. The purpose of the change is to encourage player participation and development.
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This rule is included in both SCOR and SCORY but in the context of Youth how about? – A Team shall not include more than [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 – the League to propose] Players who has/have taken part in [open age\*] or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played. For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is /are [any open age competition].

\* Open age – non age specific 'adult' football



## **SECTION 5**

### **CHARTER STANDARD RULES – CLUBS AND TEAMS**

1. *All Clubs entering teams into Tamworth Junior Football League Charter Standard Leagues must hold a minimum of Charter Standard Status. All teams must be affiliated to a Charter Standard Club.*
2. *Any Team/Club without the minimum Charter Standard status, MUST within twelve months of joining Tamworth Junior Football League, apply for the Charter Standard Club status.*
3. *ALL CLUBS MUST sign and agree to abide by the Charter Standard League Rules and implement any rules or amendments during the playing season.*
4. *All Clubs MUST adhere to the Tamworth Junior Football League Codes of Conduct and implement any changes or amendments applicable during the playing season.*
5. *All Clubs will agree to their Directory listings being available on the League website.*
6. *All Clubs will inform the League Secretary and the League Charter Standard Officer of any changes to their Directory listings and these will be added to the League website.*
7. *All Clubs MUST adopt the RESPECT Campaign and abide by the Rules set out in the Campaign.*
8. *All Clubs MUST appoint a Charter Standard Liaison Officer, who will be responsible for monitoring, informing and implementing the Charter Standard League Rules and Guidelines and any amendments or changes made during the playing season, within their Club.*
9. *Club Charter Standard Liaison Officers will be assisted by the Tamworth Junior Football League Charter Standard Officer and will meet at appointed times during the season.*

## **CHARTER STANDARD RULES – RESPECT CAMPAIGN**

1. *Tamworth Junior Football League conforms to and adopts the RESPECT campaign. This Competition and its Clubs shall support the F.A.'s RESPECT programme. As such it recognises that everyone in football has a collective responsibility to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. A Respect League values the courtesy and fairness by opposing players, club officials and spectators. The League and its Clubs will seek to play fixtures in a fair, competitive but not antagonistic environment.*
2. *All Clubs, teams, officials and players associated with Tamworth Junior Football League adhere to and adopt the RESPECT campaign.*
3. *All Clubs, officials, players and supporters should refer to the RESPECT campaign rules for guidance.*
4. *All Clubs must ensure that they have a designated supporter's area. The area should normally be at least 4m from the touchline and run the entire length of the pitch. Where possible ALL supporters should stand on the opposite side to players and club officials. Wherever possible ALL supporters will stand in the designated spectator area.*
5. *Where the ground and pitch layout DOES NOT permit this, then the supporters area may be moved to another area of the pitch, a distance from the touchline realistic to ensure marked areas are safe for players, match officials and spectators.*
6. *The supporters area MUST BE clearly marked. The size of the area around home pitches will dictate whether you are able to use: Poles with rope; cones or spray paint to mark the designated spectator areas.*

*No supporters are allowed to stand directly behind the goal.*

*Both the poles and rope must be removed in the interests of safety after each game unless they are to be used for subsequent matches that day.*

*Where cones are being used, club officials should ensure that these are still in place at the start of any subsequent games to be played on the same pitch.*

*Where spray paint is used, club officials must check the lines have not faded between games.*
7. *One club or team official may be permitted to stand behind the goal line to assist the goalkeeper during the match, in Mini-Soccer only.*
8. *Only one coach may stand on the supporter's side of the pitch between the touchline and designated supporters area.*
9. *Failure to implement a Supporters area WILL NOT prevent the match from being played, however, the offending team will be reported to the Management Committee by the match official. Failure to implement a supporters area will make the Club liable to a £10 fine.*
10. *Each team will appoint a designated person to meet and greet the match official(s).*
11. *As a Charter Standard League ONLY Club Officials, Managers, Coaches and First Aid Officials that have undergone a full CRB/DBS check and been issued with an appropriate Reference Number are permitted to assist in any capacity with the teams involved in any TJFL Competition on match days. All the above MUST also ensure that they attend the appropriate training course to obtain the necessary Coaching, First Aid, Child Protection and Best Practice Workshop qualifications required as soon as possible.*
12. *A First aid kit must be taken to all TJFL matches. A fine of £10 can be implemented if not taken as required.*

**GOOD PRACTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION**  
**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT**

1. *Any act, statement, conduct or other matter which harms a child or children, or poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children, shall constitute behaviour which is improper and brings the game into disrepute.*
2. *In these Regulations the expression 'Offence' shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1993 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.*
3. *Upon receipt by The Association of:*
  - 3.1 *notification that an individual has been charged with an Offence, or*
  - 3.2 *notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police, Social Services or any other authority relating to an Offence, or*
  - 3.3 *any other information which causes The Association reasonable to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children then The Association shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.*
4. *In reaching its' determination as to whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made The Association shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:*
  - 4.1 *whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm;*
  - 4.2 *whether the matters are of a serious nature;*
  - 4.3 *whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded.*
5. *The period of an order referred to in 3 above shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge under the Rules of The Association or any Offence is decided or brought to an end.*
6. *Where an order is imposed on an individual under Regulation 3 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.*
7. *Where a person is convicted or is made the subject of a caution in respect of an Offence, that shall constitute a breach of the Rules of The Association and The Association shall have the power to order the suspension of the person from all or any specific football activity for such a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.*
8. *For the purposes of these Regulations, The Association shall act through it's Council or any committee or sub-committee thereof, including the Board.*
9. *Notification in writing of an order referred to above shall be given to the person concerned and/or any club with which he is associated as soon as reasonably practicable.*

**THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FOOTBALL**

1. *Coaches/Managers must respect the rights, dignity and worth of each and every person and treat equally within the context of the sport.*
2. *Coaches/Managers must place the well-being and safety of each player above all other considerations, including the development of performance.*
3. *Coaches/Managers must adhere to all guidelines laid down within the Constitution and the Rules of The Football Association.*
4. *Coaches/Managers must develop an appropriate working relationship with each player based on mutual trust and respect.*
5. *Coaches/Managers must not exert undue influence to obtain personal benefit or reward.*
6. *Coaches/Managers must encourage and guide players to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance.*
7. *Coaches/Managers must ensure that the activities they direct or advocate are appropriate for the age, maturity, experience and ability of players.*
8. *Coaches/Managers should, at the onset, clarify with the player (and, where appropriate their parents) exactly what is expected of them and also what they are entitled to expect from their coach.*
9. *Coaches/Managers must co-operate fully with other specialists (e.g. other coaches, officials, sports scientists, doctors, physiotherapists) in the best interests of the player.*
10. *Coaches/Managers must always promote the positive aspects of the sport (e.g. fair play) and never condone violations of the Laws of the Game, behaviour contrary to the spirit of the Laws of the Game or relevant rules and regulations or the use of prohibited substances or techniques.*
11. *Coaches/Managers must consistently display high standards of behaviour and experience.*
12. *Coaches/Managers are not to use or tolerate inappropriate language.*

## **THE TAMWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

### **CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT**

*The Tamworth Junior Football League is committed to creating and preserving the safest possible environment for children to play football.*

*It is the duty of all League Management, Referees, Club Officials, Team Managers and any other individuals directly or indirectly involved with Member Clubs playing in the League to be aware of and help prevent the abuse which children can suffer – neglect, physical, sexual and emotional.*

*The Tamworth Junior Football League accept children's welfare is paramount and all children, whatever their age, culture, disability, gender or religious belief, have the right to protection from abuse. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately.*

*The Tamworth Junior Football League deplores discrimination of any kind and all Member Clubs should actively discourage racism between any member of their Club and members of any other Club.*

## **THE TAMWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

### **CHILD PROTECTION**

- 1. All Member Clubs shall have an appointed Child Protection Officer for their Club who has attended an F.A. Child Protection Workshop.*
- 2. All Member Clubs shall inform the League Secretary, in writing, of the name, address and contact number of their Child Protection Officer.*
- 3. The Member Club Child Protection Officer is responsible for CRB checks on all new applicants for vacancies within the Club. Sample Forms are available from the Tamworth Junior Football League.*
- 4. Any Child Protection issues should be referred to the Child Protection Officer, Birmingham County Football Association.*
- 5. All Referees on this League's list shall be invited to complete a CP8 Self-Declaration Form.*
- 6. Any Management Committee Member, Club, Club Official, Volunteer or Referee failing to comply with the Child Protection Policy of the Football Association and/or this League shall be the subject of a report to the Birmingham County Football Association and/or the relevant authorities.*
- 7. The written permission of parents/guardians shall be gained prior to the taking of photographs and/or the operation of video cameras.*
- 8. The identification of a child by photograph, name, address, school etc., on a website may have very serious implications. It is strongly recommended that Clubs refrain from this practice and that only 'nicknames' are used wherever possible.*
- 9. All Clubs shall include in their Rules the Football Association Child Protection Policy Statement and an anti-bullying Policy, clearly stating the implications.*

**THE TAMWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**ZERO TOLERANCE**

**INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE AND REFEREE ABUSE**

1. *Tamworth Junior Football League acknowledges that every child, young person or adult who plays or participates in football, should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment, and be protected from poor practice and abuse.*
2. *Tamworth Junior Football League will not tolerate inappropriate language or threatening behaviour used on match sidelines, particularly verbal or physical abuse directed at Match Officials.*
3. *Match Officials are just as entitled to enjoy the match as players and spectators.*
4. *Tamworth Junior Football League reserve the right to request Clubs/Teams to ask anyone demonstrating actions deemed to conflict with League policy to move away from the match sidelines.*
5. *Your co-operation would be very much appreciated.*

## SECTION 6

### LAWS OF MINI-SOCCER

**IMPORTANT: THESE LAWS OF MINI SOCCER FOR PLAYERS (BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS OVER THE AGE OF 6 AND UNDER 10), (UPDATED BY THE F.A. COUNCIL ON 15th MAY 2008), MUST BE READ AND APPLIED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE STANDARD CODE OF RULES FOR YOUTH FOOTBALL**

**This guide provides the Laws for Under 7 and Under 8 versions of the game**

**with children playing a maximum of 5v5.**

**Please remember:**

**A match may not START if either team consists of fewer than four players.**

*Under 7s or Under 8s are not permitted to play in leagues where results are collected or published or winner trophies are presented, this is deemed to be detrimental to the development of the player and the game and will not be sanctioned.*

*Under 7s and Under 8s can play in a maximum of three trophy events during the season, lasting a maximum of two weeks each. These are short-term experiences helping children learn about winning and losing in an appropriate environment. The winners of these events can be published and trophies can be presented.*

*No Club or team and permitted to publish the scores or scorers of and opposition team in any form and NO league tables or statistics are permitted to be published in any form. Any other use of these results will render the League liable to disciplinary action.*

### **The Laws for Under 9 and Under 10 versions of the game**

**With children playing a maximum of 7v7.**

**Please remember:**

**a) Under 9s and 10s are not permitted to play in leagues where results are collected or published or winner trophies are presented, this is deemed to be detrimental to the development of the player and the game and will not be sanctioned.**

**b) Under 9s and 10s can play in a maximum of three trophy events during the season, lasting a maximum of four weeks each. These are short-term experiences helping children learn about winning and losing in an appropriate environment. The winners of these events can be published and trophies can be presented.**

**A match may not START if either team consists of fewer than five players. The minimum number of players in a team required for a match to CONTINUE is also five. Matches can begin with 7v6 but the importance and ethos of Mini-Soccer should be upheld wherever possible and the development of the children should come before the score line.**

**All team members should receive equal playing time where possible, with a best practice recommendation of at least 50% per player for each game.**

**No Club or team and permitted to publish the scores or scorers of and opposition team in any form and NO league tables or statistics are permitted to be published in any form. Any other use of these results will render the League liable to disciplinary action.**

**JUNIOR/PRIMARY SCHOOL PITCHES USED FOR MINI-SOCCER WILL BE ACCEPTABLE.**

**PENALTY AREA: Length 10 yards (9.15 metres); Width 18 yards (16.47 metres). There are no restrictions on the number of players allowed in the penalty area.**

**PENALTY MARK: The penalty mark is 8 yards (7.32 metres) from the goal line opposite the centre of the goal.**

**HALFWAY LINE: The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The centre mark is indicated at the mid-point of the halfway line.**

**GOAL SIZE: The distance between the post is 12 feet (3.6 metres) and the distance between the lower edge of the crossbar and ground is 6 feet (1.88 metres).**

**WARNING – In view of the number of accidents that have occurred, it is necessary to ensure that portable goals of any size are either pinned or weighted to prevent them from toppling forward.**

### **PLAYING EQUIPMENT**

**BALL: Size 3 for players in the Under 7s, 8s and 9s age categories, size 4 for Under 10s.**

**SHIN GUARDS: Players must wear shin guards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing strip. Shin guards must be covered entirely by the stockings.**

## NUMBER OF PLAYERS

*Each team shall consist of:*

<i>Under 7s</i>	<i>Five (5) players and three (3) substitutes</i>
<i>Under 8s</i>	<i>Five (5) players and three (3) substitutes</i>
<i>Under 9s</i>	<i>Seven (7) players and three (3) substitutes</i>
<i>Under 10s</i>	<i>Seven (7) players and three (3) substitutes</i>

*Players must play with and against players from their own age range, as per Football Association and Competition Rules.*

*Players should not be allowed to begin to play until the season of their sixth birthday.*

*Each team must not have a squad greater than double the size of the team per age.*

*Substitutes may be used at any time with the permission of the Referee. Entry on to the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A player who has been replaced may return to the playing area as a substitute for another player.*

*Under 7s shall have no more than EIGHT (8) registered players at any one time*

*Under 8s shall have no more than EIGHT (8) registered players at any one time from the start of the season up to 31 December of that season, and no more than TEN (10) players from 1 January of that season until the end of the season.*

*Under 9s shall have no more than TEN (10) registered players at any one time*

*Under 10s shall have no more than TEN (10) registered players at any one time from the start of the season up to 31 December of that season, and no more than TWELVE (12) players from 1 January of that season until the end of the season.*

*If Clubs have MORE THAN ONE team in an age group within this League, players MAY NOT BE permitted to sign for both teams at the same time.*

*Further, no player may register from the 1st January to 1st March, as one of the additional TWO players, unless they are a new player or have not been registered during the current playing season. No transfers are permitted or previously de-registered players from the current season if the player is filling the additional two player slots.*

## START OF PLAY

*At the beginning of a game the choice of either first kick-off or ends shall be decided by the toss of a coin.*

*Play shall be started by a normal kick-off from the centre mark. After a goal has been scored, opponents must be 5 yards (4.5 metres) away from the ball, and in their own half of the field. The ball must be played forward.*

*After any other stoppages the game shall be re-started by the referee dropping the ball at a point nearest to where it was in play when play was suspended, unless it was in the goalkeeper's possession, when the player shall at the referee's signal, roll the ball out, to re-start the game.*

*SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES: A dropped ball to re-start the match after play has been temporarily stopped inside the penalty area takes place on the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at that point nearest to where the ball was located when the play was stopped.*

## DURATION OF PLAY

*The duration of play shall be as follows: for Under 7s, Under 8s age groups, 15 minutes each way and for Under 9s and Under 10s, 20 minutes each way.*

## BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

*The ball is out of play when:*

- *It has wholly crossed the goal line or touchline whether on the ground or in the air.*
- *Play has been stopped by the referee.*

*The ball is in play at all other times, including when:*

- *It rebounds from a goal post, cross bar or corner flag post and remains in the field of play.*
- *It rebounds from either the Referee or Assistant Referee when they are on the field of play.*

## METHOD OF SCORING

*GOAL SCORED: A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goal posts and under the cross bar, provided that no infringement of the Laws of the Game has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.*

*WINNING TEAM: The team scoring the greater number of goals during a match is the winner. If both teams score an equal number of goals, or if no goals are scored, the match is drawn.*

## OFFSIDE

*THERE IS NO OFFSIDE IN MINI-SOCCER*



## **FOULS AND MISCONDUCT**

**In Mini-Soccer all free kicks are DIRECT. For all free kicks opponents must be 5 yards (4.5 metres) from the ball.**

**A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following offences in a manner considered to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:**

- **Kicks or attempts to kick an opponent.**
- **Trips or attempts to trip an opponent.**
- **Jumps at an opponent.**
- **Charges an opponent.**
- **Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent.**
- **Pushes an opponent.**
- **Tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball.**

**A direct free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following offences:**

- **Holds an opponent.**
- **Spits at an opponent.**
- **Handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area).**
- **Plays in a dangerous manner.**
- **Impedes the progress of an opponent.**
- **Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his/her hands.**
- **Commits any other offence, not previously mentioned, for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player.**

**A direct free kick (taken from the penalty area line, parallel with the goal line at the nearest point to the offence) is awarded to the opposing team if the goalkeeper:**

- **Takes more than 6 seconds to release the ball from his/her hands.**
- **Touches the ball again with his/her hands after it has been released from his/her possession and has not touched any other player.**
- **Touches the ball with his/her hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her by a team mate.**
- **Touches the ball with his/her hands after he/she has received it directly from a throw in taken by a team mate.**

**CAUTIONABLE OFFENCES: A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he/she commits any of the following seven offences:**

- 1. Is guilty of unsporting behaviour.**
- 2. Shows dissent by word or action.**
- 3. Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game.**
- 4. Delays the restart of the game.**
- 5. Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner or free kick.**
- 6. Enters or re-enters the field of play without the Referees permission.**
- 7. Deliberately leaves the field of play without the Referees permission.**

**SENDING OFF OFFENCES: A player is sent off and shown the Red Card if he/she commits any of the following seven offences:**

- 1. Is guilty of serious foul play.**
- 2. Is guilty of violent conduct.**
- 3. Spits at an opponent or any other person.**
- 4. Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious scoring opportunity, by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area).**
- 5. Denies an obvious goal scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.**
- 6. Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures.**
- 7. Receives a second caution in the same match.**

**A player who is sent off shall not be allowed to take any further part in the competition on that day. No substitute is allowed for a player dismissed for misconduct during the game in which the offence occurred.**

**All cases of misconduct shall be reported by the Referee to the Birmingham County Football Association.**

## **FREE KICKS**

**For all free kicks, opponents must be 5 yards (4.5 metres) from the ball.**

## **PENALTY KICKS**

**POSITION OF THE BALL AND PLAYERS:** All players except the defending goalkeeper and kicker must be outside the penalty area and at least 5 yards (4.5 metres) from the penalty mark. The ball must be kicked forward.

**INFRINGEMENTS / SANCTIONS:** If a player or players commits an offence at the taking of a penalty kick his/her team shall not be allowed to gain an advantage (i.e the kick is retaken or the goal is disallowed depending on which team offended).

If a player of both the defending and attacking teams offend the kick shall be retaken.

## **THROW INS**

A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.

**A THROW-IN IS AWARDED:**

- When the whole of the ball passes over the touchline, either on the ground or in the air.
- From the point where it crossed the touchline.
- To the opponents of the player who last touched the ball.

**PROCEDURE:** At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower:

- Faces the field of play.
- Has part of each foot either on the touchline or on the ground outside the touchline.
- Uses both hands.
- The throw-in is awarded to the opposing team, if any of these requirements are not carried out.
- Delivers the ball from behind or over their head.

The thrower may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. If he/she does a free kick will be awarded against them. The ball is in play immediately it enters the field of play.

## **GOAL KICK**

A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area.

**U7s and U8s ONLY -** Defending players must retreat to their own half for all goal-kicks until the ball is in play.

**U9s and U10s -** Opponents must remain outside the penalty area and at least 5 yards (4.5 metres) from where the kick is taken until the ball is in play.

## **GOALKEEPER RETURNING THE BALL INTO PLAY**

When the goalkeeper collects the ball during play, he may kick the ball.

## **PLAY WITHIN THE GOAL AREA**

If a goalkeeper leaves the area, he is then classed as any other player.

## **CORNER KICKS**

The opposing players must remain 5 yards (4.5 metres) from the ball until it is in play. The kicker may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. If he/she does, a free kick is awarded against them.

The ball is in play immediately it enters the field of play.

## SECTION 7

### TAMWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

#### *UNDER 7s, 8s, 9's, 10s & U11s*

#### **DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**IN THE ABOVE AGE GROUPS, NO RESULT, GOALSCORERS OR LEAGUE TABLES WILL BE PUBLISHED OR EVEN RECORDED.**

- *The recording of the match results are permitted on the match report form for the statistical monitoring of performance to assist in the allocation of 'appropriately seeded development matches' & teams and leagues when entering Under 7-11s.*
- *In the U7s, U8s, U9s, U10s & 11s teams will complete a match report prior to and after the game as required.*
- *No Club or team are permitted to publish the result or scorers of any opposition team in any form and NO league tables or statistics are to be permitted in any form. Any other use of these results will render the League liable to disciplinary action.*
- *Stand-down rules will not apply in this age group. Games not played may not be re-fixtured by the League.*
- *Referees will be allocated by the F.A. Full-Time website.*
- *Normal League rules apply with regard to confirmation of matches and payment of fees.*
- *Teams will be affiliated to a County Football Association.*
- *Teams will register with the Tamworth Junior Football League and pay the appropriate fee.*
- *Should a Club enter more than one team, its players must be assigned to one specific team and can only move by way of a transfer.*
- *Players will be registered in the same way and by the same rules as that set down in the Tamworth Junior Football League Mini-Soccer handbook.*
- *Players must only play for the team they are registered to.*
- *Teams must take a printed copy of their current official team registration roster to all matches.*
- *All players must wear shin pads and appropriate footwear.*
- *The season will run from September until the middle of May. This will be subject to weather.*
- *Games will be played as per normal Mini-Soccer Laws as laid down in the Handbook.*
- *U7's and U8's ONLY - Defending players must retreat to their own half for all goal-kicks until the ball is in play.*
- *Home teams to provide a size 3 match ball for U7s, U8s and U9s and a size 4 for U10s.*
- *Where possible teams should wear club colours, however coloured bibs will be allowed providing all outfield players wear the same colours and the goalkeeper a different colour to his/her team-mates and the opposition.*
- *In the event of a colour clash the away team will change.*
- *In MINI SOCCER ONLY, each team will be allowed a member of its coaching staff or a parent behind their own goal during the duration of the game. NO OTHER PERSON WILL BE PERMITTED TO STAND BEHIND THE GOAL-LINE.*
- *No person, Manager/Assistant/First Aider/Substitute/Parent is allowed on the field of play without the Referees permission, for any reason.*
- *Referees fees will be paid half by each team in accordance with the fees laid down in*
- *From time to time, newly qualified and those currently on referee courses will be invited to referee.*
- *The Referees decision will be final.*
- *Teams will score the referee out of ONE HUNDRED (100).*
- *Parents and spectators are asked to behave in a sensible manner and applaud and cheer both teams and provide encouragement to the players.*

## **TAMWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

*9v9 - Under 11s (Development) & U12s (Competitive)*

### *Additional Information*

#### Squad Size

*Maximum 9 Players on the field of Play  
Maximum Squad size of 14 Players*

#### Pitch Size

*Maximum Pitch size is 80yds x 50yds*

#### Goal Size

*The distance between the posts is 16ft and the distance  
between the lower edge of the cross bar and the ground is 7ft.*

*PENALTY AREA: Length 13 yards; Width 32 yards. There are no restrictions on the number of players allowed in the penalty area.*

*PENALTY MARK: The penalty mark is 9 yards from the goal line opposite the centre of the goal.*

*HALFWAY LINE: The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The centre mark is indicated at the mid-point of the halfway line.*

#### Laws of the Game

*Standard 11 v 11 Rules apply throughout the Competition including offside.  
The powers and duties of the Referee are as normal Laws apply,  
as per Laws of Association Football*

*A Linesperson (Referee Assistant) MUST be provided by both teams.  
The minimum age of the assistant is 14 yrs of age*

## SECTION 8

### Duration of the Game

***In any one day, no player shall play more than the below stated minutes across ALL competitions. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer or organisation to ensure the child does not exceed this. Each league/competition will determine its own playing time within the maximum time permitted however the maximum duration will be two halves of 30 minutes.***

Age Group	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events / festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 7 and Under 8	10	20	40	60	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
Under 9 and Under 10	20	30	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	20	30	80	120	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)
Under 12	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 and Under 14	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 15 and Under 16	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 and Under 18	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table

For round robin/trophy events, the maximum duration of play per half cannot be exceeded, but the minimum duration of play per half may be adjusted.

## SECTION 8

### **REQUIRED CODES OF CONDUCT**

All clubs within TJFL as a Charter Standard League must ensure all players, coaches and spectators sign a code of conduct each season and accept they must abide by the below and their responsibilities' accordingly.

#### **Players**

*When playing football, I will:*

- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
  - Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/ team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the club welfare officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my club.

***I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:***

***I may:***

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee
  - Be dropped or substituted
  - Be suspended from training
  - Be required to leave the club.

***In addition:***

- My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

#### **Coaches**

***On and off the field, I will:***

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

## Coaches continued

### ***When working with players, I will:***

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
  - Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
  - Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

### ***I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or The FA:***

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
  - Monitored by another club coach
- Required to attend an FA education course
  - Suspended by the club from attending matches
  - Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

### ***In addition:***

- My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.

## Parents/Spectators

### *I will:*

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
  - Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
  - Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
  - Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

## Parents/Spectators continued

***I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA, league or***

***The FA:***

***I may be:***

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or County FA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

***In addition:***

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/ or suspension on the club.

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*All persons directly connected to the club and their teams which include all players, the team officials (including but not restricted to managers, assistant managers, coaches, physio/first aider) and all spectators, including parents and their guests must agree in writing to adhere to the above codes of conduct and be aware of the disciplinary procedures and sanctions that may be taken against them if in breach the above.*

*Clubs have a duty of care to all those involved within TJFL and must take reasonable precautions to prevent any misconduct and take the appropriate action against ANY person in breach of the same.*

*All team officials accept they are responsible for the conduct of their players and spectators when playing within any TJFL fixture and will deal with any inappropriate behaviour accordingly.*

*All those persons attached to a team, including but not restricted to managers, assistant managers, coaches, physio/first aider) and all spectators, including parents and their guests will RESPECT the match officials and accept their decisions and ensure no inappropriate language or behaviour is used against any match or league official.*



## **DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND SANCTIONS**

### ***Young Players***

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager.
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the club committee.
  - Be dropped or substituted.
  - Be suspended from training.
  - Be required to leave the club.

In addition:

- My club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of any infringements of the Code of Conduct.
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my club.

### ***Spectators and parents/carers***

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official.
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer.
  - Required to meet with the club committee.
  - Obligated to undertake an FA education course.
  - Obligated to leave the match venue by the club.
  - Requested by the club not to attend future games.
  - Suspended or have my club membership removed.
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club

### ***Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials***

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer.
  - Required to meet with the club committee.
    - Monitored by another club coach.
  - Required to attend a FA education course.
- Suspended by the club from attending matches.
  - Suspended or fined by the County FA.
  - Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

In addition:

- My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.

# TAMWORTH JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Saturday & Sunday Leagues

**SEASON 2018/19**

Fixtures, results, tables and referee appointments are only available via the Tamworth Junior League's pages on the FA website

<http://full-time.thefa.com> - search Tamworth Junior League

[www.tjfl.co.uk](http://www.tjfl.co.uk) - Our own website

**ALL Registrations** will be performed via [www.gotfootball.co.uk](http://www.gotfootball.co.uk)

**Fixtures/Results & Referee allocation** may move to this site during the season.

Referee appointments for upcoming games can be found by clicking on REFEREES in the menu and then selecting the appropriate date from the drop down menu.

All fixtures and referees are subject to change so always check the website the weekend before your game



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