**COMPETITION RULES PART FIVE**

**9. REPORTING RESULTS**

1. The Competition Secretary must receive within 4 days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner.
2. Both teams shall notify the result of each Competition Match via the Send Your Result feature on the Association’s website or by email or SMS to the Competition Secretary immediately after the match is played
3. The Competition and teams are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under 11s. Any Competition failing to abide by this Rule may be dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority. The Competition and teams are permitted to collect and publish results for trophy events.

**10. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP**

In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition may be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points the highest placed team shall be decided as follows:

1. Goal difference.
2. Most goals scored
3. Won most matches
4. Result(s) of match(es) between the teams concerned.

**11. MATCH OFFICIALS**

1. Registeredreferees (and assistant referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority. Rule B applies in most inter schools football matches. Registered referees should always be used for Representative matches and in cup finals
2. In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the teams shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match. Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the Players’ age band is at least one year younger than the age of the referee, for example a 15-year-old referee may only officiate in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.
3. Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide an assistant referee.
4. The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.
5. Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff and travel expenses as agreed annually by the Management Committee
6. Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home team before/immediately after the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee.
7. In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the teams have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus expenses. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one team being in default, that team shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses.
8. 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 Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.  
     
   M**ATCH RELATED RULES SPECIFIC TO CUP COMPETITIONS**
9. The Management Committee shall have the authority to provide Cup Competitions, which shall be open only to schools affiliated to the Association
10. The Cup Competitions shall be fully managed by the Management Committee, who may appoint a Competition Organiser to oversee each Cup Competition. These competitions will operate at age groups from U11 to U19 inclusive. Rules 1-13 of the Competition shall fully apply except where stated otherwise in this section.
11. An entrance fee (non-refundable) shall be paid by each competing team on or before 1st September in each year. This fee shall be decided annually at the Annual General Meeting.
12. All ties shall be drawn and all rounds shall be on a knockout basis. The draw shall be circulated to all schools. The school first drawn shall have choice of ground except in the final tie which shall be arranged by the Management Committee, who shall take all receipts of the match and pay all reasonable expenses.
13. A ‘limit date’ shall be set by the Management Committee for each round of all Cup Competitions, by which all ties in the round(s) affected shall be played. Schools must ensure that they arrange to fulfil their fixtures in advance of each limit date and shall only be permitted to play Cup ties after the limit date if they request permission to do so by contacting the Competition Organiser in advance of the deadline, setting out the reasons why they cannot play by the limit date.
14. In the event of Cup ties not being played by the limit date, the relevant Competition Organiser shall have discretion to resolve the tie by either:
    1. Permitting the tie to be played as soon as practical after the deadline, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 18
    2. Where they are satisfied that one school has made all reasonable efforts to ensure the tie was played but those efforts have not been reciprocated by the opposing school, then the school which attempted to play the match shall advance to the next round.
    3. Where both schools have made reasonable efforts to play the tie, or have been unable to do so for reasons beyond their control, they may toss a coin to determine which school advances.
    4. In extreme circumstances, where a tie has been unplayed and neither school can demonstrate they have attempted to arrange the playing of the match, the Competition Organiser may remove both schools from the competition. This course of action shall only be taken where limit dates have been missed by a considerable margin and attempts to communicate with the schools involved have failed.
15. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board. The duration of matches shall be the same as for Competition matches. If the scores are level after the completion of normal time in all rounds including the final tie, then extra time shallbe played and if scores remain level then] the result of the match shall be determined by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the International Football Association Board. No replays shall take place.
16. No player shall play for more than one school in the Playing Season unless they have transferred from one school to another and the new school has applied for and received permission from the Management Committee for the player to represent their new school in accordance with the provisions of Rule 7.
17. Any Team playing an ineligible player(s) shall be removed from the competition and the match awarded to their last opponents.
18. In all rounds, except the final tie, the Match Officials fees (where applicable) are to be shared by both teams competing in each match. The home side is responsible for paying all such fees to the Match Officials immediately after the conclusion of the match. In the final ties, matches may not take place unless under the control of a referee appointed by the Management Committee, or such person and / or body to whom the appointment has been delegated.
19. In the event of two schools in a cup final having the same or similar colours both teams shall change their colours, unless the Competition Organiser agrees to allow one school to retain their usual colours.
20. If the final tie of any Cup competition ends in a draw, extra time may be played (to be agreed before kick off of the match by discussion between competitor organiser and team managers) and then the winner shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark.

**SCHEDULE A**

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| 3 | PROTEST/APPEAL FEES | £50.00 |
| 12 (E) | REFEREE FEES | As agreed with Sanctioning Authority |
| 12 (E) | ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES | As agreed with Sanctioning Authority |