

## MATCH PROCEDURES

Home Managers are responsible for returning the match report forms to the League.  
Each Manager is responsible for completing their respective section.

All sections on the match report form must be completed.

All players including substitutes must be named on the match report form.

Players Christian and Surnames must be clearly indicated on the form

Remember you can only use substitutes who's names have been given to the Referee before kick off

Any substitutes not used must have their names struck off the form or they will be deemed to have played.

Player ID cards MUST be exchanged before the kick off.

A player is only deemed to be registered when his/her ID card is in the possession of the Club.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure the return of any registration documents left in the possession of the League Registration Secretary.

Pitches must be properly roped off and ALL spectators kept behind the ropes.

Only registered Officials wearing a League issued ID badge may stand between the ropes and the pitch.

The result of all games ( including County FA and District FA cups ) must be phoned in to the respective Divisional Rep not later than 17:30 on the day of the game, 21:00 for an evening game.

Completed match report forms must be received by the League within 72 hours of the game.

### **Mini Soccer forms to be returned to**

Roger Moss, 40 Nook Cottages, Grange Lane, Gorstage, Cheshire, CW8 2SR.

### **11-a-Side forms to be returned to**

John Poole, 30 Westlands Road, Middlewich, CW10 9HN

**Any complaint relating to any matter within these competitions will only be accepted if received by the League Secretary in the appropriate manner.**

## RULES FOR THE KNOCKOUT CUP

- 1 The competition shall be confined to Member Clubs of the League, entry shall be a condition of Membership of the League, and Competitions shall be held for each age group, other than those playing mini soccer.
- 2 In all rounds of the Competition up to the semi-finals, players must have registered with their Club at least 14 days before the date of the match in question. In the semi-final and final ties, all Players must have played in at least two League fixtures for his team. A player may represent one team only in the same season. Any team found guilty of playing an ineligible Player in this Competition shall be fined a minimum of £10 and struck out of the Competition.
- 3 In all rounds of the Competition, if the scores are level after normal time, extra time of 10 minutes each way shall be played. Should one of the teams score a goal during the period of extra time the match will be considered as finished and the team scoring the declared the winner. If no goal is scored during extra time, the tie will be settled by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Board decision contained in the Laws of Association Football.
- 4 The winners of each Competition shall be presented with the Knock Out Cup for that age group plus 18 players awards. (Funds permitting)
- 5 Referee's and Assistant Referee will be appointed as per League rules. In all rounds (excluding the Final), the match fees of the officials shall be shared by both teams. The Referee's fee shall be as per League matches, and the Assistant Referee's fee shall be half that of the Referee.
- 6 All ties shall be played on roped off pitches and under conditions arranged by the Management Committee.
- 7 The date published for the Final ties shall be absolute, in the event of a team being unable to honour its commitments with regard to the Final tie, the Final will be played under conditions arranged by the Management Committee.
- 8 The qualification of Players shall be as per League rules.
- 9 Any protests arising out of matches played in this Competition shall be dealt with as per League rules.
- 10 The Management Committee reserve the right to expel any team found guilty by the relevant County F.A.(s) of serious misconduct in this Competition.

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**Rule 1. Nomenclature and Constitution**

**(A)** This Competition shall be designated the Mid Cheshire Youth Football League/Cup and known as the MID CHESHIRE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE and shall consist of not more than 48 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 within a geographical boundary as laid down at the AGM each year. This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the CHESHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding sixteen in number.

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

The competition shall 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.

**(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.

**Rule 2. Entrance fee, Subscription, Deposit.**

**(A)** Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of 10 pounds 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 40 pounds per Team (30 pounds per club for Mini Soccer) payable on or before the 31st July in each year.

**(C)** Each Club shall within seven days of election pay a Deposit of 10 pounds 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 June 1st of its Cheshire County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, failing which they shall be fined 25 pounds. 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.

### **Rule 3. Officers**

The Officers of the Competition shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration Secretary, Referees Secretary, Assistant Referees Secretary, Development Officer, Rep to MCDFA, Child Welfare Officer, 2 Reps for mini soccer and 1 Rep for each age group ( Under 11 - Under 17 ) to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. (N.B. Auditors are not Officers).

### **Rule 4. Management, Nomination, Election.**

**(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 up to six members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

**(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 May 1st 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 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.

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

### **Rule 5. Powers of the Management.**

**(A)** The Management Committee may appoint such other sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary to such committees. The decisions of all such committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification.

**(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. (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, Official 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. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules.

**(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 seven days.

**(F)** Five 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.

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.

## **Rule 6. Annual General Meeting**

**(A)** The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than June 30th in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least Ten 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 there from.

**(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 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 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 Full Member 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 six of delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.
- (G)** No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Full Member Club.
- (H)** Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined 20 pounds.
- (I)** Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

**Rule 7. Agreement to be signed.**

The Chairman and 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 Mid Cheshire Youth Football League / Cup Competitions and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club to, 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 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).

## **Rule 8. Qualification of Players:**

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

No player registered with an 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 youth playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

(1) Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the (Registrations) Secretary Three 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 players parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the club or competition.

The registration document must incorporate two current passport type photographs of the player seeking registration together with proof of the players date of birth.

The qualification dates for the competition shall be as follows:

### **Mini-Soccer**

Under 7 Players must be over 6 and under 7 at midnight August 31st

Under 8 Players must be over 6 and under 8 at midnight August 31st

Under 9 Players must be over 7 and under 9 at midnight August 31st

Under 10 Players must be over 8 and under 10 at midnight August 31st

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 of younger by 2 years or more.

### **Youth Football**

Under 11 Players must be over 10 and under 11 at midnight August 31st

Under 12 Players must be over 10 and under 12 at midnight August 31st

Under 13 Players must be over 11 and under 13 at midnight August 31st

Under 14 Players must be over 12 and under 14 at midnight August 31st

Under 15 Players must be over 13 and under 15 at midnight August 31st

Under 16 Players must be over 14 and under 16 at midnight August 31st

Under 17 Players must be over 15 and under 17 at midnight August 31st

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player under the age of 14 as at midnight August 31st in the playing season must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

**(C)** 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.

**(D)** A fee of 3 pounds shall be paid for each player registered. ( 2 pounds per player for mini soccer ).

Instruction to Secretaries – Clubs will be invoiced on October 1<sup>st</sup> for all registration transactions, up to that date no monies should be sent with registration documents. After that date the correct fee should accompany all registration documents.

Registration forms shall be obtained from the (Registrations) Secretary on prepayment of 25 pence per form. ( 1st 18 forms free of charge ).

**(E)** 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.

**(F)** 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.

**(G)**

**(i)** The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player at their discretion proved guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

**(ii)** The Management Committee shall have power to refuse or cancel the registration of any player found guilty of undesirable conduct and to disqualify the player in question from participating in all games in the Competition. (Subject to Rule 16).

(Note: Action under Clause (2) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct on the field of play until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute.)

**(H)** 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 10 pounds. 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 SEVEN 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.

**(I)**

- (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 or may fine any player at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (Subject to Rule 16).
- (iii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to rule 16). Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident or repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this competition.

(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.)

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

**(L)** A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee

**(M)** A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (Registrations) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged.

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 only be allowed to play for his/her club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 8b..Registrations are valid for one season only.

**(N)** 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 Four games for that team in this Competition in the current season.

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

**(P)**

**(i)** Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players 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 shall 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 in exceptional circumstances may, at its discretion, award any points deducted from a Club under this Rule to the opponents in the match in question, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

(The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full-time secondary education):-

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**(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 Leagues).

**(iii)** Children under 14 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.)

### **Rule 9. Club Colours, Club Name.**

**(A)** Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by June 1st 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 Three 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 10 pounds.

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.

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

### **Rule 10. Playing Season, Conditions of Play, Times of Kick-Off, Postponements, Substitutes.**

**(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. Original fixtures arranged by the Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than September 1st, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date determined by the Annual General Meeting.

If mutually arranged at a meeting a list of fixtures must be forwarded to the Secretary within seven days of the meeting. Fixtures are deemed to be accepted unless objections are received by the Secretary within

fourteen days of their issue.

Any Club failing to be represented at a fixture meeting or otherwise infringing this Rule shall be liable for a fine of 10 pounds and the Management Committee or the (Fixtures) Secretary shall arrange that Club's fixtures.

**(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 determined below, unless a shorter time is mutually Agreed between the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

Duration of all matches shall be

Under 7 & 8: 30 minutes, (15 mins each way)

Under 9 & 10: 40 minutes, (20 mins each way)

Under 11 & 12: 60 minutes, (30 mins each way), minimum 40 minutes

Under 13 & 14: 70 minutes, (35 mins each way), minimum 40 minutes

Under 15 & 16: 80 minutes, (40 mins each way), minimum 50 minutes

Under 17: 90 minutes, (45 mins each way), minimum 50 minutes

The minimum time for any game will be not less than 20 minutes for each half for player in the Under 14 age group and below, and 25 minutes each half for all other age groups.

No player under the age of 17 as at midnight August 31st in any season shall be permitted to play more than one game or, in the event the competition allows the playing of a double header i.e. two separate matches, 100 minutes in this competition.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the A.G.M. or the Management Committee. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined a sum not exceeding 20 pounds or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

Mini Soccer will be played on Saturdays at mutually agreed times.  
Under 11 matches will be played on Saturdays kick off 10:30:00

Under 12 matches will be played on Sundays kick off 10:30:00  
Under 15, 17 matches will be played on Sundays kick off 14:00:00  
Under 13,14,16, matches will be played on Sundays  
Kick off time nominated to the League not later than the A.G.M.

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. Goal nets and corner flags must be used. All pitches must be properly roped off.

**Football sizes**

Under 7, to use size 3 footballs

Under 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, to use size 4 footballs

Under 15, 16, 17 to use size 5 footballs

**(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 Divisional Rep for the relevant age group.

**(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. 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 10 pounds.

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

In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than Eleven players they may be fined 5 pounds for each missing player. A minimum of Seven players will constitute a team for a Competition 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, deduct points 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.

Notice of postponement of any match must be given without delay by the postponing Club ( or notice of a Club being unable to fulfil any match must be given 48 hrs prior to the match by the Club ) to the Divisional Rep 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 any penalty it may deem suitable.

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 Secretary within 3 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.

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 opponents and/or take what other action they may deem necessary. In cases where a match is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the appropriate Affiliated Association.

**(G)** A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 7 players.

In Youth Football for teams in the Under 16 age group and below - A player who has been substituted during a match himself becomes a substitute and may, in turn, replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

For Mini-Soccer - Any number of substitutions may at any time, be made with the permission of the referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A player who has been replaced may return to the field of play as a substitute for another player.

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. If unused as a substitute's name should be struck from the team sheet.

### **Rule 11. Results, Report Forms and Fines.**

**(A)** The Secretary must receive within Three days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner as per a match report form, the Home Club shall be responsible for ensuring its return to the Secretary. 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 pounds and the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

**(B)** The Home Club shall telephone the result of each match to the Divisional Rep by 17:30:00 or 21:00:00 in the case of a midweek match. Notification must also be given of County and District FA Cup results. Where a Club is away to a Club not a member of this League, then they are responsible for notifying the Divisional Rep of the result.

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.

### **Rule 12. Points to decide the Championship**

**(A)** Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with THREE points to be awarded for a win and ONE point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points team rankings may be decided in the following ways:

A deciding match(s) 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 by the management committee being level at the end of the game 20 minutes extra time shall be placed in two equal periods of 10 minutes. Should one of the teams score a goal during the period of extra time, the match will be considered as finished and the team scoring the goal declared the winner. If no goal is scored during the period of extra time, the winners will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Board decision contained in the Laws of Association Football.

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

**(i)** Should one or more teams withdraw from any one division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to withdrawing in that division shall not be automatically relegated.

**(ii)** Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the season may be filled in any of the following ways:-

**(a)** Retention of otherwise relegated team (s).

**(b)** Additional promotion of the next ranked team (s) from the division below.

**(c)** Election

**(iii)** The last two teams in the lowest division shall retire but be eligible for re election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of paragraph (B)(i) above.

**(C)** In the event of a team not completing 75% its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table.

### **Rule 13. Referees**

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

**(B)** In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, or where the 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 10 pounds being imposed on the defaulting Team.

**(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 the following match fees:-

Under 11's = Referee £14 + 20p/m. Assistant Referee £7 + 20p p/m.

Under 12-14's = Referee £15 + 20p p/m Assistant Referee £7.50 + 20p p/m

Under 15-17's = Referee £18 + 20p p/m Assistant Referee £9 + 20p p/m

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

In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses.

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.

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.

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 Association.

The Referee shall submit a report Form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of players in each team and the time of kick-off to the Secretary within two days of the match.

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

**(F)** 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.

### **Rule 14. Continuation of Membership or Withdrawal of the Club.**

**(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 50 pounds.

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 March 31st .

**(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 35 pounds per team and shall 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 April 1st nor later than May 31st or at the Annual General Meeting held not later than June 30th 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.

### **Rule 15. Protest; Appeals and Deposits.**

**(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 pounds. 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 SEVEN 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.

### **Rule 16. Board of Appeal**

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 pounds, 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 grounds of unconstitutional conduct.

### **Rule 17. Exclusion of Clubs, Misconduct - Club Officials / Players**

**(A)** At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, 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 upon a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast. 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 whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable upon a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast. 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 25% of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season.

### **Rule 18. Trophies; Legal Owners, Conditions of Taking Over, Agreements, Awards.**

**(A)** Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provide, or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide. At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

(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."

© At the close of each competition awards shall be made to the winners and runners up if the funds of the competition permit.

All Competition Cups or Trophies must be returned to the League Secretary not later than March 1st each year.

### **Rule 19. Special General Meetings**

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 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 Full 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 SEVEN 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 20 pounds.

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

### **Rule 20. Alterations to the Rules.**

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 MARCH 31st in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by APRIL 14th and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by APRIL 30th . 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 [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 TWENTY EIGHT 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.

### **Rule 21. Rules Binding On Clubs**

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.

Each member Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the Codes of Conduct issued both by the League and the Cheshire County FA Ltd, and agree to uphold the contents contained in the same.

### **Rule 22. Finance**

**(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 £800 shall be approved by the Council. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.

**(C)** The financial year of the Competition will end on DECEMBER 31st .

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

# MID CHESHIRE YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## Mini Soccer Rules & Regulations

### ANY PLAYER THAT TAKES ANY PART IN THE FIRST GAME CANNOT TAKE ANY PART IN THE SECOND GAME

#### **Rules for Mini Soccer games**

(These rules must be read in conjunction with the Rules and Constitution of the Mid Cheshire Youth Football League)

All matches will be played on Saturdays at mutually agreed times (Rule 10b)

Under 7's and 8's will play 15 minutes each way with a five minute break in between.

Under 9's and 10's will play 20 minutes each way with a five minute break in between.

Under 7's, 8's and 9's must use a size 3 football.

Under 10's must use a size 4 football.

#### **Goal kicks**

Under 7's and 8's will be from out of their hands.

Under 9's and 10's shall be off the floor approximately 2.5 metres from the goalline.

#### **Back Pass**

Under 7's and 8's goalkeepers may pick the ball up.

Under 9's and 10's goalkeepers are not allowed to pick the ball up. If the keeper picks the ball up then an indirect freekick will take place at the point where the goalkeeper picked the ball up.

#### **Free kicks**

All free kick (except the back pass to the goalkeeper) are direct. Opponents should be 5 metres away from any free kick.

All player to wear shin pads and the goalkeeper shall wear a a top that distinguishes him from his team mates.

Throw ins as per FA rules. (Coaches to ensure throw ensure taken correctly).

The referee shall do no coaching during the game.

The referee shall stop the game in the event of a serious injury to a player.

All teams shall play two game. Should the opposition have only 5 players then they can play against 7 from the opposition. This must not become a regular occurrence.

All players will be issued with ID cards. These are to be **EXCHANGED BEFORE THE GAME** by lining up and displaying their card. No player is allowed to play who has not got an ID card.

All coaches are to remain off the pitch and are only allowed on at the request of the referee.

All officials shall be registered with the MCYFL and be CRB checked (2008/2009 onwards).

There is no offside in Mini Soccer.

A maximum of three officials only may stand on the pitch side of the roped off area.

The roped off area should extend from penalty area to penalty area.

No one shall stand behind the goals (corner flag to corner flag).

#### **The Playing surface**

The pitch should measure 60 yards by 40 yards.

The pitch should be marked out with white lines or marked out with disc type cones.

The pitch should have an halfway line.

The penalty area shall be 10 yards from the goalline and the full width of the pitch.

If the pitch is marked out with cones then different coloured cones need to be used to identify the penalty area.

The penalty spot is 7 yards from the goalline for Under 7's, 8 yards for Under 8's, 9 yards for under 9's and 10 yards for Under 10's

The goals will be 12 feet wide and six feet high and be constructed of plastic or tubular steel and secured to the ground. They must not have metal hooks (FA Rule).

Goal nets must be provided.

All pitches are to be roped off either side from penalty area to penalty area.

### **Players and Registration**

Each team must register enough players to field two separate teams from the designated start of the season. i.e Minimum of **FOURTEEN PLAYERS**

### **REGISTERED**

If not enough players are registered then consideration will be given to removing the team from the competition.

There is no limit to the number of players a team can register.

Each team shall consist of seven player (male or female) which shall include a goalkeeper.

Upto five substitutes may be used with the permission of the referee.

Roll on roll off substitutions are allowed.

No jewellery is to be worn by any player.

A first aid kit **MUST** be provided by both teams.

Before a player who is registered with a Centre of Excellence can take part in the competition, the league Secretary must be provided with the written permission of the Director of the Centre of Excellence.

The match result to be telephoned into your Divisional Representative by 5.30 pm of the date the game took place.

Under 7's	Mike Evans	01260 224536
Under 8's	Frank Oakes	01606 76826
Under 9's	Graham Paech	01606 47449
Under 10's	Roger Moss	01606 851388

## BYE LAWS

### **Bye-Law 1.**

After that date, a further fine of 10 pounds will be imposed, failure to comply within a further 7 days will result in immediate suspension of club fixtures.

### **Bye-Law 2.**

The Club must vouch for and verify the information contained on the registration form. No team shall have more than 18 players registered at any one time.

### **Bye-Law 3.**

When submitting a registration form to the League it must be accompanied by two passport style photographs of the player concerned, such photographs to have been taken within six weeks of the application. The name of the player must be clearly written on the back of each photograph.

### **Bye-Law 4.**

(ii) Also applies to Officials, Parents and Guardians.

### **Bye-Law 5.**

The League will issue Clubs with an ID card for each player they register. Such cards must be exchanged with the opposition before each game, and returned at the end of the game. (League, League KO Cup and Supplementary Competitions). Clubs will be fined no less than 10 pounds and the Management Committee may order the game to be replayed for breach of Bye-Law.

### **Bye-Law 6.**

All Clubs must be formed, and register pitches within the boundary as drawn and agreed at each Annual General Meeting. Players registered by the Club must live or attend a school within the boundary. A Club wishing to register a player from outside the area defined above must obtain permission of the Management Committee, who shall allow not more than three such players per team, their decision shall be final. Clubs wishing to register such players must allow at least 7 days for a decision.

### **Bye-Law 7.**

The league retains the right to confirm all registration details submitted with Parents or Schools.

### **Bye-Law 8.**

All team officials must be registered with the league and wear ID Badges at all their games.

#### **Bye-Law 9.**

A club shall have no powers to postpone or call off a match under any circumstances. In the case of weather conditions likely to be dangerous or unplayable only a registered Referee, a member of the Management Committee (not connected to either club), or the Landowners shall have the power to call off a fixture. A club wishing to call off a fixture for any other reason must apply in writing to the League Secretary giving at least 21 days notice. The matter will be decided by the Management Committee who will inform all interested parties in writing not less than 7 days before the original fixture date. In the event of a team being unable to fulfil a home fixture due to the pitch being a victim of the elements, or the pitch being unavailable and the League receiving less than 21 days notice of such, then subject to availability the game shall go ahead at the ground of their opponents with the Officials fees being paid by the original home team.

#### **Bye-Law 10.**

Each Club Shall be responsible for ensuring that games are played as directed by the Divisional Rep, and they are responsible for ensuring that they know the venue, time of kick off and colours of opponents kit. The home Club shall contact the Away Club not less than 72 hours before the fixture is due to be played. Any dispute shall be decided by the Management Committee.

Club Secretary's must contact the Divisional Rep by Monday evening prior to any vacant fixture date to ensure that no game has been re-arranged, the Management Committee shall have the right to order games to be played with no less than 6 days notice.

#### **Bye-Law 11.**

Each Club shall carry insurance for a minimum of public liability cover for its team(s). A copy of the certificate in the Clubs name must be lodged with the League Secretary before the start of the playing season.

#### **Bye-Law 12.**

At all general meetings discussions shall be allowed at the absolute discretion of the Chairman presiding over the meeting. Any delegate wishing to address any meeting shall do so only when requested to begin to speak by the Chairman of the meeting.

#### **Bye-Law 13.**

It shall be the responsibility of each Club to ensure that it is in receipt of all its player registration receipts (ID Cards). No Club may use a player for whom the Club does not hold a current registration card.

#### **Bye-Law 14.**

It shall be the responsibility of each Club to ensure that it has an adequate supply of all the Leagues pre-printed Stationery.

#### **Bye-Law 15.**

The Management Committee has the power to promote special competitions to supplement the current League and Cup competitions.

**Bye-Law 16.**

Clubs seeking permission to go on tour during the playing season must notify the League in writing at least six weeks before the date of the tour. Clubs are reminded that they must also seek the permission of the County FA to which they are affiliated. Clubs shall not take part in any testimonial or friendly match (Other than between teams within this League), after the date for the start of the playing season, without the consent of the League Secretary.

**Bye-Law 17.**

League or Cup fixtures shall not be played on any artificial surfaces without the prior approval of the League and the agreement of both teams.

**Bye-Law 18.**

All teams shall provide some form of basic first aid kit, e.g. water and something to cover open wounds. Teams failing to provide the said equipment shall be fined 5 pounds per match. The referee shall notify a team official if he intends to make a report as to the lack or unsuitability of a first aid kit. Such kits must NOT contain any form of pain killing spray or such aid which could in any way assist a player to return to the field of play whilst suffering any injury however small. Managers must take responsibility for ensuring that all such medical aids are not used on his players whether by an official, parent or spectator.

**Bye-Law 19.**

Only a Club Secretary is empowered to enter into correspondence with the League Secretary.

**Bye-Law 20.**

It is the responsibility of each Club Secretary to ensure that all interested parties within her/his Club are given access to the Rules of the League, Standing Orders and Codes of Conduct issued by the League and Cheshire County FA Ltd. Each Club Secretary shall be responsible to ensure that all interested parties are made aware of any decision made by the League relating to that Club and its members.

**Bye-Law 21.**

A Club submitting documents to the League which are found to contain details which have been supplied in the knowledge that the said details are known to be false, shall be fined not less than 25 pounds and may have further sanctions taken against them as the Management Committee see fit.

**Bye-Law 22.**

Before a player who is registered with a Centre of Excellence can take part in the Competitions, the League Secretary must be provided with the written permission of the Director of the Centre of Excellence.