



LEAGUE RULES 2009-2010

Craven, Aire and Wharfe Junior League

Rules

Changes to the Rules are in bold, underlined and paragraph marked.

Rules printed in red are mandatory by the Football Association.

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1. NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

(A) This Competition shall be designated the Craven, Aire and Wharfe Junior League and shall consist of not more than one hundred clubs who shall be Full Member Clubs.

All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to an affiliated County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form "D" to the West Riding County Football Association. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be the Bradford, Craven, Keighley and Wharfedale districts of the West Riding. Clubs may be accepted from outside this area with the agreement of the Management Committee.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the West Riding County Football Association(s) and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions according to age of players.

Member Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the League in any other Competitions (with the exception of FA. and County FA. Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee of the League.

The competition will provide 11-a-side football for players who have attained the age of 10 as at midnight 31st August in a playing season and Mini-Soccer for players who have attained the age of 6 years but not the age of 10 years as at midnight on 31st August in a playing season.

2. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

(A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this League must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of ten pounds, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. The Entry Fee shall apply.

When Rule 12(B) is applied and a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be **fifty pounds per Team** payable on or before the third Monday of August in each year. Fees for mini-soccer will be fixed at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) Each Club shall within fourteen days of election pay a Deposit of five pounds, which shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by July 1st of its West Riding or Lancashire County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, failing which they shall be fined ten pounds. Clubs must advise the Secretary on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the League.

3. OFFICERS

The Officers of the League shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Life Members, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration Secretaries, Referees Secretary, Results Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Webmaster and League Welfare Officer to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

4. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

(A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee comprised of the Officers, one representative of each of the four district football associations and eight members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All participants shall abide by the Football Association Regulations for safeguarding children as determined by The Association from time to time.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than fourteen days prior to the AGM in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting

(C) The Management Committee shall meet monthly to deal with business as it arises.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the League and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated officers.

5. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

(A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. **The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters**

Should there again be a draw after extra time the winners shall be decided by the taking of penalties. The above decisions may be varied by the Management Committee after taking account of the venue and any arrangements with which they have had to comply. Both teams will be notified in writing of the arrangements prior to the kick-off.

(f) Final winners shall be awarded a cup or trophy and individual mementos for fourteen players. Runners-up may also receive individual mementos. The referee and linesmen shall receive awards in place of any fees.

(g) Teams competing in a semi-final or final tie must be at the ground 30 minutes prior to the start. Teams in default shall be fined £5. Players' Registration Cards must be available for inspection by a member of the Management Committee. In any case of general misconduct by a team or official of a team the award of trophies may be withheld by a member of the Management Committee delegated to be at the match. Such a matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for further decision.

(h) Depending upon availability of premium grounds the Management Committee shall decide the date and venue for cup finals which will be held during the last two weeks of April and the first two weeks of May. Clubs must confirm their teams' availability within three days of notification or withdraw from the final.

9. REPORTING RESULTS

(a) Each club must fully complete a Match Result Form which must be sent to the League Registration Secretary which must be received within three (3) days of the game. Each match report form be fully completed including the full names of players and substitutes in capital letters indicating if the latter were used. The form shall be signed by a responsible official of the club. A fine of up to five pounds may be imposed on a club which fails to complete its section of the form correctly. A fine of up to ten pounds may be imposed by the Management Committee for a Result Sheet received later than three days following the match. If the match result sheet is not received within fourteen days of the match this fine shall be increased to fifteen pounds.

(b) The first named club must phone the result of the match to the designated League official within the designated hours determined by the Management Committee. Failure to observe this rule may render a club liable to a fine of five pounds (£5).

10. MISCELLANEOUS

All other Rules as per the League's general Rules. The League Management Committee shall have power to deal with any matter relating to the competitions not specifically provided for in these Rules.

Under 11 & 12	60 min	10 min
Under 13 & 14	70 min	20 min
Under 15 & 16	80 min	20 min
Under 17	90 min	30 min

The above times will be divided into equal halves with extra time being played where appropriate. In the case of a draw after extra time the Management Committee may direct that the result be obtained from the taking of penalty kicks according to the system decided by the International Board on 27th June 1970. There shall be no extra time in the first game in a two leg arrangement or where the initial round of the competition is being played on a "league" basis.

If in the opinion of the referee normal time cannot be played he shall inform the two clubs, prior to the kick-off, of the duration of the game. Should there be no League appointed referee the two clubs shall, before the kick-off, mutually agree as to the duration of the game. The minimum time to be played shall be fifty (50) min for all age groups 13 and above, forty (40) min for under 12 and below.

(c) Each team shall supply the referee with a suitable white match ball or incur a fine of up to ten pounds.

8. SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL TIES

(a) All semi-final ties will be played on the ground of the first drawn club providing the ground is deemed acceptable by the Management Committee. If not the tie will be played on any ground directed by the Management Committee.

(b) All match expenses to be shared equally by the teams and paid on the day of the match. In final ties the Management Committee will make all arrangements.

(c) Final Ties - Each team competing in a final tie must submit to the referee, before the commencement of the game, a ball suitable for match purposes and the decision will be left to the sole discretion of the referee. Failure to supply a suitable match ball may incur a fine of up to ten pounds. Each team in a final tie shall supply a suitable prize for a raffle which may be conducted to offset the expenses of staging the match.

(f) In the case of a drawn semi-final after extra time the Management Committee will decide the date venue and time for the replay. The Management Committee may direct that there shall be no replay and that the winner of the match will be decided by the use of extra time and the taking of penalty kicks. Both teams will be notified in writing of the decision prior to the kick-off.

(e) In under 15, 16 and 17 finals a drawn game shall be followed by extra time and then, should there still be a draw, by the taking of penalties. In under 14 and younger finals a drawn game shall be followed by extra time. Should there still be a draw the match shall be replayed on a date venue and time to be decided by the Management Committee.

within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of the Football Association or affiliated Association

(B) Subject to the permission of the West Riding County Football Association 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. (See Rule 6(e))

(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. (This shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules. Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Club Official (limited to Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) or Player alleged to be in breach of a Competition Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before the Management Committee. Financial penalties can only be imposed if included within the set penalties for breaches of Competition Rules. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules by the appropriate Association.

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal in accordance with Rule 16.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within fourteen days.

(F) Five members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the Competition.

(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 having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management

Committee, or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the League shall be liable to be fined or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(I) All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification.

Clubs, Officials or individuals committing a breach of this Rule will incur such penalties as the Management Committee may impose.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the League to attend a meeting or match may have any expenses incurred refunded by the League. A club requesting the attendance of a League official may be required to pay these expenses. **Expenses are 25p per mile.**

(K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

(L) No participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

(M) Leagues who organise Mini Soccer for teams playing U7 and U8 football may not, with the exception of Rules 6, 11d, 14 and 19 fine clubs for breaches of League Rules.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 51% of the Member clubs are present and entitled to vote:

- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) To consider any business arising therefrom.
- (iii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- (iv) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies as recommended by the Management Committee).
- (v) Constitution of the League for ensuing season.
- (vi) Election of Officers and Management Committee.
- (vii) Appointment of Auditors.
- (viii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).

been played during the period in which the player was registered with this league. In the case of county and district cup games the club must send a list of participating players, suitably endorsed, to the League Registration Secretary within seven days of the game. No player shall be allowed to play in the final of a competition unless he was eligible for the semi-final or had special permission of the Management Committee.

(c) For certain supplementary cup and league competitions the qualification rules will be decided and published before the first fixtures and may vary from the rules for the league cup competitions.

(d) All questions of eligibility of players or interpretation of these rules shall be referred to the Management Committee whose decision shall be final but subject to the right of appeal to the West Riding County Football Association. The Management Committee may delegate powers to a Disciplinary Sub-Committee. Protests must be lodged in accordance with the League Rules.

(e) Any club playing an ineligible player or player under suspension may be eliminated from the competition or may have any points gained deducted where the competition is being played on a "league" basis and fined a sum not exceeding twenty pounds (£20).

6. REFEREES

Registered referees and assistant referees shall be appointed by the Management Committee to act in all matches. Where it is impossible for the League to supply an official the home team shall be responsible for finding a properly qualified and affiliated referee who shall be considered to be appointed by the League. Where this cannot be done or where the appointed referee fails to appear the teams may mutually agree upon a substitute referee, and provided the game be played to a finish it shall rank as an proper match. In such cases a responsible official from each team (not a player) must sign a note on the match report sheet or a team sheet before the start of the game stating that they agree to the replacement referee. Subject to the Laws of the Game being upheld a referee thus mutually agreed upon shall for that game have full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Referees shall be paid by the home team the fee and expenses as agreed by the Management Committee. For a match played on a neutral ground the referee's and (if appointed) linesmen fees and expenses shall be shared equally by both teams.

7. VENUE AND DURATION OF MATCHES

(a) In the case of a knock-out arrangement the game shall be played on the ground of the first team drawn except as described below. In the case of an initial round being played on a "league" basis matches may be home and away or a single fixture as arranged by the Management Committee or its appointed official.

(b) The duration of games shall be as follows:-

Age groups	Duration	Extra time
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League Cup Rules

1. GENERAL

These rules shall govern all cup competitions run by the League with the exception of small-side competitions for which separate rules apply.

2. AFFILIATION

The cup competitions shall be affiliated to the West Riding County Football Association and shall be conducted in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Bye Laws of the Football Association. Entry to the cup competitions is optional. Teams must confirm before the draw is made whether they wish to enter or not. A fine of up to fifty pounds may be imposed for withdrawing after this date.

3. FORMAT OF THE COMPETITION

The format of the individual cup competition shall be decided by the Management Committee. Once decided details of the format shall be circulated to clubs together with the draw. If a competition is arranged on a "league" basis then points will be awarded as defined in League Rule 12. However, goal difference will be taken into account in determining league positions. Inclusion in the President's Trophy or Phoenix Trophies Cup competitions will be by invitation.

4. MANAGEMENT OF THE COMPETITION

The cup competitions shall be governed by the Management Committee appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Correspondence shall be addressed to the League Secretary (or other official appointed by the Management Committee) who shall conduct the affairs of the competitions as ordered by the Management Committee.

5. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(a) All players taking part in the competition shall be registered members of their respective team in the League registered in accordance with the rules of the League. A player shall not play for more than one team in a cup competition in the same age group. This includes a player who has played for a team that has withdrawn from the League during the current season.

(b) No player shall be eligible to take part in a cup competition semi-final unless he shall have played for his team in six qualifying games. For semi-finals played before March 1st the number of games will be four. These games to include: league and league cup matches in this league; games which the team has played in a County or district cup competition; representative duty with a county or district F.A. side. These games to have

- (ix) Fix the date for the commencement and conclusion of playing season.
- (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

(B) A copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting and to the West Riding County Football Association.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the West Riding County Football Association within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than seven days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the 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.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least two thirds 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 Full Member Club.

(H) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined the sum of twenty pounds.

(I) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

7. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the League together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, A, -of (Chairman) and
B of (Secretary) of the

Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club to, 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 16.

Any alteration of the Chairman and/or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified

to the County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the League.

(Note: The spaces above are intended for the inclusion of the signatures and addresses of officers and members).

8. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(A) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are not permitted in this League. No player registered with a F.A. Premier League or Football League Academy will be permitted to play in this league. A player registered with a Centre of Excellence may only play in this League subject to the Regulations of the Programme for Excellence.

(B) A registered youth playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

(i) Signed a fully and correctly completed League registration form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club and a parent or guardian and who has been registered with the Registration Secretary three days prior to playing and whose completed registration card has been received by the Club prior to playing

(ii) Provided two identical recent passport approved photographs (not scanned copies) of the player.

(iii) Provided proof of date of birth including original birth certificate or photocopy, original medical card or other document acceptable to the League. This includes a photocopy of the player's passport or other official document issued by a Government Agency attesting to the player's date of birth.

(iv) A stamped addressed envelope. No collection of cards from the Registration Secretary. Registrations without S.A.E. will incur an administration charge of five pounds. Registration applications with insufficient postage will incur an administration charge as deemed appropriate by the Management Committee.

(v) Applied to play in competitions for which he is eligible by reason of his age.

The qualification dates for the competition shall be as follows:-

Mini-soccer

To play in a knockout cup game or a game where points are awarded, or results collected, a player must have achieved the age of eight on or before the 31st of August.

Under 7 – the player must have attained the age of 6 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season but must be under the age of 7 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 8 – the player must be under the age of 8 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Secretary by 30 April in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs 21 days prior to the AGM with the notice of the Annual General Meeting and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary 14 days prior to the AGM. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs 7 days prior to the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the sanctioning Football Association 7 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.

21. RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

Each Member Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee subject to Rule 16.

Each Member Club must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conduct

22. FINANCE

(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 £100 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 League will end on 31 March.

(D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

the Club, having been declared winners of YYY -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 the third Monday in February.

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.”

Where a cup or shield is won jointly the clubs shall toss a coin to decide who keeps the trophy initially. The other joint winner shall be handed the trophy at or before the first mid-season general meeting. Cups and shields shall be returned in a clean condition failing which a charge of ten pounds will be made. A shield or cup not returned by the deadline shall incur a fine of thirty pounds.

19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Three general meetings shall be held during the season, one in August, one in October or November and one in January or February at which all clubs must be represented. Any club failing to be represented at these meetings and failing to provide a satisfactory reason shall be fined thirty pounds.

Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

At least seven days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than seven days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined ten pounds.

Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

All amendment of Rules can only be implemented once approved by the appropriate sanctioning authority.

20. ALTERATION TO RULES

Alterations shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season. Notice of proposed

Under 9 – the player must be under the age of 9 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 10 – the player must be under the age of 10 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player in the above age ranges must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

Youth Football

Under 11 – the player must have attained the age of 10 but must be under the age of 11 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

Under 12 – the player must be under the age of 12 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

Under 13 – the player must be under the age of 13 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

Under 14 – the player must be under the age of 14 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

Under 15 – the player must be under the age of 15 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

Under 16 – the player must be under the age of 16 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

Under 17 – the player must be under the age of 17 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

Under 18 – the player must be under the age of 18 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

(The above qualification dates are subject to the provisions contained in FA Rule C 4(a)(v))

(vi) Subject to a player continuing to play for the same team in the new season his Registration may be renewed for up to two more seasons by returning the registration card together with a new Registration Form. The Registration Cards of players no longer playing for the team must be returned to the Registration Secretary before the commencement of the new season when the Registration will be cancelled. These pre-season cancellations will not affect the team's 22 player limit. All Registration Cards expire after three seasons when a new application with new photographs must be made.

(vii) All clubs must obtain from parents or guardians any known serious medical conditions of the player and 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 League.

(C) (1) Players must be under the relevant age prior to the season for the section in which they wish to play.

(2) Where registration documents have to be returned to a club unprocessed due to errors or illegibility an administration charge of two pounds will be incurred. This must be paid with the corrected registration application.

(3) In the event of a loss of registration cards the club will be required to provide new photographs (2 per player) and will incur an administration charge of up to £5 per replacement card.

(4) The team manager or other club official shall be responsible for checking the registration cards of the opposing players before or during a game and to see that the names agree with those entered on the Match Result Sheet. The latter to be completed prior to the kick-off. Failure to do this may result in a fine of up to five pounds. A League official or a member of the Management Committee not connected with either team may also inspect registration cards at any time. Any club found to be playing or to have played a registered player when the registration card was not available at the game shall be liable to a fine of up to five pounds per player.

(5) No player shall take part in a match unless his registration card is available for inspection. If any match is not played because one team lacks a sufficient number of registration cards available the circumstances shall be reported to the Management Committee who may fine the offending club or award the points to their opponents or order the match to be replayed at a later date. A fine of up to twenty pounds may be imposed upon a club which fails to have the registration cards for its players available for inspection at the match. In exceptional circumstances where the registration cards are not available through no fault of the Club a League official may authorise a match to take place and institute an alternative method of checking the eligibility of players.

(6) At no time during the season shall a team have more than twenty two players registered with the League. A club secretary or other official may "de-register" players by returning their registration cards to the Registration Secretary together with a fee of three pounds per player. Having utilised their allocated 22 registrations and de-registered some a team may fill their vacancies by registering other players without further charge. Players "de-registered" shall no longer be available to play for their team and shall be considered free to sign for any other team in the League.

(7) In the event of a team or club withdrawing from the League during the season it shall be considered that the players registered for that team shall be "de-registered"

the West Riding County Football Association, including a fee of £25 for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.

No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

17. EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

(A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further membership upon a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast. Voting at this point shall be conducted by ballot.

(B) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable upon a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast. 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 official 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 League to join them shall be liable to expulsion or 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 (B) of this Rule.

(D) Any Club or Team failing to complete all of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season.

18. TROPHY:- LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED. AWARDS.

A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the League as Trustees. If a League be discontinued for any cause the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provide, or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide. At the close of each Competition awards may be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the League permit.

The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-
AAA and BBB, the Chairman and Secretary of XXX FC, members of and representing

provide evidence that they have initiated application. Clubs admitted for membership must either have attained Charter Standard or must agree to achieve this within one season.

15. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

- (A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to 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 match. Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.
- (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 in duplicate with the Secretary within three days (excluding Sundays) of the 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) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 16.
- (D) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum of five pounds. 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 fine Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.
- (E) All parties to a protest or complaint must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and must have received 7 days notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the submission. When dealing with a protest or complaint the Management Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.

16. BOARD OF APPEAL

Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or the Competition a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of

and available to sign for another club provided that they have discharged their undertakings. A club must inform the League within seven days if they have an objection to this.

(8) Players' Registration Cards remain the property of the League and must be returned if requested.

- (D) A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the League without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played.
- (E) The annual fee for a team shall include registration forms for twenty-two players.
- (F) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Team priority of registration shall decide for which Team the player shall be registered. The Registration Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

- (G) It shall be deemed misconduct for a player to:-
- (i) Play for more than one team in the League in the same season without first being transferred.
- (ii) Having signed for one team in the League, sign for another team in the League in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.
- (iii) Submit a signed registration form for registration that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.
- (H) (i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player.
- (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, except those under 18 years of age, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).
- (iii) The Management Committee shall have power to **make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association.**

Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. **Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered with.**

(Note: Action under Clause (jiii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute **and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football Association.)** **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 a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)**

(I) Subject to The Football Association Rules dealing with players without a written contract when a player desires a transfer, the Club the player wishes to transfer to shall submit a transfer form to the Registration Secretary accompanied by a fee of three pounds. Such transfer shall be referred by the Registration Secretary 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 Registration Secretary and to the player concerned within seven days of receipt of the transfer form. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon, its failure to give written objection within seven days, the Registrations 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.

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

(J) (1) A player may not be registered for a team nor transferred to another team in the League after the date as decided at the Annual General Meeting **except by special permission of the Management Committee.**

(2) No player may be transferred within 28 days of being registered or previously transferred.

(3) Requests for Transfer Forms shall be made to the Registration Secretaries together with a stamped addressed envelope.

(4) The following will apply to preliminary games played in the under 11 section. A club may transfer a player from one team to another within the club without cost and without waiting 28 days so long as the documentation has been submitted to the Registration Secretary and the amended card received back. Failure to comply with this rule may result in a fine of five pounds per player per match.

(K) A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which

the Management Committee shall determine. Any Club awarding a referee less than **fifty** marks shall submit a report within three days to the Referees Appointments Secretary.

The League shall keep a record of the markings and, on the Form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The West Riding County Football Association.

(I) No rule

(J) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the League Rules free of charge.

(K) All teams up to under 14s must submit the name of a qualified referee able to control home games. Failing this a person willing to act as referee for home matches must attend a pre-season short course run by the League.

14. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

(A) After 31st December in the current Season a Club intending to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each Season or be liable to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

All Clubs wishing to remain in membership of the Competition for the following Season must confirm their intention to do so, in writing, to the Secretary by 31st March.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the League after **31st July**. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding **forty pounds** per team, have to pay the annual team fee and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(C) The Membership for the coming season having been decided at the Annual General Meeting held not later than 30th June the League shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions in this Rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its team(s) in order to join another Competition and may hold the Club to its engagements

(D) In the event of a Member Club which is an un-incorporated association withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the League.

In the event that any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of twenty-one (21) days then such obligation shall be met by the then current Club Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age. Until a Member's pro rata obligation is discharged in full the Member shall not be allowed to participate in the League, which may apply to the Club's Parent County Association for a suspension order.

(E) From season 2008-2009 all clubs in membership of the League at the previous AGM must have attained Charter Standard or can

(B) Due to the shortage of referees and possible travelling costs involved the Referees Appointments Secretary may inform the HOME club that they should arrange for the appointment locally of a registered referee. Referees so appointed shall be considered officially appointed so far as the League is concerned. (A registered referee is one who is qualified and affiliated to a County Football Association.) **In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.** The team manager or a club official from each team shall sign the Match Result Form before the kick-off to the effect that they agree to the substitute referee. In the event of the clubs failing to agree upon a referee the League may take such action as deemed appropriate. All teams shall use a West Riding C.F.A. Registered Referee who is available in preference to an unregistered person.

(C) The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any match. Sanction for this will be sought from the West Riding C.F.A. Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine of ten pounds being imposed on the defaulting team.

(D) **The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final** subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the Representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play.

(E) **Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to charge standard class public transport expenses** or private car expenses of **25p** per mile and any other permitted expenses actually incurred together with the following match fees:

Referee £15 up to and including under 16s, **over 16s £20.** **Registered Referees appointed by the Management Committee as Assistant Referees** shall be paid half fees subject to any limits laid down by the sanctioning Association.

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses before the match.

(F) **In the event of a 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 match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses.

(G) **A Referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may have his name removed from the list of Referees and the fact reported to the Association with which he or she is registered.**

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the League on the prescribed Form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with as

they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

In the event a club has more than one team in any age group, each team must be clearly designated "A" and "B" etc. 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 8(B).

(L) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Team, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registration Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged on payment of a fee of ten pounds. Registrations are valid for one season only.

In the event of a player without a written contract 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 player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void. In order to play in the League again either for his original Club or for another Club it will be necessary for him to be re-registered as required by this Rule.

(M) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A) unless that player has played six games for that team in this League in the current season. A club must have registered a minimum of eleven players per team at least fourteen days prior to the commencement of the playing season or be fined a sum of three pounds per player short of the required eleven.

(N) (No rule)

(O)(i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players shall have the points gained in the match deducted from its total and may be fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(ii) In addition the team shall have three points deducted from its total at the discretion of the Management Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought to be fit.

(iii) The Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

(The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full-time secondary education):-

(Q) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday competitions).

(iii) Children under 15 shall not play in a team involving players who are more than 2 years older.

(Note: For players under the age of 18 the provisions contained in Football Association Rules will apply.)

9. CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

(A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by July the 1st who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players and the referee.

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 League shall notify the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least five days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change shall be fined ten pounds.

The Secretary of the League may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit.

(B) Any Club wishing to change its name and/or colours must seek permission from its affiliated County Association and from the Management Committee.

(C) Players' shirts must have unique numbers printed on the back which must correspond to the players' names as listed on the Match Result Sheet and submitted to the referee. Players shall not swap shirts during the game without the permission of the referee who shall report this to the League. Clubs may use traditional 1-16/17 numbers or squad numbers as they wish so long as no two shirts have the same number. A player changing places with the goalkeeper may exchange shirts. A fine of ten pounds may be imposed for failure to comply with this rule.

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

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the commencing and concluding dates for the ensuing season which shall be in accordance with Football Association Rules. No

result of each League 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 13, or any other information required by the League. Failure to do so will incur a fine of a minimum of **ten pounds** and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

(B) The Home Club shall telephone the result of each match to the Results Secretary by 5.30.pm on the day of the match (afternoon games) and 9.30.pm. (evening games). Failure to do this will incur a fine of up to five pounds.

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. The Management Committee shall have power to take such action as they deem suitable against a Club which submits an incomplete form or incorrect information.

(D) Leagues are not permitted to collect result sheets or compile any playing data for fixtures they organise for U7 and U8 Mini Soccer. They may require a Club to confirm that a set fixture has been played. A maximum fine of £5 may be imposed for a breach of this Rule.

12. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

(A) Team rankings within the League will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points. In mini-soccer points can only be awarded for under 9 competitions **onwards**.

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points the championship shall be divided.

(B) There is no automatic promotion and relegation within the League. Teams will be allocated to divisions at the discretion of the Management Committee. No application from a club for promotion shall be considered unless submitted in writing prior to July 1st.

(C) In the event of a team not completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the League table. In the event of 75% of the fixtures having been completed the points for the unplayed matches shall be awarded to the opponents.

13. REFEREES

(A) Registered Referees for all matches shall be appointed wherever possible in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association.

player who has been replaced may return to the play as a substitute for another player. A team must not have a squad greater than double the size of its team in an age group.

For youth football – for teams in the under 16 age group and below, a player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may, in turn, replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

In the under 17 section a team may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match who may be selected from 5 players.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than five minutes before the start of the match.

A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this League.

(H) The half time interval shall be of five minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee. The home team must offer a suitable drink to the referee at full- or half- time. A fine of up to five pounds may be imposed for a breach of this rule.

(J) All managers, assistants and coaches of West Riding affiliated clubs must be registered under the Child Protection scheme. If requested proof of this must be produced in a form acceptable to the League before any games are played..

(K) No player may take part in any match in this League unless his name is written on the Match Result Form prior to the kick-off. Failure to do this may result in a fine of ten pounds.

(L) To prevent spectators from interfering with play, and to ensure there is no interference to the players from a health and safety viewpoint, where space permits clubs should mark out a separate line parallel to, and no less than 3m from the touchline behind which all spectators should stand. If a separate line is not so marked, then a line of cones or suitable barriers should be used. No one is to stand behind either of the goal lines. Failure to provide corner flags and mark out spectator areas may incur a fine of ten pounds for the first offence and twenty pounds thereafter.

(M) In games up to and including under 12, should the goal difference in the second period reach 10 the game will terminate with neither club being penalised.

11. REPORTING RESULTS

(A) The Registration Secretary must receive within three days of the date played, the

Club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date. Original fixtures arranged by the Fixture Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than 31st August, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date determined by the Annual General Meeting.

Fixtures are deemed to be accepted unless objections are received by the Fixture Secretary within fourteen days of their issue.

(B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, the Laws of Mini-Soccer as set down by The Football Association.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. It through any fault of the home team a 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 matches in the League and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.

All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time (not less than 40 minutes) is mutually arranged by the two teams in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

For Mini-Soccer – The maximum duration of play shall be two halves of 20 minutes each way. The maximum playing time in any one day for under 7 and under 8 age groups is 40 minutes and for under 9 and under 10 age groups is 60 minutes.

For Youth Football – The duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time. For under 11 and under 12: 30 minutes each half; for under 13 and under 14: 35 minutes each half; for under 15 and under 16: 40 minutes each half; under 17 and under 18: 45 minutes each half.

The minimum time for any game will not be less than 20 minutes each half for players in the under 14 age group and below and 25 minutes each half for all other age groups.

No player under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August (see Rule 8) in any season shall be permitted to play more than one game or, in the events the League allows the playing of a double-header, i.e. two separate matches, 100 minutes per day in this League.

The times of kick-off shall be decided by the home team. In the event of the away team being unable to agree with this time the kick-off shall be at any time after 1.00.p.m. as determined by the Management Committee. Where midweek fixtures have to be arranged these will be played on a Wednesday evening unless clubs agree mutually to play on another evening.

Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined a sum not exceeding

ten pounds or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the League

The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the League if the footballs are unsuitable. The recommended size of football to be used shall be: For Mini-Soccer, size 3 for players in the under 7 and 8 age categories, size 4 for under 9s and 10s. For youth football – size 4 for those playing under 11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups; size 5 for all other age groups. Goal nets and corner flags must be used.

Where it becomes necessary to play two games between the same teams on the same day the venue shall be decided by the Management Committee subject to Rule 16.

Two games of equal halves shall be played. Under 11 and 12 games shall be of 40 min duration each, under 13 to 17 shall be 50 min each. There shall be a suitable interval between the two games which shall be separately reported.

(C) (1) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played and the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and all relevant County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixture Secretary.

(2) A club requiring the postponement of any fixture shall submit its request in writing so as to reach the Secretary not less than fourteen days before the proposed date on which the match was scheduled to be played for consideration by the Management Committee. The number of requests for postponement of fixtures shall be limited to two per team per season.

(D) The Secretary of the home Club must give notice in writing of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least five clear days prior to the playing of the match. The away Club shall seek and acknowledge receipt of such particulars.

Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of ten pounds.

(E) Every Club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the League.

(Note: The intention of this Rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another game or to boost the strength of another or lower team. It is not intended that Clubs MUST field higher team players in lower teams when the higher team has no engagement. If, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the Rule is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account for its/their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine, despite the fact that Rule 8 has not been

infringed.)

A minimum of seven players will constitute a team for a League match.

(F) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any 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 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.

Any team unable to fulfil a fixture must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, the Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict any penalty it may deem suitable.

In the event of a scheduled fixture being postponed less than fourteen days prior each club must complete and send to the League Secretary within three days a Postponement Form giving details of the reasons for the postponement and stating if the points are being claimed or waived.

In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall 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 seven days the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date.

The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both teams. Where it is to the advantage of the League 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 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 match to the opponents and/or take what other action they may deem necessary. In cases where a match **has been** abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall **rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.**

(G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 substitute players in any match in this League who may be selected from 5 players.

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