

GIRLS CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS

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

CLUBS SHOULD RETAIN THIS BOOKLET FOR THE DURATION OF THE COMPETITION

**Club Secretaries should be aware details in BOLD
are new rules for Season 2009/2010**

ALL ROUNDS UP TO AND INCLUDING SEMI-FINALS

MATCH REPORT FORM

A Match Report Form will be sent to you as your team progresses through each round. This should be posted or faxed, fully completed, to the Association Headquarters within two days of the match. A fine will be imposed if the Match Report Form is not received in this office within the time stated. Please ensure used substitutes, and unused substitutes, are shown accordingly.

KICK OFF TIMES

Kick off times must be between 10am and 2pm, except in the months of November, December, January and February, when kick off must be no later than 1:30pm. ***The Kick Off time in each tie shall be at the discretion of the home drawn team.***

CONFIRMATION OF MATCH

Home Clubs need to confirm match details, not less than 7 days before the date in which the tie is to be played to the Away team and Match Officials. Home clubs will also need 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. In the final tie confirmations will be made by the Hertfordshire F.A.

NOTIFICATION OF RESULTS

Each competing team must communicate the result of their game direct to Mr Paddy Donovan, Honorary Youth Competitions Secretary by 6:00pm on the date of the game. A fine will be imposed if this Rule is not adhered to.

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.

ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

The qualifying date for players is 31st August 2009.

All players in County Cup ties must be registered with the league in which their team plays for at least seven days before the date of the match.

To assist the checking of players' eligibility, the Competitions Committee now require the names of players and their relevant dates of birth to be entered on the Match Report Forms. A fine will be imposed if this Rule is not adhered to. **ID cards MUST be presented to a representative of the opposing team prior to kick off in ALL matches.**

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.*

Unused, named, substitutes are not considered to be Cup Tied, but these should be clearly defined on each teams result sheet.

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.

CHANGING FACILITIES

In all County Competitions changing facilities for players and match officials must be provided together with washing facilities. If a Home team is unable to provide this, an alternative venue must be found unless both teams agree prior to the date of the match to use the existing facilities. (Please refer to Youth Competition Rule 5c in full)

DURATION OF MATCH

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

- U16** – 40 mins each way plus 15 mins each way extra time if required
- U15** - 40 mins each way plus 15 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.

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 sections. Size 4 balls to be used 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 OFFICIALS

Match Official Fees for this Competition are as follows:

	U16 & U15	U14 & 13	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.

POSTPONED MATCHES

Note that in the event of a match being postponed, the same Match Officials remain appointed for the rearranged game this 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.* The Home Club must communicate the details of any postponement on the day of the match to Paddy Donovan. A fine will be imposed if this Rule is not adhered to.

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. The Home Club must advise Paddy Donovan of an abandoned match. 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.

The Hertfordshire FA may require a new venue to be found if the Home team pitch becomes unplayable and a match is postponed more than once

In addition, the following rule will apply for the Semi Final & Final ties:

SQUAD SHEET

Every Club playing in the Semi Final or Final shall, not less than seven days before the match, send to the opposing Club, the Association Headquarters and to Paddy Donovan a list of all players from which the team for such match will be selected, also clearly indicating the date of birth of each player. No objection to the qualification of any such player mentioned in such a list shall be entertained unless notice of objection, stating particulars, is given 48 hours before the match to the Honorary Youth Competitions Secretary and the Secretary of the opposing Club. No player shall be eligible unless his name has been included in the list.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES

All Competition enquiries should be directed to:

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