

Chester & District Junior Football League



Youth Division Rulebook

Mini Soccer Handbook

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INTRODUCTION

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association and additions, for Youth Competitions. Some additional League house keeping rules have also been added. It is important that all League Officials abide by these rules for the betterment of the competition.

Ignorance of our rules and regulations will not be accepted as a reasonable excuse.

C&DJFL Management Committee

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NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

1. (A) This Competition shall be designated the **CHESTER & DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE** and known as the **CHESTER & DISTRICT JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE, ATHOLL CUP, HUNTERS COMMUNICATIONS CUP, OLYMPIC TROPHIES CHALLENGE and SUBSIDARY SHIELD** and shall consist of not more than 32 Clubs who shall be Full Member Clubs.

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 **Cheshire County Football Association**. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be **Chester and all outlying area within 20 mile radius**.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the **Cheshire County Football Association**.

Football Association(s) and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 12 in number.

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.

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.

The competition will provide 11-a-side football for players who have attained the age of 10 as at midnight 31st August in a playing season and Mini-Soccer for players who have attained the age of 6 years but not the age of 10 years as at midnight on 31st August in a playing season. 9v9 may be provided for players who have attained the age of 10 as at midnight on 31st August.

Other formats of youth football as authorised from time to time by the FA are also permitted.

(B) 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 **£00.00** 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 **£15.00** per Team playing 11-a-side football and **£15.00** Team playing Mini-Soccer payable on or before the **30th June** in each year.

(C) Each Club shall, within 7 days on the day of election, pay a Deposit of **£20.00 per team (under 7s & 8s teams are not included)** which shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

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(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by **30th June** of its **Cheshire County Football Association** affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, failing which they shall be fined **£15.00**. 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 Competition shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting and elected thereat. (N.B. Auditors/Verifiers 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 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 the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than **14th May** in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing 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 Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

5. (A) The Management Committee 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 **Cheshire 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.

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(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 FA 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 **£250.00** 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 in accordance with Rule 16.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within **SEVEN** days.

(F) **SIX** Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and **THREE** 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) Leagues who organise Mini Soccer for teams playing u7 and u8 football may not, with the exception of Rules 6, 10(a), 11(d), 14 and 19 fine clubs for breaches of League Rules.

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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than **30th June** in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least **SIX** Members are present and entitled to vote:-

- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
- (ii) To consider any business arising therefrom.
- (iii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
- (iv) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee).
- (v) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- (vi) Election of Officers and Management Committee.
- (vii) Appointment of Auditors.
- (viii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
- (ix) Fix the date for the commencement of the season and kick off times applicable to the Competitions.
- (x) 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/verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, and to the **Cheshire County Football Association**.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited/verified Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the **Cheshire County Football Association** within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club 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 **SIX** 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 satisfactory reason being given shall be fined **£10.00**.

(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 which shall be deposited with the Competition 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) of the
_____ Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and
Regulations of the _____ Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the
said Club, if elected or accepted into Membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to
accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject
to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16."

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Any alteration of the Chairman and /or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the **Cheshire County Football Association** to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

(Note: The spaces above are intended for the inclusion of the signatures and addresses of officers and members).

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8. (A)(i) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are not permitted in this Competition. A contract player may only play for the Club that holds his contract. 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 FA Premier League or Football League Academy will be permitted to play in this competition. A Player registered with a Centre of Excellence may only play in this Competition subject to the Regulations of the Programme for Excellence.

(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 Competition 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 Registrations Secretary 7 days prior to playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate any known serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the player's 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 Registrations Secretary by facsimile machine or electronic mail 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.

If a player's age is required for registration purposes a Competition must accept an original birth certificate or a photocopy. In cases where the birth certificate is not available a Competition is required to accept a photocopy of the player's passport or other official document issued by a Government Agency attesting to the player's date of birth.

The qualification dates for the competition shall be as follows:

Mini-Soccer

To play in a KO Cup game or a game where points are awarded, or results published, a player must have achieved the age of 8 on or before 31st August.

Under 7 – the player must have attained the age of 6 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season but must be under the age of 7 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 8 – the player must be under the age of 8 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 9 – the player must be under the age of 9 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 10 – the player must be under the age of 10 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player in the above age ranges must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

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Youth Football

Under 11 – the player must have attained the age of 10 but must be under the age of 11 by midnight 31st August in the playing season.

Under 12 – the player must be under the age of 12 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 13 – the player must be under the age of 13 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 14 – the player must be under the age of 14 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 15 – the player must be under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 16 – the player must be under the age of 16 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 17 – the player must be under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 18 – the player must be under the age of 18 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

(The above qualification dates are subject to the provisions contained in FA Rule C.4(a)(v) and (vi).

(D) 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.

(E) A fee of **£12.00** shall be paid for each player registered.

Registration forms shall be obtained from the Registrations Secretary or League Website @ <http://full-time.thefa.com/>.

(F) 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 Registrations Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(G) 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.

(H) (i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player.

(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 conduct, 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_with.

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(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.) 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.

(I) Subject to The Football Association Rules 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 a fee of **£6.00**. 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 seven 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 **EIGHT** 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.

(J) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after **31st January** except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(K) 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 players so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 8 (B).

(L) 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 two Seasons only.

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

(N) A player who has played for a team in the **1st** Division **THREE** times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower Division except by permission of the Management Committee.

(O)(i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players may/shall 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 **THREE** 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):-

(P) (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).

(iii) Children under 15 shall not play in a team involving players who are more than 2 years older.

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CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

9. (A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by the **Annual General Meeting** 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 **FIVE** days before the match.

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 **£25.00**.

The Secretary of the Competition 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 **1st April**, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date.

(B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, the Laws of Mini-Soccer 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 a duration as set out below unless a shorter time (not less than 25 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 equal halves.

For Mini-Soccer – The maximum duration of play shall be two halves of 25 minutes each way. The maximum playing time in any one day for under 7 and under 8 age groups is 40 minutes and for under 9 and under 10 age groups is 60 minutes.

For Youth football – The duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time. For under 11 and under 12, 30 minutes each half; for under 13, 14, 35 minutes each half and under 15 and under 16, 40 minutes each half; 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.

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No player participating in an under 17 division or lower age group shall be permitted to play more than one game or, in the event the competition allows the playing of a double-header, ie: two separate matches, 100 minutes per day in this Competition.

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 **£25.00** 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 fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. The size of football to be used: For Mini-Soccer, size 3 for players in the under 7 and 8 age categories; size 4 for under 9's and 10s. For youth football – size 4 for those playing under 11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups; size 5 for all other age groups. 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 all relevant 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 **THREE** clear days prior to the playing of the match.

Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of **£15.00**.

(E) In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than **ELEVEN** players they may be fined **£5.00** for each missing player. A minimum of **SEVEN** 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 **£25.00** or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

(iii) Any club unable to fulfil a fixture 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 **SEVEN** 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.

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(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.

(G) **u17s - u18s.** A team may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use three substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from five players. A player who has been substituted takes no further part in the match.

u11s - u16s. A team may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use five substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from five players. A player who has been substituted 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.

Mini-Soccer. Any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the Referee. A player who has been substituted 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.

All. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than **FIVE** 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 **FIVE** minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

REPORTING RESULTS

11. (A) The Registration Fixtures Secretary must receive within **THREE** 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, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of **£25.00** or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

(B) The Home Club shall communicate the result of each match to the Press Secretary within **THREE HOURS** of the game being completed in the prescribed manner. **(A fine of £10.00 may be imposed on a Club if they fail to give such notification.)**

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. Failure to do so will result in a fine of **£5.00**.

NB. If the fixed penalty exceeds **£20.00** the Club must be charged as detailed in Rule 5(D).

(D) Leagues are permitted to collect but not to publish results for fixtures they organise for u7 and u8 Mini Soccer. They may require a Club to confirm that a set fixture has been played. A maximum fine of **£5.00** may be imposed for a breach of this Rule.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

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 Mini Soccer points can only be awarded for Under 9 Competitions onwards.

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(B) Deciding match(es) played under conditions determined by the Management Committee. For deciding matches, in the event of the scores in a special championship match played under conditions determined by the Management Committee being level at the end of the game, twenty minutes extra time shall be played in two equal periods of 10 minutes. If no goal is scored during extra time, the winners will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Board Decision contained in the Laws of Association Football.

(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.

REFEREES

13. (A) Registered Referees and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA 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 competition 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) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine of **£15.00** 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.

(E) Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to the following match fees:- Referee **£24.00**, Assistant Referees **£12.00**, subject to any limits laid down by the sanctioning Association(s). The Referee's Match Fee shall be met by both participating teams and shall be paid 50% by each Club/Team **before** the match (**£12.00** per team). 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 (**£6.00** per Club/Team). 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 (**£24.00**).

(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 (**£6.00** per Club/Team). 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 (**£24.00**).

(G) A Referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he or she 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 Cheshire County Football Association.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A 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 **31st March** each Season or be liable to a fine not exceeding **£25.00**.

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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 **1st May each year**.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the Annual General Meeting for the following Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding **£50.00** 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 at a Special General Meeting held for that purpose not earlier than **MAY** nor later than **JULY** or at the Annual General Meeting held not later than **JUNE** the Competition 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 un-incorporated 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 AND 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 **FIVE** 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 **SEVEN** 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 **£25.00** and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

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(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 **Cheshire County Football Association**, including a fee of **£25.00**, 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, 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 (more than) 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 (more than) 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.

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

18. (A) 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.

(B) 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 _____ 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 _____. 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."

Failure to comply will result in a fine as determined by the Management Committee.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

19. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3rds) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

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The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

At least **SEVEN** 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 Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only, as will members of the Management Committee.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined **£25.00**.

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 **31st March** in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by **14th April** and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by **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 **TWO THIRDS** 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 **TWENTY EIGHT** 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 **£100.00** 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 on **31st May**.
- (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.

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22.1 CUP COMPETITION RULES (Youth Division)

- (A)** The following rules are applicable to all current Cup Competitions run by the Competition, namely the Duke of Westminster Cup and the Subsidiary Cup:
- (1) The entrance fee for the Duke of Westminster Cup competition shall be included in the Annual Registration fee.
 - (2) Any other Cup Competition run by the Competition shall be eligible to a further entrance fee to be determined by the Competition Committee.
 - (3) It is mandatory for every member Club/Team to enter the Duke of Westminster Cup Competition.
 - (4) Entry to the Subsidiary Cup and any other new Cup Competition run by the Competition Management Committee shall be by invitation only.
 - (5) The format of the competition shall be decided by the League Executive committee prior to the commencement of the season.
 - (6) In all knockout stages the first team drawn out will be considered the home team.
 - (7) The home team shall be responsible for providing a set of nets and corner flags that are suitable for the game to commence.
- (B)** The Referee's Match Fee as per rule **13E** shall be met by both participating teams and shall be paid 50% by each Club/Team. If Referee Assistants are appointed by the Competition Management Committee then that Committee will pay their match fees.
- (C)** The 'Kick Off' times for all preliminary rounds shall be set at 2:00pm with the exception of the semi-finals and Final matches, which shall be decided upon by the Competition Management Committee. Each of the Club Secretaries involved in semi-final matches will confirm the kick off times with the League Secretary **3** clear days prior to the scheduled games being played.
- (D)** The duration of the scheduled Cup Matches will be as indicated in **Rule (10B)** of this Rulebook. In any knockout phase of the competition, if the scores remain level at the end of the game, 20 minutes extra time shall be played in two equal periods of 10 minutes. If no goal is scored during extra time, the winners will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Internal Board Decision contained in the Laws of Association Football.
- (E)** The dates and venues of all cup semi-finals and finals shall be set by the Competition Management Committee.
- (F)** No player may play in the cup competitions unless they have played a minimum of three games in the respective League for the participating team.

22.2 CUP COMPETITION RULES (Mini-Soccer)

- (A)** The following rules are applicable to all current Cup Competitions run by the competition, namely the Olympic Trophy Challenge.
- (B)** The entrance fee for this competition shall be included in the Annual Subscription fee. It is mandatory that every member Club/Team enters this Competition.
- (C)** The structure of this competition will be determined by the **Mini-Soccer** coordinator. This will be determined by the number of teams entered in the competition and published prior to the commencement of the season. Points will be awarded as follows:
- 3 Points for a win
 - 2 Points for a draw
 - 1 point for a loss

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(D) A player has played for more than one competing Club will be excluded from the knockout phase of the competition.

(E) For the purpose of this competition a maximum of 10 players will constitute a team at under 9s and 12 players at under 10s. There is no limit on the number of teams entered by a Club in each individual age group provided that each player holds a current Player Passport.

23. PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, FAILING TO FULFIL A FIXTURE, TROPHIES AND COVER ALL

(A) (i) Players who are to be deemed as eligible must be registered for the Club concerned and played at least **Three League games** for that Club. **(Youth Division only)**.

(ii) A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing Club in any Cup knockout Competition. **(Youth Division only)**.

(iii) Any Club found to be playing an ineligible player shall be struck out of the competition and the match shall be rewarded to the opposing team. **(See Section 8 of this Rulebook)**.

(B) Any Club failing to fulfill a scheduled fixture without reasonable or satisfactory explanation to the Competition Management committee shall be struck from the relevant Cup Competition and may suffer a financial penalty at the discretion of the Competition Management Committee. **(Youth Division only)**.

(C) The Competition Management Committee may supply 16 Individual Trophies for both teams **(Youth Division)** and a maximum of 12 Individual Trophies **(Mini-Soccer)** participating in the Final Tie funds permitting. The Club/Team requesting those Trophies will meet the cost of any additional Trophies.

(D) The Competition Rulebook shall manage any matters not covered in the noted Cup Competition Rules in its entirety.

24. REPRESENTATIVE MANAGERS AND TEAMS

(A) Only managers currently active within the League will be eligible to volunteer their services as a Representative Manager. All Representative Managers shall ensure that the players they chose, the assistants appointed and all supporters associated with their team conduct themselves in a manner that protects the good name and standing of the Competition. The safety and overall well being of the players in their charge shall be the primary responsibility of the Representative Manager.

(B) Only players registered to play in this competition may be selected to represent the competition. Circumstances permitting, selection of representative squads at all ages will be by trial game(s). The representative age group manager will decide the format.

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Appendix A / Supplementary Rules

S1. LEAGUE PROTOCOL

- (A) **The Club Chairperson or Club Secretary** from each member Club must attend the League Committee meeting. If the Club's Chairperson or Club Secretary is unable to attend the meeting then an elected delegate from the member Club should attend. Advanced notice must be given to the League Secretary should the member Club's chairperson or secretary be unable to attend the League Meeting. A minimum fine of **£10.00** will be imposed on any Club that fails to comply with this rule.
- (B) Any item for Any Other Business (**AOB**) at a League Committee meeting must be submitted to the League Secretary by email or post 7 days prior to the meeting it is intended to be discussed.
- (C) The League Management Committee will **not** accept correspondence from officials, players or supporters of a Club unless that correspondence has been communicated to the League Secretary by the Club Secretary. All complaints/protests must be forwarded from the Club Secretary to the League Secretary within 5 days of the incident occurring. Any such complaint must be submitted in writing in duplicate and a fee of **£15.00** must be deposited with the League Secretary. (**See Appendix D for further details**).
- (D) Written notification of any fines/sanctions imposed on a Club will be sent to the Club Secretary. If a Club fails to pay the fine within 14 days of receipt of the notification then the fine will be increased by 50%. If the fine is not paid within 28 days then the League Management Committee will have the power to enforce further sanctions on the Club as they see fit. (Subject to an individuals right to appeal).

S2. PLAYER REGISTRATION

- (A) Players will be required to register with this competition as follows:
- (i) When a Player reaches one of the following key stages. These are at under 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s & 17s.
 - (ii) When a player registers with this competition for the first time outside those key stages shown above.
- (B) On initial registration a player must provide a copy of his/her birth certificate or medical card.

S3. DE-REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- (A) A Club wishing to de-register a player must complete the de-registration section of the League Administration Form. This must be counter signed by the player and his/her legal guardian. This form must be returned to the League Registration Secretary together with the Player's Passport and a **£6.00** Administration fee. No player will be allowed to then register for another Club in this competition until 21 days after the initial date of de-registration. (See FASCR 8K).
- (B) Players wishing to de-register from a Club may do so freely if they are leaving the area and will no longer be able to play in this competition otherwise a **£6.00** administration fee must be paid.
- (C) Any player who is de-registered from this League for a period of 60 days or more must re-register with the League before they can join a new Club/Team.

N/B The Player's Passport remains the property of this competition at all times and will be classed as void if defaced.

S4. CLOSED SEASON

The closed season as defined within The Football Association Handbook is the 1st till the 30th of June. A player can move freely between Clubs during this period. The Player's Passport must be returned to the Registration Secretary by a Club once it is established that the player in question has moved to another Club.

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S5. CLOSED DATES (Competitive Leagues Only)

Apart from the Christmas and Easter Holidays all other dates will be considered as Open Dates, even where fixtures are not automatically shown. All teams will be given the opportunity to apply for two 'Closed Dates' between September and February in each playing season. All requests must be submitted in writing at least 14 days prior to the required closed date to the Fixtures Secretary. The written request must also contain the names of those players unavailable to play. (7 players constitute a team). The only exemptions to this rule will be educational trips and school sport commitments.

S6. ADMINISTRATION

(A) Clubs must register their team details with the League Registration Secretary no later than 7 days before the start of the season in the prescribed manner. Clubs must register a minimum number of players as defined by 31st July in each year.

<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Division	u11s – u18s	11 players
<input type="checkbox"/> Mini-Soccer	u9s – u10s	7 players

The only exceptions will be Clubs joining this League after 31st July.

(B) In addition to FASCR 11A a Club failing to submit a correctly completed team sheet to the Registration Secretary or his/her assistant within 14 days may incur a fine of **£20.00** and have 3 points deducted from their teams points total.

(C) Team Managers **must** exchange the Player Passports before the commencement of a fixture. The Team Sheet **must** show the starting eleven players and the five substitutes.

(D) A fixture **must not** be played unless S6(c) is complied with. Neither team will have a right of complaint if they breach this rule.

(E) Officers of the League Executive may from time to time inspect a team's player passports, team sheets and team registration forms in order to ascertain that S6(c) is complied with.

(F) Any Club failing to comply with S6 (c) and (d) may be fined and/or dealt with at the discretion of the League Management Committee.

S7. TEAM OFFICIALS

(A) All Club Managers, Coaches and Officials actively working with players in this competition must complete a CRB enhanced vetting form and return it to the Youth League Welfare Officer within 7 days of the commencement of the season or provide evidence to confirm that they have been positively vetted for that purpose to the Youth League Welfare Officer. They will be issued with a League Identification badge, which they must wear at all C&DJFL fixtures.

(B) All Team Managers must be responsible and over 18 years of age. They must have already attained or show proof that they are working towards the FA Level One Standard Coaching Certificate or its equivalent. The minimum qualification is a current Child Protection Certificate.

(C) The League Secretary must be notified immediately if there is any change to those Club officials shown in the Club data sheet.

S8. INSURANCE

All teams registered to play in the Chester & District Junior Football League must have public liability and personal accident insurance for their members. Evidence of such cover must be presented to the secretary of the League at least 7 days before the first game of the season.

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S9. CHILD PROTECTION

- (A)** Each Club must nominate a member of their committee to act as a Child Welfare Officer (CWO). This person must have successfully completed or is prepared to attend a FA Safeguarding Children Course.
- (B)** The details of the nominated CWO must be forwarded to the competition's Youth League Welfare Officer at least **7 days** before the commencement of the season. Failure to do so will result in a Club being suspended from the competition until they have conformed to this rule.
- (C)** The CWO is responsible for collating the vetting forms for those Club officials who are considered to be working in close contact with children. Club officials who have already been vetted **through the English Football Association** will be required to give documentary proof.
- (D)** The CWO is encouraged to communicate directly with the County FA's Welfare Officer. The Youth League Welfare Officer's role is to offer guidance and support where possible.
- (E)** CWO's should be selected from volunteers who are not directly concerned with the management of a team.
- (F)** All Club officials that are issued with a League ID badge must wear them at all times during League sanctioned fixtures.

S10. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS (For Youth & Mini-Soccer)

- (A)** Goal posts are to be securely anchored to the ground, nets must be securely fastened and only net pegs must be used to pin the nets securely.
- (B)** No Club playing in this League must knowingly use creosote or other harmful chemicals in the marking of pitches.
- (C)** The home team coach shall place ropes no less than 1 metre from the touchlines. Parents and supporters must stand behind these ropes. Parents and Supporters must not stand on the goal line or behind the goals.
- (D)** No parents or spectators are to stand behind the goal line.
- (E)** It is the responsibility of all Club officials to enforce these rules.
- (F)** It is the responsibility of each individual Club to formulate a policy regarding supporters bringing animals to football matches organized by this League. However, the League Executive Committee insists that if animals are present at fixtures they are kept under control at all times.
- (G)** It is the responsibility of the home team officials to check that the field of play is fit for use and any hazardous articles or substances are safely removed before play commences.

S11. FAIR PLAY AWARD - Youth Division Only

- (A)** The 'Fair Play' award will be awarded annually and shall be determined by the number of points a team receives from their opponents during the season based on the sportsmanship of the players, coaches and supporters.
- (B)** All managers must record a score between 1 and 10 in the 'Fair Play' box of the Registration Secretary's copy of the team sheet.
- (C)** If a team receives 4 points or less from the awarding manager. That manager must inform the Registration Secretary, by letter the reason for the low score.
- (D)** 5 Points will be deducted from a team's overall Fair Play total if it is proven that a player, coach or supporter from the team infringes the Competition or Football Association Rules. If a team has 20 points or more deducted from the 'Fair Play' total during the season then 3 points will be deducted from their total League points score. 3 points will be deducted in this manner for every block of 20 points deducted.
- (E)** The team receiving the highest number of points from each age group will be the 'Fair Play' winners for that particular division. The overall winner will be decided by the League Executive Committee and shall be awarded the 'Fair Play' cup.

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S12 SUBMISSION OF RESULTS & PRESS REPORTS

- (A)** Each Club shall appoint a person to act as Club Press Officer. They will be responsible for collating all team reports into one document and then to email that document in the format shown below to the League Press Secretary.

Name of Club

Date of Fixture

Age Group

Competition E.g. Olympic Trophies

Result (must be as follows) Kelsall Kickers 3 - 1 Tarvin Tumblers

Short match report no more than six lines giving a balanced overview of the game

Home Team goal scorers MoM Home Team

Away Team goal scorers MoM Away Team (if known).

- (B)** Match reports should be forwarded by the Club representative to the League Press Secretary using email within 8 hours of the game finishing for inclusion in the submissions to the media.
- (C)** The League Press Secretary reserves the right to edit out any inflammatory, negative or insensitive content.
- (D)** This League refrains from publishing results that show a difference in score lines of 10 goals.

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Appendix B / Mini-Soccer Handbook

INTRODUCTION

This Mini-Soccer League is a division of the Chester & District Junior Football League and is administered by a sub-committee made up of representatives from affiliated Clubs. The organisers of this League are committed to make the experience of playing football for the young boys and girls as enjoyable and safe as they possibly can. To this end the handbook has been produced to give guidance to Clubs officials, parents and supporters and includes Child Protection issues, guidance on what is considered to be appropriate behaviour by adults and players alike and the development structure of each age group. All rules are definitive including player numbers and match duration. The Sub-Committee will take a dim view of those Club officials who disregard the contents of this handbook. It should be read in conjunction with The Football Association guide to Mini Soccer rules and the Chester & District Junior Football League Rulebook.

It is the responsibility of all Club Secretaries to make the contents of this handbook available to all other Club officials, players, coaches, supporters and parents. If Mini-Soccer is to continue to flourish in Cheshire then we must all work together and remember that the players are playing for their own entertainment and enjoyment and not to satisfy your desires.

Ignorance of our rules and regulations will not be accepted as a reasonable excuse.

C&DJFL Management Committee

13/06/2011

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1. The Rules to be applied

The following LAWS are laid down by The Football Association and must be followed by all coaches and managers. The Football Association has produced these laws with player development in mind. Managers/Coaches must refrain from introducing their own interpretation of the rules and should instead adhere to those rules and regulations for which this League has been sanctioned.

LAW 1 Recommended Pitch Size

	Under 10s & 9s		Under 8 & 7s	
	Metres	Yards	Metres	Yards
Width	Min 27.45	Min 30	Min 18.30	Min 20
	Max 36.60*	Max 40*	Max 27.45	Max 30
Length	Min 45.75	Min 50	Min 27.45	Min 30
	Max 54.90*	Max 60*	Max 45.75	Max 50

* The minimum size pitch for under 10s

Penalty Area - Length 9.15m (10 Yards) Width 16.47m (18 yards)

Goal Size - 3.6m x 1.88m (12ft x 6ft)

LAW 2 The Ball

All players that are under 8 years of age should use size 3 balls.

Size 4 balls should be used by under 9s and above.

League Rule Number of Players (Including Goalkeeper)

Under 7s	7 v 7
Under 8s	7 v 7
Under 9s	7 v 7
Under 10s	8 v 8

LAW 4 Playing Equipment

All Players must wear shin guards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing strip.

LAW 5 Duration of Game

	Maximum Number of Minutes each half
Over 6s and under 7s	4 x 10 Minutes / 2 x 20 minutes
Under 8s	4 x 10 Minutes / 2 x 20 minutes
Under 9s	2 x 20 minutes
Under 10s	2 x 25 minutes

LAW 6 Offside

The Offside rule does not apply to **Mini-Soccer**.

LAW 7 Fouls and Misconduct

In **Mini-Soccer** direct free kicks will be awarded for all fouls and misconduct.

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LAW 13 Free Kicks

For all free kicks opponents must stand at least 4.5 metres (5 yards) from the ball. This also applies to corner kicks and centre kicks.

LAW 15 Throw-ins – Procedure

At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower:

- Faces the field of play.
- Has part of **each** foot on the touchline or on the ground outside it.
- Uses both hands.
- Delivers the ball from behind and over the head.

LAW 16 Goal kick

A player of the defending team kicks the ball from any point within the penalty area.

2. League Structure

To assist in player development the League committee has devised a programme of learning that introduces players to new laws year on year and encourages coaches to develop the technical skills of the individual players. The development programme is a progression towards 11-a-side football and is as follows:

Under 7s ('Friendly' League Structure)

- The duration of the game will be 4 x 10 minutes.
- Player numbers are 7 v 7.
- Players should be encouraged to develop their personal skills and their role as a team player.
- Players should experience playing in different positions and be encouraged to take throw-ins, corners etc.
- Goalkeepers may kick the ball out of their hands when taking goal kick.
- Passing back to the Goal Keeper is permitted.
- No penalties.
- All free kicks must be direct.
- Roll on Roll off Substitutes.
- A maximum of 15 registered players.
- Coaches and Referees should not penalise foul throws. They should encourage players to improve their technical ability.
- Promote positive attitude in players and good sportsmanship.

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Under 8s ('Friendly' League Structure)

As for under 7s with the following inclusions:

- Further emphasis on teamwork and personal skill.
- The duration of the game will be 4 x 10 minutes.
- Increased scrutiny over throw-ins.
- Firmer stance on foul play.
- A maximum of 15 Registered Players per team.

Under 9s (European style Cup Competition)

As per under 7s and 8s with the following inclusions:

- Goal kicks to be taken from the ground.
- Duration of game extended to 2 x 20 minutes.
- Encourage positive attitudes towards winning and losing.
- A maximum of 15 registered players per team. However, only 10 can be nominated to play on the day of the fixture. The nominated player's passport cards must be shown to the opposing manager prior to kick off.

Under 10s (European Style Cup Competition)

As per under 7s, 8s and 9s with the following inclusions:

- Increase team size to 8 v 8.
- Duration of the game extended to 2 x 25 minutes.
- The introduction of the No pass back rule to Goalkeepers.
- A maximum of 15 registered players per team. However, only 12 can be nominated to play on the day of the fixture. The nominated player's passport cards must be shown to the opposing manager prior to kick off.

N/B The use of penalty kicks is prohibited in **Mini-Soccer** fixtures. The only time it will be used will be under the strict control of the League Executive when deciding the semi-final outcomes.

3. Fixtures

The fixtures for all age groups are produced by the League Fixtures Secretary and distributed through the League web site <http://full-time.thefa.com/>

4. Coaches

- (a) No Adult will be permitted to coach a team in this League unless they have attained the age of 18 years. They must have obtained The Football Association Level one coaching certificate or its equivalent or be working towards obtaining this certificate. (The minimum requirement of proof being a certificate in Child Protection).
- (b) He/She must have undergone an enhanced check from the Criminal Records Bureau. (This also applies to all Club officials working closely with the players).

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- (c) Each Manager must register with the League and give documentary proof of the above to the League Child Protection Officer.
- (d) No coach should challenge an opposing player directly in regard to his/her actions on the field of play. Any criticism of a player should be expressed in an appropriate manner to his/her manager.
- (e) It is the Coach's responsibility to control the supporters and parents from his/her team on the line.
- (f) The Coach is a role model to the players and as such they must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

N/B Young players are impressionable and aim to please.

5. Match Officials

- (a) It is the responsibility of the home team manager to appoint a match official.
- (b) Where a volunteer Referees a fixture, he/she will have the powers of an accredited Referee and their decision will be final.
- (c) The appointed Referee must act fairly and impartially at all times. He/She must have a good understanding of the Laws of **Mini-Soccer** in particular those applied to this League.
- (d) Players may be cautioned or sent off from the field of play if the match official believes the player to be guilty of foul play, abusive language or misconduct.
- (e) The Referee may consider requesting the player's coach to remove a player from the field of play if that player is playing in a dangerous or unsporting manner.
- (f) Player safety is paramount. The Referee should stop play immediately whenever a player receives a head injury or when he/she considers a player's injury warrants immediate action. If the ball has not gone out of play a 'Drop Ball' should restart the game.
- (g) **No Coach, Manager, Parent or Supporter** must enter the field of play without the permission of the Referee.
- (h) Substitutions can only be made once the ball has gone out of play and with the Referee's permission.
- (i) This League will not tolerate touchline indiscipline towards a match official. Adults should display appropriate behaviour at all times in front of the players.
- (j) The Referee may request parents and supporters to leave the touchline if he/she believes their behaviour is inappropriate.
- (k) Club officials have a duty to support the referee and keep order on the touchline.
- (l) The League Committee reserve the right to deduct points from, disqualify and/or impose a fine on any Club/Team if their coaches, supporters or parents breach any of the aforementioned directives.

6. Child Welfare

- (a) To promote a safe playing environment this League has introduced a Child Welfare Network. Each Club has an appointed Child Welfare Officer who is responsible for implementation of all FA and League Child Welfare directives.
- (b) All managers, coaches and Club/League officials working closely with children within the Chester & District League will be issued with an official League identification badge. Players and parents should be encouraged to only approach those officials that are actively displaying these badges.
- (c) No player shall play for more than one team in this competition in one day irrespective if whether they have played their maximum quota of time.

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7. Team & Player Registration/De-registration/Transfer

- (a) There is an annual team registration fee of **£10.00**. This is payable at the Annual General meeting.
- (b) As part of the Leagues commitment to player safety each player is required to register with the League at u9s age group. Any player joining this League outside those age groups must also register. The current registration fee is **£10.00**.
- (c) The maximum number of players that can be registered per team is shown within section 2 of this handbook.
- (d) There is no fee for a player to de-register from the League however a de-registration form should be completed and the Player Passport form must be returned to the League Registration Secretary before a de-registration is deemed complete.
- (e) Players can transfer between Clubs. This can take place providing a transfer form has been correctly completed and the player registration form has been returned to the League Registration Secretary.
- (f) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the competition after **31st January** except by special permission of the Management Committee. (FASCR 8K).

9. Closed Dates (See main Rulebook (u9s & u10s only))

10. Festivals

The League will from time to time organise festivals for the different age groups throughout the season. The competition rules will be published on the day of the festival.

11. Safety Requirements (S10 of the FASCR Rules)

- (a) Goal posts are to be securely anchored to the ground, nets must be securely fastened and only net pegs must be used to pin the nets securely.
- (b) No Club playing in this League must knowingly use creosote or other harmful chemicals in the marking of pitches.
- (c) The home team coach shall place ropes no less than 1 metre from the touchlines. Parents and supporters must stand behind these ropes. Parents and Supporters must not stand on the goal line or behind the goals.
- (d) No parents or spectators are to stand behind the goal line.
- (e) It is the responsibility of all Club officials to enforce these rules.
- (f) Match officials must check the player's footwear for suitability prior to the commencement of the fixture. (New Football Association Directive).

12. League ID Badges

Team managers and Club officials must clearly display their League ID badges whenever their team is playing in a League sponsored fixture.

Appendix C / Respect Code of Conduct for Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

Respect Code of Conduct

Coaches, Team Managers and Club Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

In The FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline.

Play your part and observe The Football Association's Respect Code of Conduct in everything you do.

On and off the field, I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my Club, County FA, League or The FA:

- Required to meet with the Club, League or County Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the Club committee
- Monitored by another Club coach
- Required to attend an FA education course
- Suspended by the Club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the Club

In addition:

- My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn

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Spectators and Parents/Carers

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

This Club is supporting The FA's Respect programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Remember children's football is a time for them to develop their technical, physical, tactical and social skills. Winning isn't everything.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

I will:

- Remember that children play for FUN
- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators Area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my Club, County FA, League or The FA:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a Club or League Official
- Required to meet with the Club, League or County FA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the Club Committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the Club
- Requested by the Club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my Club membership removed
- Required to leave the Club along with any dependants

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the Club

Appendix C / Respect Code of Conduct for Young Players

Respect Code of Conduct

Young Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

As a player, you have a big part to play. That's why The FA is asking every player to follow a Respect Code of Conduct.

When playing football, I will:

- Always play to the best of my ability
- Play fairly – I won't cheat, complain or waste time
- Respect my team-mates, the other team, the referee or my coach/manager
- Play by the rules, as directed by the referee
- Shake hands with the other team and referee at the end of the game
- Listen and respond to what my coach/team manager tells me
- Talk to someone I trust or the Club Welfare Officer if I'm unhappy about anything at my Club

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my Club, County FA or The FA:

I may:

- Be required to apologise to my team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a formal warning from the coach or the Club committee
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Be required to leave the Club

In addition:

- My Club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of Any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my Club

Appendix C / Respect Code of Conduct for Match Officials

Respect Code of Conduct

Match Officials

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

The behaviour of the Match Officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game – both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct of Match Officials at all time.

I will:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage Fair Play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by the County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Required to meet with The FA/County FA Refereeing Official
- Required to meet with The FA/County FA Refereeing Committee

In addition:

- My Club, County FA or The FA may make my parent or carer aware of Any infringements of the Code of Conduct
- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and suspension against my Club

Appendix C / Respect Code of Conduct for Adult Players

Respect Code of Conduct

Adult Players

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

Players tell us they want a referee for every match, yet thousands of match officials drop out because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch. Respect your referee today and you may just get one for every match this season.

Play your part and observe The FA's Respect Code of Conduct for players at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Adhere to the Laws of the Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote Fair Play
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the referee at the end of every game

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my Club, County FA or The FA:

I may:

- Be required to apologise to team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a warning from the coach
- Receive a written warning from the Club committee
- Be required to attend an FA education course
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Be required to serve a suspension
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the Club

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the Club

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Appendix D / Fines Tariff

The Leagues Fining System

The penalties for breaching this competition rulebook are imposed in conjunction with the **Youth Divisions** Fair Play Scheme. For every breach of the rule a team will be deducted 5 points from their Fair Play Points. Should a team have 20 points deducted from their Fair Play Points the League Committee will impose a further sanction. The sanction will be 3 points deducted from the teams total points score.

This sanction is non negotiable.

The League fines tariff is designed to standardise the fines imposed on Teams/Clubs for breaches of the competition rulebook. The most common breaches are catered for in this appendix. All other fines are either shown within the main body of the rulebook or will have sanctions imposed by the League Discipline Panel dependent on the merits of each individual case.

Unless indicated otherwise the following tariffs relate to the **Youth Division** only.

1. Failure to contact the designated Match Official within 72 hours of the fixture – **Fine £10.00.**
2. Failure to complete a team sheet correctly – **Fine £5.00.**
3. Home team manager fails to report the result within 3 hrs of the scheduled fixture to the designated League Official – **Fine £5.00.**
4. Failure to submit a team sheet to the designated League officer within 72 hrs of the scheduled fixture – **Fine £10.00.**
5. Failure to submit a team sheet within 28 days of the scheduled fixture – **3 points deducted from the team's total score.**
6. Playing an ineligible player – **Fine £15.00 and 3 points deducted from a team's total points score.**

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Appendix E / Discipline Procedure

Discipline Procedure

The following discipline procedures will apply to both the Small Sided and **Youth Divisions** of this League. The contents of this Appendix should give guidance as to how the discipline procedure works. Please note that no complaint will be heard unless the following protocols are adhered to.

1. All complaints will be heard by a discipline panel consisting of two League Executive officers and a Club delegate not associated with the complaint being heard.
2. The panel cannot adjudicate on any matter that has been submitted to the County FA or above and is still in the process of being investigated by that body.
3. All complaints must be submitted by the aggrieved Club's secretary in duplicate within 5 days of an incident taking place.
4. A fee of **£15.00** must be deposited with the League Secretary before the complaint will be accepted. This fee may be retained by the League if the complaint is found to be unsubstantiated.
5. In cases where the allegation if proved could lead to a deduction of points from a teams total points score, an official/team or player could be removed or suspended from the competition the offending party will be entitled to a hearing before the Discipline Panel. No less than 7 days notice will be given of such a hearing.
6. The decision of the Discipline Panel shall be binding subject to the offending party's right of appeal to a higher authority.
7. This League operates a disclosure policy that requires all parties to submit the evidence they intend to use in the hearing in writing to the League Secretary at least 48hrs prior to the hearing date. Failure to conform to this protocol will result in the discipline panel refusing to accept witness evidence unless special circumstances have resulted in the evidence only just becoming available.

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Appendix F / Mini-Soccer Referee – What is your role

It is the responsibility of the home team coach to ensure the referee has sight of these guidance notes before the fixture commences. Anyone Refereeing a Mini-Soccer match MUST hold a current Enhanced CRB certificate issued by the FA

- As the match official you have an obligation to report to the League any type of misconduct whether verbal or physical. The League committee will take positive action to eradicate the type of behaviour that threatens to ruin what is good about **Mini-Soccer** in this League.
- Fixture durations are 2 x 25 minutes at u10s. 2 x 20 minutes at u9s. 4 x 10 minutes at u8s and u7s. No other variations are permitted.
- All free kicks are direct; Penalties should only be given if there is an infringement on the goal line e.g. deliberate handball and only in the u10s age group.
- The offside rule does not apply in **Mini-Soccer**. Nor does the pass back rule.
- At u7s and u8s goal kicks can be taken from the keepers hands. At u9s and u10s the goal kicks must be taken from the ground.
- As the appointed Referee you are expected to act **fairly** and **impartially** at all times.
- The person appointed, as Referee must have a good understanding of the Laws of **Mini-Soccer** in particular those applied to this League. (See the **Mini-Soccer** Handbook held by the team manager).
- Players may be cautioned or sent off from the field of play if the match official believes the player to be guilty of foul play, abusive language or misconduct. However, the Referee should always consider requesting the player's coach to remove a player from the field of play if that player is playing in a dangerous or unsporting manner.
- As the Referee you must not tolerate foul language from any player, coach or supporter.
- Player safety is paramount. The Referee should stop play immediately whenever a player receives a head injury or when he/she considers a player's injury warrants immediate action. If the ball has not gone out of play a 'Drop Ball' should restart the game.
- **No Coach, Manager, Parent or Supporter** must enter the field of play without the permission of the Referee.
- Substitutions can only be made once the ball has gone out of play and with the Referee's permission.
- The Referee may request parents and supporters to leave the touchline if he/she believes their behaviour is inappropriate.
- No parents or supporters are to stand on the goal line or behind the goal.
- Club officials have a duty to support the referee and keep order on the touchline.
- The Referee should inform a team's coach if the supporters/parents are using offensive, unsporting language or behaviour. If this persists then the Referee must inform the coach that he/she will report the matter to the League Secretary.
- If you won't take positive action then don't take on the responsibility of Match Official.

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Appendix G / Executive Committee Members Contact Information

Position/Role	Name	Telephone	Email
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Fixtures Secretary u16s - u18s	Russell Martin	Email Only	russell@martin5096.freemove.co.uk
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Mini-Soccer Press/ Results Secretary	Diane Wynn-Hughes	Email Only	paul@wynn-hughes.wanadoo.co.uk
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League Assistant Secretary	Neil Morgan	Email Only	neilatchester@lineone.net

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Appendix G / Dates for your Diary

League Management Meeting - All age groups	Monday 11 th July
League Management Meeting - All age groups	Monday 22 nd August
Start of Mini -Soccer u9s - u10s	Saturday 3 rd September
Start of Youth League u11s - u16s	Sunday 4 th September
Start of Youth League u17s/u18s	Sunday 4 th September
League Management Meeting - All age groups	Monday 5 th September
Mini-Soccer Meeting	Monday 12 th September
Start of Mini-Soccer u7s - u8s	Saturday 24 th September
League Management Meeting	Monday 3 rd October
League Management Meeting	Monday 7 th November
Cup Round	December - TBC
League Management Meeting	Monday 5 th December
Mini-Soccer Meeting	Monday 12 th December
League Management Meeting	Monday 9 th January
Cup Round	January - TBC
League Management Meeting	Monday 6 th February
Cup Round	February - TBC
League Management Meeting	Monday 5 th March
Mini-Soccer Meeting	Monday 12 th March
Cup Round	March - TBC
League Management Meeting	Monday 2 nd April
Cup Semi Finals	April - TBC
Mini-Soccer Cup & Shield Semi Finals	Saturday 12 th May
League Management Meeting	Monday 14 th May
Cup Final @ Chester City FC	Saturday 19 th May
Cup Final @ Chester City FC	Sunday 20 th May
League Presentation Awards@ Chester City FC	Sunday 3 rd June
AGM	Monday 11 th June

The above dates are subject to change for which prior notice will be given

League Management Meetings are held at Chester Football Club, Exacta Stadium Blues Bar, Bumpers Lane, Chester CH1 4LT. Kick off 7:30pm

Mini-Soccer Meetings are held at Upton by Chester Royal British Legion, 20 Heath Road, Upton, Chester CH2 1HX. Kick off 7:30pm

BANK HOLIDAYS	
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 29 th August
Boxing Day	Monday 26 th December
Christmas Day Bank Holiday	Tuesday 27 th December
New Year's Day	Monday 2 nd January
Good Friday	Friday 6 th April
Easter Monday	Monday 9 th April
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 7 th May
Spring Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th June
Diamond Jubilee Holiday	Tuesday 5 th June
Summer Bank Holiday	Monday 27 th August