

GIRLS CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS 2010-2011

The following provides extracts of Competition Rules and Instructions for the youth 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. Match Officials are required to acknowledge details of the match arrangements with the Home Club. For the final ties, 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 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 *30 minutes before* the advertised kick off time for matches prior to the Semi-Finals and at least *one hour before* the advertised kick off time for Semi Final – Final rounds.

MATCH OFFICIALS

Match Official Fees for this Competition are as follows:

	U16 & U15	U14 & U13	U12
Referee	£23	£20	£18
Assistant Referees	£16	£15	£13

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 (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.

DURATION OF MATCH

The duration of play in Youth County Competitions shall be as follows:

- U16** - 40 mins each way plus 10 mins each way extra time if required
- U15** - 40 mins each way plus 10 mins each way extra time if required
- U14** — 35 mins each way plus 10 mins each way extra time if required
- U13** — 35 mins each way plus 10 mins each way extra time if required
- U12** — 30 mins each way plus 10 mins each way extra time if required

EXTRA TIME

Extra time must be played, or at least started if ground conditions are difficult, 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 these competitions.

HALF TIME

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

KICK OFF TIMES

Kick off times shall be between 10am and 2pm, except in the months of November, December, January and February, when kick off must not be later than 1:30pm.

MATCH BALLS

Match Balls MUST be handed to the Referee 15 minutes before kick off. Size 5 balls to be used for U16 and U15. Size 4 balls for U14, U13 and U12 sections. In each match, the first named team will provide the ball.

SHIRT NUMBERS

In all ties, the players must wear distinctive individual numbers on their shirts.

MATCH DELEGATE

It shall be the responsibility of every Club involved in Youth Football to provide a Match Delegate for each match in which it participates. This delegate must report to the Match Referee at least 15 minutes prior to kick off. Clubs in breach of this rule shall be liable to a fine.

SUBSTITUTES

Five substitutes can be used from FIVE named for each team, but the names must be given to the Referee prior to kick off. In addition, repeated substitutions are permissible as follows: *A player who has been substituted during a match 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.*

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.

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 again 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 report will be necessary from the Referee. *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, poor/lack of changing facilities and failure to provide a linesman for the duration of the game. These reports should be made in writing

to Mr Paddy Donovan. Referees are advised to notify a representative of the offending team of their intention to make a report.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

All Competition enquiries should be directed to:

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For ALL Youth Referee Enquiries please contact:

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All Administration enquiries should be directed to:

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