

Leicester City and County Girls Mini Soccer and Girls League Rules 2010 /11

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

1. (A) This Competition shall be designated the Leicester City and County Girls Mini Soccer League (5v5 and 7v7) and the Leicester City and County Girls League (9v9 and 11v11)

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 County Football Association. The area covered by the Leicestershire, Rutland and surrounding Counties subject to rule of the Football Association relating to Clubs playing in the County to which they are affiliated.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Leicestershire and Rutland County Football Association 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.

The competition will provide 11-a-side football for players at under 14 level and above, 9-a-side football at under 13 level, 7-a-side football at under 12 level and below. The Management Committee may alter these age groups if deemed necessary for player retention.

(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.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

2. (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of any additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £25 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.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be £ 45 per Team payable on or before the 31st May in each year.

(C) Each Club shall, within 14 days of election, pay a Deposit of £25 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.

(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 31st May of its County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, failing which they shall be fined £20. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Offices and any other information required by the Competition.

OFFICERS

3. The Officers of the Competition shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration Secretary, Referees Secretary, Welfare Officer and up to 5 other members to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. (N.B. Auditors are not Officers).

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

4. (A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee comprised of the Officers and 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 the 31st 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 monthly or as often as is necessary to deal with business as it arises.

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. Communications may be made direct to other officers and members relating to matters for which they have responsibility. No officer or member may be contacted by telephone after 9pm. Any Club doing so will be fined £5.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers. First class mail or email are acceptable methods of communication.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

5. (A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have the 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 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. (This shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee). In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules. Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Club Official (limited to Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) or Player alleged to be in breach of a Competition Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before the Management Committee. Financial penalties can only be imposed if included within the set penalties for breaches of Competition Rules. 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..

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal in accordance with Rule 16. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 14 days.

(F) 3 Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and 3 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 £5 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.

Clubs, Officials or individuals committing a breach of this Rule will incur such penalties as the Management Committee may impose.

(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) Should the League organise Mini-Soccer for teams playing U7 and U8 football, with the exception of Rules 6, 11d, 14 and 19, no club may be fined for breaches of League Rules.

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 75% of 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 and conclusion of playing season.
 - (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 County Football Association(s).
- (C) A signed copy of the duly audited/verified Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the County Football Association(s) within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.
- (D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than 14 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 50% 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 Club
- (H) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £25.
- (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."

Any alteration of the Chairman and /or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8. (A) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are not permitted in this Competition.

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.

(B) A registered 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, in their own handwriting countersigned by her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the Registrations Secretary and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document or alternative 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.

The registration document must incorporate two current passport-size photographs of the player seeking registration affixed in the spaces provided together with proof of the player's age where she has not previously played in the competition. The school attended and school year must be shown. or

- (ii) Complied with (i) above and has been transferred to the Club from another Club in the Competition

under the provisions of rule 8(l).

The registration form must be sent to the Registration Secretary by first class post and accompanied by a sae by the following deadlines:-

(a) Prior to the first Sunday of the season seven clear days are required.i.e. to be received in the previous Saturday's mail, one whole week before the start of the season.

(b)After the start of the season registration to be confirmed prior to the next fixture.

Failure to submit a correctly completed form will attract a fine of £5.

The registration counterfoils must be taken to all games and must be given to the opposition manager or Competition official for checking. Failure to do so will incur a fine of up to £100 and a two point deduction in the case of a Competition match or in respect of a Cup match expulsion from the competition with the tie being awarded to the opposition. No such action may be taken in the case of a Cup Final.

For registration purposes the Competition will accept a photocopy of an original birth certificate. In cases where the birth certificate is not available the Competition will 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.

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

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.

Under 11 – the player must be under the age of 11as at midnight on 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).

(C) A team shall not include any player who has taken part in any one or more senior competition matches during the current season unless a period of four days has elapsed since they played.

For the purpose of this Competition a senior competition is a County Cup match .

(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 £7shall be paid for each set (14) of player registration forms at under 12 level and below and £10 for each set (20) of player registration forms at under 13 level and above. Extra registration forms may be obtained from the Registrations Secretary on prepayment of £1 per form such payment to include an stamped addressed envelope.

(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.

(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 £5. Such transfer shall be referred by the 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 2 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 1st March 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 designated "A" and "B" etc. In such cases, players will be registered for one team only. A player so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 8 (B) and 8(N) . A formal transfer is necessary for a player to play for another team at the same age group.

(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 one Season only.

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

(N) A player who has played for a team in a higher age group two times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower age group

(O) (i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players may have the points gained in the match deducted from its total and may be fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(ii) In addition the team may have points deducted from its total at the discretion of the Management Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought to be fit.

(iii) The Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

(P) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.
(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.

(Note: For players under the age of 18 the provisions contained in Football Association Rules will apply.)

CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

9. (A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 1st August 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 4 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 kickoff by not having a change shall be fined £10.

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. Any garments worn under shirts or shorts will be the same colour as the shirts or shorts.

(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 commencing and concluding dates for the ensuing season which shall be in accordance with Football Association Rules. No Club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date. For season 2010 / 2011 the season shall commence on the 5th September 2010 and shall conclude on or by 24th April 2011.

Any team wishing to play any match or matches other than in this Competition, League cup or County Cup must apply in writing to the Fixtures Secretary giving full details. The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse permission. Failure to apply or to play such a match where permission has been refused will result in a fine of up to £100 or suspension from the league.

(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. To be deemed suitable facilities at the ground must include toilet and changing facilities.

All matches shall have a duration as set out Appendix B. 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.

No player under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August in any season shall be permitted to play more than one game or, in the event the competition allows the playing of a double-header, ie: two separate matches, 100 minutes per day in this Competition. The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the A.G.M. or the Management Committee and shall be between 1030 am and 230 pm on a Sunday and on other days as may be agreed between the two teams. Any changes to this must be notified to the Club Secretary of the opponent team, the referee and the Fixtures Secretary 7 clear days before the match. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20. Matches during the months of December, January and February will not kick off later than 2pm on a Sunday unless floodlights are used. Nothing in this rule will affect under 18 level matches which will always kick off at 2pm. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined a sum not exceeding £5 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 are as set out in Appendix B.

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.

(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 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match in writing or by email. The away Club shall seek and acknowledge receipt of such particulars. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of £5.

(E) Every Club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the Competition.

(Note: The intention of this Rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another game or to boost the strength of another or lower team. It is NOT intended that Clubs MUST field higher team players in lower teams when the higher team has no engagement. If, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the Rule is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account for its/their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine, despite the fact that Rule 8 has not been infringed.)

A minimum of 5 players will constitute a 7v7 team for a Competition match; 7 in a 9v9 and 9 in an 11v11 match.

(F) 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 of £10 and deduct 1 point from the defaulting Club, award the points 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. 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 £10 or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

Any club unable to fulfil a fixture must request a postponement in writing on a League postponement form at least 14 days prior to the fixture date. Failure to give the requisite notice will attract a fine of £10 and have one point deducted. This arrangement may only be used twice in any one season. In the case of a third postponement the Management Committee may deduct two points and impose a fine of up to £25. In the case of any further postponement the Management Committee may award the game to the opposition and impose a fine of up to £25. Should a team offend this rule more than three times during a season they will then be asked to attend a Special hearing of the Management Committee. The Management Committee will look at each case on its merits.

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 7 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.

A Club which calls off a match less than four days before it is due to be played shall, unless the pitch is unfit, shall be responsible for the pitch fee of up to £30 substantiated by an invoice, the referees fee incurred by the home team and the reasonable travelling expenses incurred by the away team as appropriate.

Clubs with private grounds may postpone a fixture the previous day by calling in a qualified referee to inspect the pitch. The decision is to be made by the referee, who shall be named on the report. Clubs with private and public grounds may also postpone a match where the ground has been closed by the groundsman or owner. Any Club postponing a fixture must inform the opposition, the referee and assistant referees and the Fixtures Secretary.

A club may postpone a match if two or more of its players from one team are required by either their respective Centre of Excellence, County Representative side, or English Schools FA sides. Proof of same must be supplied to the Secretary postmarked the day after the match should have been played.

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) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 7 rolling substitute players in any match at under 12 level and below in this Competition who may be selected from 14 players, at under 13, under 14, under 15 and under 16 level 5 rolling substitutes who may be selected from 16 named players. At under 17 and under 18 levels a Club may use three substitutes from 5 on a non-rolling basis.

Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. For teams in the under 16 age group and below, a player who has

been substituted herself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 10 minutes before the start of the match.

A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.

(H) The half time interval shall be of 5 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 Fixtures/ Results Secretary must receive postmarked within 2 days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner or within 2 days the online results form. 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 £5 and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

(B) The Home Club shall telephone the result of each match to the Fixture / Results Secretary by 7pm or in the case of a mid-week match by 9pm on the day of the match. Failure to comply will incur a fine of £5.

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. The Management Committee shall have power to take such action as they deem suitable against a Club which submits an incomplete form or incorrect information. Failure to comply will incur a fine of £5.

(D) The Competition will not collect result sheets or compile any playing data for fixtures they organise for U7 and U8. They may require a Club to confirm that a set fixture has been played. A maximum fine of £5 may be imposed for a breach of this Rule.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

12. (A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 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.

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points team rankings will be decided by a play off match between the two teams or where more than two teams are equal on points by a number of play off matches which allow all tying teams to play each other. The Management Committee will decide the date and venue for the play-offs. Where two or more teams are still equal further play-off matches will be played.

(B) Not Applicable as there is no promotion or relegation

(C) Not Applicable as there is no promotion or relegation.

(D) Not Applicable as there is no promotion or relegation

REFEREES

13. (A) Registered Referees and Assistant Referees for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association. Where the League does not appoint a referee home

teams (except in the case of League Cup Semi-finals and Finals) must appoint a registered referee for all matches at under 13 level and above. Failure to do will incur a fine of not less than £25 and not more than £30. At under 12 level and below a person should have an FA level one coaching certificate to referee a game.

(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) The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any match. Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £5 being imposed on the defaulting Club.

(D) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final subject to either in the case of a ground of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the Representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play.

(E) Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to charge fees as set out in Appendix C. Registered Referees appointed by the Management Committee as will also receive the Assistant Referees' fees set out in Appendix C such fees are subject to change as directed by Leicestershire & Rutland County Football Association.

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees immediately after the match.

(F) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to full fee.

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.

(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 £5.

(i) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the Form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The Football Association/County Football Association.

(J) The Referee shall submit a report to their County Football Association if any Club, Club Official, Player or Supporter is cautioned or in any other way is likely to be charged with an offence.

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

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 of £10.

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 31st March.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the arrangement of fixtures for the following Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £100 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 the Annual General Meeting 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. Any Club then continuing to withdraw its team(s) will be liable to immediate expulsion and a fine of £200.

(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 14 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 £10 and a sae. 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 be afforded an opportunity to make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and must have received 14 days notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the submission. 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 Football Association, including a fee of £10 or such other fee as shall be in force at the time, 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. 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 ($\frac{2}{3}$ rds) 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 ($\frac{2}{3}$ rds) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.

(D) Any Club or Team failing to complete its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season.

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

18. (A) If a Competition 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 1st March next or be fined £20. 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."

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

All League Cup finalists shall purchase a minimum of 14 presentation programmes at a price to be determined by the Management Committee.

Any Club not being represented by its players on presentation day to receive any Cup, Trophy or Memento etc will be fined £20.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

19. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

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

At least 14 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. Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £25

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

All amendment of Rules can only be implemented once approved by the appropriate sanctioning authority.

ALTERATION TO RULES

20. Alterations shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19.

Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the Secretary by 1st March in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 31st March 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 a majority of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the sanctioning Football Association 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

21. Each Member Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee subject to Rule 16. Each Member Club must abide by any issued Football Association Code of Conduct including codes of Conduct relating to the RESPECT programme. In particular all Clubs must use some form of demarcation to separate spectators areas from the playing area. Only match officials, players, managers/coaches/medical (max 3 per team) may be pitch side of the demarcation line. Any breach of these codes will be reported to the County Football Association where the breach is one within its jurisdiction. The Management Committee may levy a fine of £25 where it is satisfied that the breach is within the jurisdiction of the Competition.

FINANCE

22. (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 £300.00 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 30th April.

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

KNOCK OUT CUP RULES

1 The Competition shall be called "The Leicester-City & County Girls Mini Soccer League KO Cups".

2 Only those players who are registered with the League are eligible to take part. Any team proved to have played an ineligible player will be immediately disqualified from the competition.

3 All league rules shall apply except where specifically altered by these cup rules.

4 In each tie prior to the semi-final, the game shall be played on the ground of the first drawn team. All ties will be completed on the same day. If for any reason the home pitch is not available and the opponents are able to stage the fixture, then the match will automatically transfer to that venue (even though a League or Cup match has been played there previously in the season), providing 24 hours notice is given to Club officials and the Fixture Secretary has been informed. If the tie is postponed due to weather conditions and the foregoing change of venue is not an option then the tie is to be played the following Sunday with this tie taking precedence over any League fixtures. It is the responsibility of the Clubs involved to notify their League opponents of the postponement. The Committee shall fix the grounds for the semi-finals and finals.

5 The duration of each match shall be as Rule 25 and Appendix B. Two periods of extra time shall be played if necessary (see Appendix B for amount of time to be played). If the scores are still level at the end of extra time the taking of kicks from the penalty mark shall decide the tie.

6 No player shall be allowed to play for more than one team in the Competition, any team breaking this rule shall be disqualified from the Competition.

7 All ties shall be played on a date stipulated by the Executive Committee. In exceptional circumstances the ties may be brought forward by mutual agreement between the participating Clubs and the Fixtures Secretary. Defaulting Clubs shall forfeit the tie and their opponents awarded the tie. A fine of £25 will also be incurred.

8 A player who is eligible to play for her team in the league competition shall be eligible to play for that team in the cup competition provided she has been registered as a player for that team for at least seven days before participating in the Cup Competition in the current season. No player will be allowed to participate in the semi finals or finals of the Cup Competition unless she has played at least three league or cup matches for that team during the current season.

A team playing an ineligible player will be removed from the competition and may be fined or otherwise dealt with by the Management

Appendices to the Rules

APPENDI X A

PLAYER AGE BANDS FOR 2010/2011

Age Group Born No Earlier Than Born No Later Than School Years

Under 9 1 September 2001 31 August 2003 3 & 4
Under 10 1 September 2000 31 August 2002 4 & 5
Under 11 1 September 1999 31 August 2001 5 & 6
Under 12 1 September 1998 31 August 2000 6 & 7
Under 13 1 September 1997 31 August 1999 7 & 8
Under 14 1 September 1996 31 August 1998 8 & 9
Under 15 1 September 1995 31 August 1997 9 & 10

DURATION OF LEAGUE MATCHES

Age Total Per Size

Group Time Half of Ball

Under 9 40 20 4
Under 10 40 20 4
Under 11 50 25 4
Under 12 50 25 4
Under 13 60 30 4
Under 14 70 35 4
Under 15 80 40 5
Under 16 80 40 5
Under 18 90 45 5

DURATION OF LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION MATCHES

Age Normal Per Extra Per Size

Group Time Half Time Half of Ball

Under 9 40 20 6 3 4
Under 10 40 20 6 3 4
Under 11 50 25 8 4 4
Under 12 50 25 8 4 4
Under 13 60 30 10 5 4
Under 14 70 35 10 5 4
Under 15 80 40 10 5 5
Under 16 80 40 10 5 5
Under 18 90 45 10 5 5

APPENDI X C

REFEREES' & REFEREE ASSISTANTS FEES

Age Group Referee Asst. Ref

Under 9 £10.00
Under 10 £13.00
Under 11 £13.00
Under 12 £13.00
Under 13 £23.00 £16.00
Under 14 £23.00 £16.00
Under 15 £23.00 £16.00
Under 16 £28.00 £20.00
Under 18 £28.00 £20.00
Assistant Referee Fees for
Cup Semi Finals and Finals

The League & Knock Out Competitions at under 12 level and below will be played under the Laws of the Football Association with the following exceptions:

LAW 1. PLAYING AREA

Please see the FA. Rule book for a diagram of the Playing Area. Recommended Size of Pitch

Width Metres Yards

Min. 27.45 Min. 30

Max. 36.60 Max. 40

Length Min. 45.75 Min. 50

Max. 54.90 Max. 60

Penalty Area

Length 9.15m—10 yards

Width 16.47m—18 yards

Penalty Mark

The penalty mark is 7.32m (8 yards) from the Goal Line opposite the Centre of the Goal.

Halfway Line

The field of play is divided into two halves by a halfway line. The centre mark is indicated at the mid-point of the halfway line.

LAW 1. GOAL SIZE

The distance between the posts is 3.6m(12ft) and the distance between the lower edge of the cross bar and the ground

is 1.88m (6ft).

Warning

In view of a number of accidents that have occurred, it is necessary to ensure that portable goals of any size are either pinned or weighted to prevent them from toppling forward.

LAW 2. THE BALL

The ball should be no larger than size 4. It should be safe and made of leather or another suitable material.

LAW 3. NUMBER OF PLAYERS

All Age Groups Number per Team Including Goalkeeper 7v7

Players must play with and against players only from their own age range within a two year age band. Each team must not have a squad greater than double the size of the team per age.

LAW 4. PLAYING EQUIPMENT

Players must wear shinguards and goalkeepers must wear a distinguishing playing strip.

Shinguards must be covered entirely by the stockings.

LAW 5. REFEREES

The Authority of the Referee

Each match is controlled by a referee who has full authority to enforce the Laws of the Game in connection with the match to which they have been appointed.

Powers and Duties

The Referee:

Enforces the Laws of the Game

Controls the match in co-operation with the assistant referees / time keeper.

Ensures that the ball meets the requirements of Law 2

Ensures that the players' equipment meets the requirements of Law 4

Stops, suspends or terminates the match, at their discretion, for any infringements of the Laws

Stops, suspends or terminates the match because of outside interference of any kind.

Stops the match if, in their opinion, a player is seriously injured and ensures that they are removed from the field of play

Ensures that any player bleeding from a wound leaves the field of play

Allows play to continue when the team against which an offence has been committed will benefit from such an advantage and penalises the original offence if the anticipated advantage does not ensue at that time.

Takes disciplinary action against players guilty of cautionable and/or sending-off offences.

Takes action against team officials who fail to conduct themselves in a responsible manner and may, at their discretion, expel them from the field of play and its immediate surrounds

Ensures that no unauthorised persons enter the field of play

Restarts the match after it has been stopped

Decisions of the Referee

The decisions of the referee regarding facts connected with play are final.

The referee may only change a decision on realising that it is incorrect or, at his/her discretion provided that play has not restarted.

LAW 6. TIMEKEEPER/SCORER/ASSISTANT REFEREE

Duties

A person may be nominated to assist the referee to:

(a) Record goals scored;

(b) Act as timekeeper and signify to the referee by an agreed signal when the time of each half has expired;

(c) Suspend time on an instruction from the referee for all stoppages and add that time to the end of each half;

(d) Supervise the use of rolling substitutes.

(e) Carry out any other duties as prescribed by the referee;

If an independent timekeeper/scorer is not nominated, these duties are the responsibility of the referee.

LAW 8. START AND RESTART OF PLAY

Procedure

A kick-off is taken at the centre of the playing area to start the game and after a goal has been scored, opponents must be 4.5m (5 yards) away from the ball, and in their own half of the field. The ball must be played forward.

Special Circumstances

A dropped ball to restart the match after play has been temporarily stopped inside the penalty area takes place on the penalty area line parallel to the goal line at that point nearest to where the ball was located when the play stopped.

LAW 9. BALL IN AND OUT OF PLAY

Ball Out of Play

The ball is out of play when:

It has wholly crossed the goal line or touch line whether on the ground or in the air

Play has been stopped by the referee

Ball in Play

The ball is in play at all other times, including when:

It rebounds from a goal post, crossbar or corner flag post and remains in the field of play

It rebounds from either the referee or an assistant referee when they are on the field of play

LAW 10. METHOD OF SCORING GOAL SCORED

A goal is scored when the whole of the ball passes over the goal line, between the goalposts and under the crossbar, provided that no infringement of the Laws of the Game has been committed previously by the team scoring the goal.

Winning Team

The team scoring the greater number of goals during a match is the winner. If both teams score an equal number of goals, or if no goals are scored, the match is drawn.

Competition Rules

For matches ending in a draw, competition rules may state provisions involving extra time, or other procedures approved by the International FA Board to determine the winner of a match.

Please note this must be included within the maximum participation time.

LAW 11. OFFSIDE

There is no offside.

LAW 12. FOULS AND MISCONDUCT

In Mini Soccer all free kicks are direct.

A free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following offences in a manner considered to be careless, reckless or using excessive force:

Kicks or attempt to kick an opponent

Trips or attempts to trip an opponent

Jumps at an opponent

Charges an opponent

Strikes or attempts to strike an opponent

Pushes an opponent

A free kick is awarded to the opposing team if a player commits any of the following offences:

Tackles an opponent to gain possession of the ball, making contact with the opponent before touching the ball

Holds an opponent

Spits at an opponent

Handles the ball deliberately (except for the goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area)

Plays in a dangerous manner

Impedes the progress of an opponent

Prevents the goalkeeper from releasing the ball from his/her hands

Commits any other offence, not previously mentioned in Law 12, for which play is stopped to caution or dismiss a player

Penalty Kick

A penalty kick is awarded if any of the above offences is committed by a player inside his/her own penalty area, irrespective of the position of the ball, provided it is in play.

A free kick is awarded to the opposing team if the goalkeeper:

Takes more than 6 seconds to release the ball from his/her hands

Touches the ball again with his/her hands after it has been released from his/her possession and has not touched any other player

Touches the ball with his/her hands after it has been deliberately kicked to him/her by a team mate

Touches the ball with his/her hands after he/she has received it directly from a throw in taken by a team mate

For all of these offences, the free kick should be taken from the penalty area line, parallel with the goal line, at the nearest point to the offence.

Cautionable Offences

A player is cautioned and shown the yellow card if he/she commits any of the following seven offences:

1. Is guilty of unsporting behaviour

2. Shows dissent by word or action

3. Persistently infringes the Laws of the Game

4. Delays the restart of play

5. Fails to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick or free kick

6. Enters or re-enters the field of play without the referee's permission

7. Deliberately leaves the field of play without the referee's permission

Sending Off Offences

A player is sent off and shown the red card if he/she commits any of the following seven offences:

1. Is guilty of serious foul play

2. Is guilty of violent conduct

3. Spits at an opponent or any other person

4. Denies the opposing team a goal or an obvious goal scoring opportunity, by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his/her own penalty area)

5. Denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards the player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick

6. Uses offensive or insulting or abusive language and/or gestures

7. Receives a second caution in the same match

LAW 13. FREE KICKS

For all free kicks opponents must be 4.5m (5 yards) from the ball.

LAW 14. PENALTY KICKS

A penalty kick is awarded for offences, as described in Law 12.

Position of the Ball and the Players

All players except the defending goalkeeper and kicker must be outside the penalty area and at least 4.5m (5 yards) from the penalty mark.

The ball must be kicked forward.

Infringement/Sanctions

If a player or players commit an offence at the taking of a penalty kick his/her team shall not be allowed to gain an advantage (ie. the kick is retaken or the goal is disallowed depending on which team offended).

If a player of both the defending and the attacking teams offend, the kick shall be retaken.

LAW 15. THROW-IN

A goal cannot be scored directly from a throw-in.

A throw-in is awarded:

When the whole of the ball passes over the touch line, either on the ground or in the air

From the point where it crossed the touch line To the opponents of the player who last touched the ball

Procedure

At the moment of delivering the ball, the thrower:

Faces the field of play

Has part of each foot either on the touch line or on the ground outside the touch line

Uses both hands

The throw-in is awarded to the opposing team, if any of these requirements are not carried out
Delivers the ball from behind and over their head

The thrower may not touch the ball again until it has touched another player. If he/she does a free kick will be awarded against them. The ball is in play immediately it enters the field of play.

LAW 16. GOAL KICK

Procedure

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

9-a-side League Rules 2010/2011

The 9-a-side League Rules are the same as the League Rules except for the following:

- Pitch size—maximum length 85 yards minimum length 70 yards
maximum width 55 yards minimum width 45 yards
- The goals are a minimum of 16 feet by 7 feet, maximum of 21 feet by 7 feet.