

The Sheffield and District DB Sports U18's League

Competition Rules – 2015/2016

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association and additions, for Youth Competitions.

NOMENCLATURE & CONSTITUTION

1 (A) This Competition of Clubs shall be designated The Sheffield & District DB Sports under 18 League and shall consist of not more than 84 Clubs approved by the sanctioning committee.

The Competition will provide football in accordance with the agreed youth formats published under FA Rule C4 (A). This Competition will reproduce the relevant FA Rule in its handbook and on its website to ensure clarity and compliance with Rule 8(B).

(B) 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 Sheffield and Hallamshire County Football Association. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be 20 miles radius of the Town Hall in Sheffield.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sheffield and Hallamshire County Football Association(s) and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 14 in number.

(C) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) This Competition and each Member Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination

(ii) This Competition and each Member Club does not and must not [by its rules or regulations or] in any manner whatsoever unlawfully discriminate against any person within the meaning and scope of the Equality Act 2010 or any law, enactment, order or regulation relating to discrimination (whether by age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise).

(iii) This Competition and each Member 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.

(iv) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate sanctioning Association for investigation.

(E) As an FA Charter Standard League this Competition requires all its Clubs to have achieved FA Charter Standard League status by 2015 – 2016 Season. The League management committee may expel any club that has failed to achieve Charter Standard status by this date. New Member Clubs have one year to achieve the Charter Standard Club Award. The League has the right to refuse membership to a Club if it fails to demonstrate commitment to achieving the award.

(A New Member Club is defined as having applied to the County FA for Affiliation for the first time in the current season. Clubs/Teams that have been in another Competition and have not attained Charter Standard Status is not deemed as a New Clubs/Teams)

(E) This Competition and its Clubs shall support the FA'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.

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

(G) At the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

2 (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £65.00 per team 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 £65 per team as fixed by the Management Committee payable on or before the AGM each year.

(C) Each Club/team shall, within 28 days of election, pay a deposit (Bond) of **£50.00** which shall be returnable to Clubs on withdrawing from the League, provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of The Management Committee.

Such deposits shall be kept in a separate Bond Account.

Any Club Withdrawing from the League during the season and prior to completing all playing commitments including League and Cup games shall be liable to the payment of a withdrawal fee not exceeding £100.00.

(D) A Club shall not participate in a League match until the Entrance Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit Bond have been paid. All applications, Fees, Subscriptions and deposits are applicable to each team entered in the League

(E) Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing by 1st August of its County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming season, failing which they shall be fined a sum not exceeding £10.00.

Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

OFFICERS

3 - The officers of the League, shall be the President, Vice-President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Fixture Secretary, Referees Secretary, Welfare Officer and Publicity Officer. To be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

(NB – Auditors are not Officers).

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION & ELECTION

4 - (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 and such 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 Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than 2 weeks before the date of 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 that there are no nominations in accordance with the forgoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet at least quarterly.

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.

POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT

5. - (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 Football Association or affiliated Association.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Sheffield & Hallamshire 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 or where there may be a conflict of interest. (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.

With the exception of Rules 5(I), 6(H), 10(A) 11 and 19 for any breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued. The respondent shall be given seven days from the date of notice to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-

- (i) Accept or deny the charge
- (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or
- (iii) Put their case before the Management Committee.

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.

With the exception of Clubs playing at Step 7 of the Football Pyramid and the FA Women's Premier League, the maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Competition rule is **£250** and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

(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 all concerned within 7 days.

(F) Three Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and two 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 Competition, 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.

Any Club failing to do so will be fined a maximum of **£50.00**. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding payments are settled.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any 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 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) Not Applicable to this League

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(O) The business of the League/Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6 - (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 21st June in each year.

At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 75% of Members are present and entitled to vote:-

1. To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
2. To consider any business arising there from.
3. To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
4. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee).
5. Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
6. Election of Officers, Management Committee.
7. Appointment of Auditors.
8. Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
9. Fix the date for the commencement of the season and kick off times applicable to the Competitions.
10. 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 Sheffield and Hallamshire County Football Association.

(C) A signed copy of the duly-audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to Sheffield & Hallamshire 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 team shall be entitled to one vote only. Fourteen 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. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 17.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards, unless a ballot be demanded by at least one third 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 Member Club.

(H) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without a satisfactory reason may be fined a sum not exceeding **£20.00**.

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

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

7 - The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club shall complete and sign the following Agreement for each team entered in the League, 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)

ofFootball Club, have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Sheffield and District DB Sport Under 18 Sunday League and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into the Membership, conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the League, 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 Sheffield & Hallamshire CFA and the League Secretary.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8 (A) (i) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, 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 higher level at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 12 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(ii) No player registered with a Premier League or Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will be permitted to play in this competition. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on the FA website.

(iii) While serving in any branch of Her Majesty’s Regular Forces, a player must first obtain the consent of his Association Secretary before signing a registration form to play for a Club.

(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 County FA 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 Sheffield & Hallamshire County Football Association (Registration) Secretary 3 days prior to playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate any know serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the players parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the Club or Competition.

(ii) Signed a fully and correctly completed Sheffield & Hallamshire County Football Association and League Registration Form in ink on a match day prior to playing, countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted respectively to the Sheffield & Hallamshire County Football Association (Registration) Secretary and the League Registrar within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the match.

The player shall not again play until the Club is in possession of the completed counterfoil. A maximum of 3 players may be registered in this way.

The registration document must incorporate any know serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the players parents or guardians.

These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the Club or Competition.

Registration forms may also be submitted to the Sheffield & Hallamshire County Football Association (Registration) Secretary by facsimile machine prior to the player playing. The original document must be forwarded by post within three days of the match to the appropriate officer.

The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the player seeking registration together with proof of the player's date of birth.

(C) A child who has not attained the age of six 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 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	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted
6	Under 7	5v5
	Under 8	
7	Under 8	5v5
	Under 9	7v7

8	Under 9	7v7
	Under 10	
9	Under 10	7v7
	Under 11	9v9
10	Under 11	9v9
	Under 12	
11	Under 12	9v9
	Under 13	11v11
12	Under 13	11v11
	Under 14	
13	Under 14	11v11
	Under 15	
14	Under 15	11v11
	Under 16	
15	Under 16	11v11
	Under 17	
	Under 18	
16	Under 17	11v11
	Under 18	
	Open Age	

(D) A team shall not include any player who has taken part in any senior competition matches during the current season unless by permission of the Competition (Committee) Registrar and notice is given in writing/email correspondence.

For the purpose of this Competition a Senior Competition shall be defined as one in which each competing teams is either the first team of a Senior Club registered as such with its County Football Association or a team (other than a Youth team) attached to a Club employing players under written contract.

(E) 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 Competition 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.

(F) A fee is required to be paid to the Sheffield & Hallamshire CFA for the players Registration. (This will be advised by the Sheffield & Hallamshire CFA each season) League Registration Forms shall be obtained from the League Registrar No fee is required as this is included in the Clubs Entry Fee or Subscription.

(G) 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 Club, priority of registration shall decide for which Club the player shall be registered. The League Registrar shall notify the Club last applying to register the player, of the facts of the previous registration.

(H) It shall be deemed misconduct for a player to:-

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being

Transferred

(ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club in the Competition 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.

(I) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player 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 proven misconduct, 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 or intending to be registered with.

(iv) For a player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (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 Clause (iii) 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) 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 a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence for **any** team playing in this Competition.)

(J) Subject to FA Rule C 2(a) 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 Registrations Secretary accompanied by No fee. Such transfer shall be referred by the (Registrations) 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 Registrations 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 7 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 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.

(K) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the League after

31st January except by special permission of The Management Committee Registrations Secretary.

(L) A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which 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 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 8 (B).

(M) 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 any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Season only.

(N) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special League, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12 (A)) unless the player has played 6 games for that team in this League in the current season.

(O) A player who has played for a team in the higher Division 3 times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower Division except by permission of the Management Committee.

(P) (i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players may 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 may have 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. This is not applicable for under 17/18 football.

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

(ii) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in a playing season, shall not be permitted to play in a match during that playing season where any other player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.

CLUB COLOURS - CLUB NAME

9 - (A) Every Club/Team must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 1 August of the current season 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 Competition shall notify the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least 6 days before the match in writing. 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 **£10.00**

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. Shirts must be numbered.

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

PLAYING SEASON - CONDITIONS OF PLAY

TIMES OF KICK-OFF - POSTPONEMENTS – SUBSTITUTES

10. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the Season in accordance with Football Association Rules. Original fixtures arranged by the Fixtures Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than 1 August, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date.

All Fixtures will be arranged by the Fixture Secretary. Postponed fixtures must be rearranged within 14 days and clubs/teams must inform the Fixtures Secretary. Should clubs/teams fail to follow this instruction then the fixtures will be arranged by the Fixture Secretary.

Any Club failing to be represented at a fixture meeting or otherwise infringing this Rule shall be liable for a fine of **£20.00**

(B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board 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. If 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.

Football Turf Pitches (3G Artificial Pitches) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf pitches. For Clubs playing at Step 7 and below, all Football Turf Pitches used must be on the FA's register and must be tested (by an 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 responsible for advising participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 10(D)

All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time (not less than 70 minutes) is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of two equal halves.

For Youth Football – The maximum duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time. For under 11 and 12, 30 minutes each half, for under 13 and 14, 35 minutes each half, for under 15 and 16, 40 minutes each half and for 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 participating in an under 11 or under 12 division as at midnight on 31st August in any season shall be permitted to play more than one game or, in the event the Competition allows the playing of a double-header, i.e. two separate matches, 80 minutes per day in all competitions. For under 13 to under 15 divisions, no player may play more than 100 minutes per day in all competitions and for under 17 and under 18 divisions, not more than 120 minutes per day in all competitions.

(Note: this competition does not play double-header fixtures)

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined a sum not exceeding **£10.00** 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 Competition.

The home team must provide at least two footballs (Size 5) fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Goal nets must be used.

(C) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and Sheffield and Hallamshire 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 (Fixtures) Secretary In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(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 6 clear days prior to the playing of the match. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of £10.00.

The away Club shall seek and acknowledge receipt of such particulars.

(E) In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than 11 players they may be fined £10.00 for each missing player.

A minimum of 8 players will constitute a team for a Competition match.

(F) (i) 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 from the match in question 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.

(ii): Any Club with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence: - First Team, Reserve Team, A Team. Clubs in breach of this requirement shall be fined a sum not exceeding **£75.00** or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

(iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, the Competition 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 a fine.

(iv) 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 14 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.

(v) 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 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 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 opponent. 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.

(vi) The Management Committee shall review any match that has taken place where either or both teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by the Association 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 8(O) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void.

(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 Youth Football – for teams in the under 18 age group and below, a player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 10 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 Competition.

(H) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(I) The “Competition” 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 management committee.

Prior to each match the participating teams and officials shall conduct the ‘Respect’ handshake and/or participating teams to offer ‘three cheers’ and handshakes to the opposing team after the match.

The participating clubs taking part in the fixture shall identify a team captain designated with a captain’s armband who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her team mates. If the participating players are considered to be too young to take on this role a member of the team coaching staff should provide this support.

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.

REPORTING RESULTS

11- (A) The League Registrar must receive within 3 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 13, and any other information required by the League. Failure to do so will incur a fine of **£10.00** and the Club being dealt with, as the Management Committee decide.

(B) The Home and Away Club shall text or email (to be decided by the Management Committee at the beginning of each season) the result of each match (or that the fixture has been cancelled in this case) to the Publicity Officer by 5 pm on the day of the match or by 10 am the following day after an evening fixture.

(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.

NB. If the fixed penalty exceeds £20 the Club must be charged as detailed in Rule 5(D).

POINTS TO DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

“DECIDING MATCHES” PROMOTION & REEGATION

12 - (A) 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 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 the event of two or more teams being equal on points team rankings may be determined by deciding match(es) played under conditions determined by the Management Committee

(B) Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first 2 and last 2 teams in each Division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 1(b).

(i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have 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 season may be filled on any of the following ways:

(a) Retention of otherwise relegated team(s)

(b) Additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below

(c) Election

(iii) The last remaining team in the lowest Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of paragraph (B) (i) above.

(iv) When a senior team is relegated to a lower Division of which its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower Division; and should the senior team be relegated to the lowest Division its reserve team automatically retires from the Competition.

(v) Should either or both of the leading teams in any of the Divisions Have its senior 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.

(C) In the event of a team not completing all of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table.

(D) In addition to the automatic promotion and relegation detailed in this Rule. The Management Committee shall have the power to move or place Clubs in a higher or lower Division with the objective of providing a more competitive Division.

REFEREES

13 - (A) Registered Referees and Assistant Referees for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association(s).

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, or where the League has been unable to appoint a 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.

(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. Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee, where requested by the Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine of **£10.00** being imposed on the defaulting Club.

(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) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the sanctioning Association. Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a Match Fee and Travelling Expenses per mile (to be advised at the start of the season by the Management Committee) 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 engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he 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 Competition on the prescribed Form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined 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 Football Association/County Football Association.

(J) The Referee may submit a report Form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of players in each team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within three days of the match.

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

(L) Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by the Sheffield and Hallamshire County FA or the League.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF CLUB

14. (A) After 31st December in the current Season a Club intending, or having a provisional intention, 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 30th April each Season or be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00

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 30th April.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the Annual General Meeting/Arrangement of Fixtures for the following Season. Any Club infringing this Rule after the fixtures have commenced shall be liable to a fine not exceeding **£100.00** per team 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 by the Management Committee and confirmed at the Annual General Meeting held not later than 21st 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 “unincorporated” association withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition.

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 Competition, which may apply to the Club’s Parent County Association for a suspension order.

PROTESTS & COMPLAINTS

15 - (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 3 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 £15.00. 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 enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(E) 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 they should forward a deposit of £15.00 and

indicate such when forwarding the written response.

(F) 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.

BOARD OF APPEAL

16 - 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 the Sheffield & Hallamshire Football Association, including a fee of £10.00, 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.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS

MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS AND PLAYERS

17- (A) At the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, 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 which must be supported by two-thirds (2/3rds) of those present and voting. Voting on 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 or team of a Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by two-thirds (2/3rds) 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 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 Competition 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 75% 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.

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

18 - (A) If a Competition be 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 Association may decide.

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The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-

“We A _____ and B _____ the Chairman and Secretary of _____ FC, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of _____ Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the League, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before the end of April in accordance with the Rules of the League. 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.”

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

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

19 - 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 7 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 Team shall be entitled to one vote only.

Not less than 7 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 may be fined £10.00

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

ALTERATION TO RULES

20 - Alterations, **for which consent has been given by the sanctioning Association**, 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 alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting 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 **8th May** and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by **15th May**. The proposals and proposed amendments hereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if 66% [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 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

FINANCE

21 - (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 £200.00 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 15 May each year

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

INSURANCE

22. All Clubs must have public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000).

DISSOLUTION

23 - (A) The Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a Special General Meeting by a majority of three quarters of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant Special General Meeting.

(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 Association.

(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 Association may decide.

BINDING CLUBS

24 - 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.

CUP COMPETITIONS

The Rules of the following Cup Competitions are the same as set out above for the League, with additions and exceptions set out below.

NAME OF CUP

1 - The Cup shall be called the Sheffield & District Under 18 League Knock Out Cup or be preceded by a Sponsors Name.

CUP OWNERSHIP

2 - If a Competition be 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 Association may decide. When the Winners have been declared at the end of the Final tie

The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup:-“We A _____ and B _____ the Chairman and Secretary of _____ FC, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of _____ Cup, and it having been delivered to us by the League, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup to the League Secretary 4 weeks before the next season’s final in accordance with the Rules of the League. 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.

MEDALS OR TROPHIES

3 - In addition to the Cup, the League shall present Medals or Trophies to the payers and substitutes in the Final Tie (Winners and Runners Up).

When a player taking part is ordered to leave the field of play for misconduct, the award to which he may be entitled may be withheld at the discretion of the Management Committee.

ORGANISATION, DRAW & CONTROL OF THE COMPETITION

4 - (A) The entire control and management of the competition shall be Vested in the Management Committee of the Sheffield & District Under 18 League In any matter not specifically mention in these Rules, the Management Committee shall have the power to take such action and impose such penalties as deemed necessary.

(B) All Clubs competing in the Sheffield & District Under 18 League in any Season shall be entered into that seasons Knock Out Cup competition.

The Annual Cup Subscription, shall be shall be fixed by the Management Committee each year and shall be payable within 28 days of the AGM by All teams in the Competition. This Subscription will also cover any Secondary Cup Competition which may be promoted.

(C) Teams will be given a number for the draw and be drawn in couples.

The first drawn will have home advantage, up to and including the Semi Final Ties. The draw may require a Preliminary Round to allow for an equal number of teams competing in the subsequent Rounds to the Final Tie.

(D) All ties are to be played on the dates specified, conditions permitting and providing a team does not have another commitment in a Senior Competition, which has priority. In the event of a team failing to do so, they will forfeit the tie and will be fined as League Rule 10 (F).

(E) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board 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. If 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 Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.

All matches shall have duration of 90 minutes, (45 minutes each way) and the minimum time to be played is 70 minutes (35 minutes each way).

The later is to be mutually arranged by the 2 managers in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

PROVISION FOR MATCHES UPTO AND INCLUDING THE FINAL TIE

5 - (A) Extra time to be played were necessary, of 30 minutes of two equal halves of 15 minutes each way.

(B) When the result of the match, after the playing of extra time is still a draw. The match shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with the International Boards (FIFA) current Rules and this decision will be used for obtaining a result in this Cup Competition.

(C) Postponed or abandoned matches due to bad weather or deterioration of ground conditions will be rearranged by the Fixture Secretary.

(D) The Committee shall appoint a ground for the Final Tie and shall have direct control of all the arrangements.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

6 - (A) 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 Youth Football – for teams in the under 18 age group and below, a player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 10 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 Competition and can play for another Club, if transferred.

(B) In All Rounds, Players must be registered 7 days prior to the match

(C) Should the match be postponed, only those players who were eligible at the time of the original match will be eligible to play in the rearranged fixture.

(D) A player who has been suspended may play in postponed ties after the term of his suspension has expired.

(E) Only those players who have played at least 4 times for that team in this League in the current season, shall be eligible to play in the Semi Final and Final Ties.

DISQUALIFICATION

7 - The Management Committee shall have the power to disqualify any competing Club, or player or players of any competing Club, who may be proved guilty of a breach of the rules of the Sheffield & Hallamshire County FA or of the Sheffield & District Under 18 League.

PROTESTS, COMPLAINTS & APPEALS

8 - These are set out in League Rules 15 and 16.

THE SHEFFIELD & DISTRICT UNDER 18 LEAGUE SECONDARY CUP

The League may promote a Secondary Cup Competition in any Season

The rules of the competition shall be the as those of the Knock Out Cup.

With the following amendments:

1 - The Cup shall be called Sheffield & District Under 18 League Cup or be preceded by a Sponsors Name.

2 - All teams eliminated from the Sheffield & District Under 18 League Knock Out Cup competition, in the Preliminary and Round One shall be entered into the Competition.

3 - All other rules of the Competition are the same as the Sheffield & District Under 18 League Knock Out Cup Competition, listed previous.

Domestic Rules

Playing season- Conditions of Play

Times of Kick-off – Postponements - Substitutes

(a) Any Club wishing to cancel a fixture shall, not less than 4 weeks prior to the fixture (14 days in the case of the first two fixtures of the season) request permission from the Management Committee. This should be done in writing by the Club Secretary to the Competition Secretary. If permission is granted,

the Competition Secretary will inform clubs involved and the Fixture Secretary, Referees Secretary and the Publicity Officer.

Once notified of the postponement, clubs must re-arrange the fixture and notify the Fixture Secretary within fourteen days of the date of the notification from the Competition Secretary.

(b) Cancellations will not be allowed except in the case of weather or ground conditions as ruled by a Referee, Grounds man or when Cup games take precedence. Offences against this Instruction shall be dealt with by the Management Committee in accordance with this Instruction.

Notification of the reason for any cancelled game must be sent to the Fixture Secretary in accordance with the provisions of this Instruction. The cancelled game must be rearranged and the new date submitted to the Fixture Secretary in writing, by both Clubs, within fourteen days of the postponement of the fixture date. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a minimum fine of £10.00 or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

If the home pitch is unfit for play, the game must be played on the away teams pitch if available and playable and the kick-off time will not be affected, unless mutually agreed . In all cases every effort must be made to play the fixture on the date scheduled.