



YORKSHIRE AMATEUR ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION RULES 2017-18

1. NAME

The Competitions will be called the **YORKSHIRE AMATEUR ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP COMPETITIONS**. The Cups shall be known as the Terry Marflitt Trophy, which is open to all Clubs in membership with the League with teams in the Premier, Championship and 1st Divisions, the Hancock Cup which is open to all Clubs in membership of the League with the teams in the 2nd & 3rd Divisions and the Hodgson Cup which is for all Clubs in membership with the League with teams in the 4th and 5th Divisions.

2. OWNERS OF THE CUPS

The President and Secretary who are Trustees of the Yorkshire Amateur Association Football League shall be to all intents and purposes the legal owners of the Cups, which are held by them in trust for and on behalf of the League. The Cups are the property of the League, and cannot be won outright.

3. ENTRY FEE

The entry fee; shall for each Cup Competition shall be £20. The Management Committee may organise a Supplementary Cup Competition for those teams who may have completed their matches early, entry into the Supplementary Cup Competition is by invitation.

The entry fee for each Competition (except the Supplementary Competition) shall be paid at or before the Annual General Meeting. The Cups shall be competed for annually in accordance with the Cup Competition Rules.

4. CONTROL OF THE COMPETITIONS

The Competitions will be administered by the Management Committee, who shall have the entire control and management of the Competitions, and the authority to deal with all questions of eligibility and or the interpretation of the Competition Rules; which, unless otherwise stated will be the Cup Competition Rules supported by the League Rules of the Yorkshire Amateur Association Football League and the Rules of the Football Association. The Management Committee shall have the right to appoint a Sub Committee to deal with any matter that they deem appropriate. The decisions of the Management Committee are final and binding on all participants. (Subject to League Rule 16(D)).

Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Cup Rule 15, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification of the charge 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 at a personal hearing.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game, or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association. Any fines levied shall be in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a 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.

The decisions of the Cup Committee are final and binding on all participants. (Subject to League Rule 16(D)).

Decisions of the Cup Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within ten days.

5. CLUBS ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE

All Clubs shall be entered into the Competition(s), as the Management Committee deem appropriate.

6. PLAYERS' ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE

A player must be qualified in accordance with League Rule 8 for the Club he intends to play for in the Yorkshire Amateur Association Football League Cup Competitions. A player shall not in the same season play for more than ONE competing Club. A player is cup tied if he has played for a team in any match under these Rules whether or not the match has been completed. For the purpose of these Rules: -

(A) Once a player has played in any Cup competition for a senior team in that Club he cannot then play in any lower team for that Club in the same competition.

(B) A player registered with a Club in the Yorkshire Amateur League may not register for another Club for playing in any match under these Rules.

(C) Teams competing in the Hancock Cup must not include a player who has played in the Terry Marflitt Trophy.

(D) Teams competing in the Hodgson Cup must not include a player who has played in the Terry Marflitt Trophy or the Hancock Cup.

(E) Provided a player has been correctly registered for a Club not less than seven (7) days before the round and for matches played after 31st October a player shall have played in at least one match for that team or a lower team. The match shall be a Competitive match played in a sanctioned Competition, during the current season.

(F) For players playing in the Marflitt Trophy, Hancock Cup or Hodgson Cup Semi-Finals they shall have played at least four matches for that team or a lower team of the same Club. These matches shall be Competitive matches played in a sanctioned Competition, during the current season.

(G) Players playing in the Marflitt Trophy, Hancock Cup Final or the Hodgson Cup Final shall have been eligible to play in the semifinal of the respective competition. These matches shall be Competitive matches played in a sanctioned Competition, during the current season.

(H) Winning teams playing players either through ignorance, mistake, or any other cause, without the above qualification shall be expelled from the Competition without exception, and shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff for each ineligible player, and their opponents shall go forward into the next round providing all their players are eligible.

A team for whatever reason that is involved in an abandoned match regardless of the scores at the time of the abandonment and have played players either through ignorance, mistake or any other cause, without the above qualification, shall be expelled from the Competition and they shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff for each ineligible player, and their opponents shall go forward into the next round.

Losing teams playing either through ignorance, mistake, or any other cause, without the above qualification shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff for each ineligible player. Should both teams play players either through ignorance, mistake, or any other cause, without the above qualification, they shall both be expelled from the Competition and fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff for each ineligible player, and their opponents in the next round shall receive a bye.

7. CUP DRAW

The date of each round shall be fixed by the Management Committee, the Clubs' shall be drawn in pairs, each pair shall play off, the winners shall again be drawn in pairs and these pairs shall compete with each other, as in the first round and so on until the last pair shall play each other in the Final match. The winning club shall hold the Cup under conditions provided for by these Rules. Representatives of all competing Clubs may be present at the draw. The club drawn first in each match shall have the choice of ground. Postponed matches shall be played on a date fixed by the Management Committee.

When Competitions are played as group matches three points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw in the event of two or more teams having an equal number of points goal difference shall decide the rankings. If still equal, goals scored shall decide. If teams are still equal a deciding match will be played at a venue and date decided by the Management Committee. Such a deciding match to be played to a result including extra time and penalties as required. The Management Committee shall decide how many teams will proceed.

8. DIRECTIONS AND CLUB COLOURS

The home Club must send, in writing, at least four (4) clear days before the date of the match, travelling directions to the visitors and the match officials, they shall also confirm their colours. Where the colours of the two competing Clubs are similar, the home team must change. Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from the other players, and will not be permitted to wear black or dark blue jerseys. Clubs must wear stockings, which are distinguishable from those of their opponents. The backs of all shirts must be numbered and the numbers must correspond with the Team List and with the Match Result Sheet.

9. GROUNDS FOR CUP MATCHES

(A) Except by mutual arrangement, or as hereinafter provided, the Club which is in each case is first drawn, shall play on its own ground. Where a Club has two teams in the Competition(s), and both are drawn at home, the team drawn first shall play at home and the other team shall play on the opponents ground. If their opponents ground is not available, the match will be arranged for another date, the match being played on the ground of the team drawn at home. This Rule also applies to all Clubs sharing grounds. If both Clubs' agree and only with the approval of the Management Committee, the competing Clubs shall be allowed to select any ground other than that on which they are accustomed to play in order to progress the Competition.

If the ground of the Club having the choice of ground is considered unsuitable for the match, its opponents may protest to the Management Committee within three days of receipt of the official intimation of the draw, and they shall deposit a sum in accordance with the fees tariff to cover the cost of the protest hearing. If the protest is not sustained, the fee shall be forfeited.

(B) If the protest be upheld, the Management Committee may order the match to be played on the ground of the protesting Club, or, on a neutral ground.

(C) The Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches.

(D) The field of play shall be correctly marked out according to Law 1 of the Game, by the home club, and Clubs' failing to do so shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(E) Clubs where possible must provide a separate room for the Referee to dress in.

10. REFEREES AND FEES

(A) In all matches up to the Semi-Final the fees and expenses for Referees and Assistant Referees' shall be at the same rate as League Rule 13(e), Referees shall be paid a match fee of £30 inclusive of travel expenses, Assistant Referees shall be paid a match fee of £19 inclusive of travel expenses. Payment shall be the responsibility of the home club.

(B) In matches prior to the Semi Final League Rules 13(b) & 13(c) shall apply, which are detailed as follows. 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, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee or if the Referee is unable to

continue with his/her duties, both Clubs must agree upon a Referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that match, have the full powers, status, and authority of a registered Referee.

If a Referee cannot be agreed upon, then by the toss of a coin the losers shall provide the Referee. Clubs' failing to agree a replacement Referee in case of injury to the Referee, or who fail to agree upon a Referee in the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee shall be liable to a fine as in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age Competition.

(C) Where grounds have barriers surrounding the pitch, all Club officials, substitutes and supporters must remain behind the barriers. Where there are no barriers, all club official, substitutes, and supporters must stand back from the line, Club officials must ensure that the Assistant Referees are not hindered or obstructed in their duties. In the Semi Final when the match is played on the ground of the first drawn Club the Referees shall be paid a match fee of £30 inclusive of travel expenses. The Assistant Referees' shall be paid a match fee of £19 inclusive of travel expenses. Both Clubs will share the cost of the official's fees.

When the Semi Finals are played on a neutral ground where the Management Committee decides to take a gate the Management Committee shall be responsible for the payment of the match expenses and shall retain any surplus thereof or be responsible for any deficit incurred.

11. LIST OF PLAYERS

In Semi-Finals and Finals, the competing Clubs shall exchange Team Lists, copies of which shall be handed to the opposition, Referee and to the Official of the Management Committee in charge of the match. Any Club failing to comply with the provisions of this Rule shall be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

12. SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

A Club may at its discretion, at any time during the game use up to a maximum of three substitute players out of three nominated substitute players, except to replace player(s) who have been suspended from the game by the Referee. A substitution can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

A substitute, who is not used, is entitled to play for another Club in the same season, subject to the provision stated elsewhere in this Rule. The substitute players shall be nominated to the Referee before the start of the game, their full names must also be included on the Official List of Players (in accordance with Rule 11) and on the match Result Sheet.

13. LATE STARTS

Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time will be fined as detailed in the Fines Tariff or maybe otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine depending on the circumstances. Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time if possible, and must report all late starts, and advise the captain(s) of the offending team(s) of his/her intention to do so.

14. DURATION OF MATCH

The duration of the match in all rounds will be 90 minutes or not less than 60 minutes, in two equal halves. The period decided upon by the Referee shall be communicated to both captains prior to the commencement of the game. If the scores are level at the end of normal time then 30 minutes extra time shall be played in all matches in two equal halves not exceeding thirty (30) minutes in total. If the scores are level after extra time the match shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Football Association Board procedure.

15. RESULTS OF MATCHES

(A) The Fixtures Secretary must receive within three (3) days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner; this must also be entered on the FA Full-Time System. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) and the Referee markings required by Rule 13,

details of all Yellow and Red Cards, received, names of goal scorers, and details of all substitutions or any other information required by the Competition.

(B) Both Clubs shall SMS Text the result of each match to the FA Full-Time System by 17.30 hours for Saturday matches and by 21.00 hours for mid-week matches

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

16. PROCEEDS OF REPLAYED MATCHES

If any match be ordered to be replayed in consequence of a breach of Rule, the Club or Clubs in default shall not receive any share of the proceeds of such replayed match. The entire gate shall be taken by the Management Committee. If the Management Committee decide to take the entire gate, they shall be liable for all expenses of the match.

17. SEMI FINAL AND FINAL MATCHES

In Semi Final and Final matches where the colours of both teams are similar, both teams must change. Clubs shall provide two suitable Match Balls in both the Semi Final and Final matches. Clubs failing to do so, will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. The Management Committee shall fix the charge for admission to the Semi Final matches (where appropriate) and Final matches, as they deem advisable

18. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COMPETITION

Any Club intending to withdraw after a postponed match must within 48 hours of the end of the match give notice of their intention to the Secretary of the opposing Club and to the League Secretary. In default of such notice, the Management Committee may compel such offending Club to pay any expenses incurred by their opponents, or take such action they deem expedient.

19. FAILURE TO PLAY

In the event of a club failing to keep its engagement, the Management Committee shall impose a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff, and award the match to their opponents; they shall order the defaulting club to pay any expenses incurred by their opponents.

In the event of both clubs failing to keep their engagement, the Management Committee shall impose a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff on both clubs; dismiss both clubs, from the Competition, order both clubs to pay half each of the Referee's and Assistant Referees' fees and expenses if in attendance, or otherwise deal them with at their discretion.

20. PROCEEDS OF MATCHES

The proceeds of matches (except replayed matches in consequence of a breach of Rule and Semi-Final and Final matches) shall be equally divided between the competing Clubs, after paying ground, Match Officials and travelling expenses of the match. The gate receipts shall be divided immediately after the match, and a full statement and settlement shall be made within seven days. In the Final matches the Management Committee after paying out all the match expenses shall retain the entire proceeds

21. THE FINAL MATCH

In addition to the Cup the League shall present medals or mementoes to the players in the Final match. A player sent from the field of play by the Referee shall not be allowed to attend the presentation ceremony his memento with be withheld at the discretion of the Management Committee.

The Final match shall be played to a conclusion; if the scores are level at the end of normal time then extra time must be played if the scores are level after extra time the Final shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Football Association Board procedure.

All Final matches shall be played on such grounds as the Management Committee determine

In the Final match the Referee and Assistant Referees shall receive a suitable memento from the League.

22. TROPHY :TAKING OVER THE AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED.

The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the _____ Cup or Trophy
“We (A) (name) _____ and (B) (name) _____ the Chairman and Secretary
of _____ FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been
declared winners of the _____ 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 1st March. 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.”

23. ALTERATION TO RULES

Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, 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 these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the League Secretary by 28th February in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by the 31st March and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the League Secretary by the 30th April

The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote, and voting, are in favour. A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the West Riding County Football Association Limited no later than the 3rd May in the current season.

With regards to a Special General Meeting, a copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered, shall be submitted to the West Riding County Football Association Limited, no later than fourteen days before the date scheduled for the Special General 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.

24. PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

All Protests shall be shall be made in accordance with League Rules 15 and 16.

25. APPEALS

All Appeals shall be shall be made in accordance with League Rule 16 (D).

26. OTHER MATTERS

In all matters which are not specially provided for in these Rules the Management Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter or question that concerns the Competition, and is not so provided for in the Competition's League or Cup Rules.(Subject to League Rule 16(D)).

27. MISCONDUCT

Any misconduct by Club(s), Player(s), Official(s), or spectators; could result in the future application for participation by that Club, Clubs, Player(s), or Official(s) into the League Cup Competition(s) being refused.

28. FINES

The League Fines Tariff will be applicable when the Management Committee imposes financial penalties on Clubs' that are in breach of the Cup Competition Rules.

29. KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK PROCEDURE

If at the end of the match and before the kicks start to be taken from the penalty mark, one team has a greater number of players than its opponents; it must reduce its numbers to equate with that of its opponents and the team captain must inform the referee of the name and number of each player excluded. Any player thus excluded may not participate in kicks from the penalty mark.

Before the start of kicks from the penalty mark the referee must ensure that an equal number of players from each team remain within the centre circle and they shall take the kicks

The referee chooses the goal at which the kicks shall be taken.

The referee tosses a coin, and the team whose captain wins the toss decides whether to take the first or second kick.

The referee keeps a record of the kicks being taken.

Subject to the conditions explained below, both teams take five kicks.

The kicks are taken alternately by the teams.

If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could score, even if it were to complete its five kicks, no more kicks are taken.

If, after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, kicks continue to be taken in the same order until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks.

A goalkeeper who is injured during the taking of kicks from the penalty mark and is unable to continue as goalkeeper may be replaced by a named substitute, provided his team has not used the maximum number of substitutes permitted under the Competition Rules.

With the exception of the foregoing case, only players who are on the field of play at the end of the match which includes extra time where appropriate, are allowed to take kicks from the penalty mark.

Each kick is taken by a different player and all eligible players must take a kick before any player can take a second kick.

An eligible player may change places with the goalkeeper at any time when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

All players, except the player taking the kick, and the two goalkeepers, must remain within the centre circle.

The goalkeeper who is the team mate of the kicker must remain on the field of play, outside the penalty area in which the kicks are being taken on the goal line where it meets the penalty area boundary line.

The other goalkeeper must remain on his goal line between the goalposts, facing the kicker until the ball is kicked.

Only the players and match officials are permitted to remain on the field of play when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.

Unless otherwise stated, the relevant Laws of the Game and International Football Association Board Decisions apply when kicks from the penalty mark are being taken.