

SUNDAY COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS 2010-2011

The following provides extracts of Competition Rules and Instructions from the above Competitions. **MATCH OFFICIALS SHOULD, THEREFORE, REFER TO THE HERTFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION HANDBOOK FOR A FULL CLARIFICATION OF RULES.**

Match Officials should be aware of the following rules for the above Competitions.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT BY HOME CLUB

The Home Club in each Tie is responsible for notifying the Match Officials of exact details of the location of the ground, date of match and kick-off time, by the Monday prior to the game. Match Officials are asked to report breaches of this Rule to Paddy Donovan. Match Officials are required to acknowledge details of the match arrangements with the Home Club. For the final tie, confirmation will be made by the Hertfordshire F.A.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF APPOINTMENT TO REFEREES SECRETARY

Match Officials are required to acknowledge all appointments to Mr Nigel Taylor, Referee Appointments Officer, preferably by email to nigel.taylor@hertfordshirefa.com

DRESS CODE

Match Officials appointed to County matches must wear the standard black and white kit. Match Officials are also expected to be of smart appearance. In all County Cup Competitions, the Hertfordshire County Badge must be worn. Match Officials must arrive at the ground at least *45 minutes before* the advertised kick off for matches prior to the Quarter Finals and at least *one hour before* the advertised kick off time for Quarter Finals – Final Rounds.

DURATION OF MATCH

Extra time must be played if the scores are level at the end of normal time. If the scores are level at the end of extra time, then the game will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance to the procedure laid down in the Laws of Association Football. There are no replays in this competition.

HALF TIME

The half time interval shall not exceed 15 minutes which may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

SUBSTITUTES

Three substitute players may be used in County Cup ties from five names given to the Match Referee prior to the kick off.

COLOURS

Home clubs are required to inform the Away team of the Home team colours, as it is the AWAY team who must change if there is a clash of colours.

FEES

Match Official Fees for these Competitions are as follows:

Referee: **£ 28.00**

Assistant Referees: **£ 20.00** (where officially appointed)

The above are also entitled to claim travel expenses of 35p per mile.

The home drawn team is responsible for ensuring payment is made to the Referee in all rounds up to and including the semi finals. Where Assistant Referees are appointed (Quarter & Semi Finals) the Assistant Referees fees are to be shared equally between the two teams. It remains the responsibility of the Home team to ensure all payments are made to the Match Officials.

POSTPONED MATCHES

Note that in the event of a match being postponed, the same Match Officials remain appointed for the rearranged game which must be played the following week. *Where a match is not played owing to causes over which neither club has control, the Match Officials in attendance shall be entitled to claim travel expenses incurred at 35p per mile.*

ABANDONED MATCHES

If the Referee abandons a match due to ground conditions, it becomes void and must be played again the following week. If abandoned due to misconduct, a written misconduct report will be necessary from the Referee and sent to the Association Headquarters. If abandoned through no fault of either club after the completion of normal time, but before the end of extra time, then the game shall be played again at the ground of the away team.

MISDEAMEANOURS OF CLUBS

Referees are to report all cases of late match confirmations, late kick-offs, failure to wear numbered shirts, and failure to provide a linesman for the duration of the game. These reports should be made in writing to Paddy Donovan. Referees are advised to notify a representative of the offending team of their intention to make a report.

CHANGING FACILITIES

Home clubs should advise the match officials in advance of cases where there are no changing facilities, or where the facilities fall well below the required standard as per **(Rule 10B)** to help us monitor any cases of clubs not adhering to this rule, referees are asked to report all such cases to Mr Nigel Taylor in writing.

The following Rules only apply to games played in the Quarter Finals or Later:

TEAM SHEET

For the Semi Final and Final ties, Clubs must list players taking part in the game, including substitutes, on the official Hertfordshire Football Association triplicate Team Sheet (already sent to Clubs) and exchange copies with the Referee and their Opponents, in the presence of the Referee, at least 30 minutes before kick off time. Referees will report to Paddy Donovan any club failing to comply with this instruction. Referees must, within two days of the match being played, forward his copy of the team sheet to Paddy Donovan. The Referee should report any cases where a team sheet has been amended by a Club after being originally exchanged.

ROPED OFF PITCHES

In the **Quarter Final** and **Semi Final** ties of the Sunday Competitions, the playing pitch must have a railed or roped-off area at least five feet from the goal and touchlines on all sides. Where local regulations do not allow this, the Home Club must find an alternative ground or play on the ground of their opponents, which must comply with the foregoing conditions. Fluorescent tape is not considered a satisfactory replacement for rope. All posts or stakes used must be of material considered satisfactory for players' safety. Referees are required to report all breaches of this Rule to Paddy Donovan. If a pitch is not satisfactorily roped off, the priority must be to play the match.

SEMI FINALS

Where neutral grounds are used for Semi Final matches, the venue and kick off time will be stipulated by the competitions committee.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

All Competition enquiries should be directed to:

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All Administration enquiries should be directed to:

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