

North Wiltshire Youth Football League Cup Competition Rules season 2015 - 2016

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

1. (A) This Competition shall be designated the North Wiltshire Youth Football League Cup and known as the Trust STFC League Cup.
The Competition will provide football in accordance with the agreed youth formats published under FA Rule C4(A). This Competition will reproduce the relevant FA Rule in its handbook and on its website to ensure clarity and compliance with Rule 8(B).
- (B) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 1B
- (C) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 1C
- (D) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 1D
- (E) *Not applicable*
- (F) *This Competition and its Clubs shall support the FA's Respect programme. As such it recognises that everyone in football has a collective responsibility to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. A Respect League values the courtesy and fairness by opposing players, club officials and spectators. The League and its Clubs will seek to play fixtures in a fair, competitive but not antagonistic environment.*
- (G) *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.*

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

2. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 2

OFFICERS

3. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 3

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

4. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 4

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

5. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 5

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 6

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

7. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 7

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8. (A) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 8A

- (B) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 8B
- (C) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 8C
- (D) *Not applicable*
- (E) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 8E
- (F) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 8F
- (G) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 8G
- (H) It shall be deemed misconduct for a player to:-
- (i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season.
 - (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.
- (I) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below.
- (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 proven misconduct, 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 or intending to be registered with.
 - (iv) For a player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.
- (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. All decisions must include the period of restriction. 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 for any team playing in this Competition.)
- (J) Subject to FA Rule C2 (a) 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. 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 three 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. A transfer is not complete and a player is not eligible to play for the new Club until the players name appears in the team sheet on FULL-TIME.
- (K) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 28th of February 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.
In the event a Club has more than one team in an age group, each team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, players will be registered for one team only. A 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).
- (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. 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. For this competition this includes Semi-finals and finals of the cup competition where a player shall not be eligible to play unless the player has played four or more league games or cup games for that team in the North Wiltshire Youth Football League in the current season.

Where a club has more than one team in the same age group in the League, players shall be registered and qualified for the appropriate team, and players may only play for the team they are registered and qualified for. Transfers will only be allowed under rule 8(I).

A player can only play up for a maximum of three games in any one season irrelevant of competition and can only play up for a single team. Playing up is limited to the club the player is registered to.

A player may only play for one team with in the competition. Once a player has completed one game they then become cup tied across all age groups

(O) *Not applicable*

(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 £25 per player and otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

- (ii) In addition the team shall have one point deducted from its total at the discretion of the Management Committee and may be dealt with in any further manner which is thought to be fit.
 - (iii) The Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.
- (The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full-time secondary education):-
- (Q) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. This is not applicable for under 17/18 football.
 - (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).
 - (iii) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in a playing season shall not be permitted to play in a match during that playing season where any other player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.

CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

9. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 9

PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY

TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES

10. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season in accordance with Football Association Rules. Original fixtures arranged by the (*Fixtures*) Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than 21 days before the season commencement date, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date.
- Where matches need to be rearranged or in the case of a revised fixture date by the Fixture Secretary or Cup Secretary, clubs shall wherever possible, be given a minimum of seven days' notice unless otherwise mutually agreed. Notification will be given to the Club Secretary through the email alerts via FA.com/Full-time and will be published on the FA.com/Fulltime website.

The North Wiltshire Youth and Minor League is Sunday league. The North Wiltshire Youth Football League Committee shall, at its discretion, allow clubs to play their home games on a Saturday.

The Management committee may enforce a Saturday or midweek fixture if required due to bad weather, replay, running out of playable weekends, or any other reason that is in the best interest of the league as decided by the fixtures secretary of that age group.

No game will be allowed to kick off before 09:30 unless agreed by both teams.

- (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, and 9v9 football, the Laws 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.
- Football Turf Pitches (3G Artificial Pitches) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches. For clubs playing at Step 7 and below, all Football Turf Pitches used must be on the FA's register and must be tested (by an accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.
- The home Club is also responsible for advising participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 10(D).
- All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time (not less than the recommended time as below) is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

Age Group	Playing time	Min Playing time (must still be two equal halves)
U.17/18	90 Minutes (45 minutes each half)	50 Minutes
U.16	80 Minutes (40 minutes each half)	50 Minutes
U.15	80 Minutes (40 minutes each half)	50 Minutes
U.14	70 Minutes (35 minutes each half)	40 Minutes
U.13 (9v9)	70 Minutes (35 minutes each half)	40 Minutes
U.12 (9v9)	60 Minutes (30 minutes each half)	40 Minutes
U.11(9v9)	60 Minutes (30 minutes each half)	40 Minutes

For Mini-Soccer – The maximum duration of play for the under 7 and under 8 age groups shall be two halves of 20 minutes each way, and for the under 9 and under 10 age groups, two halves of 25 minutes each way. The maximum playing time in any one day for the under 7 and under 8 age groups is 40 minutes, and for the under 9 and under 10 age groups is 60 minutes in all competitions.

At under 7 & under 8 all team members should receive equal playing times, with the best practice recommendation of a minimum of 50% of a game.

For Youth football – The duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time. For under 11 and under 12, 30 minutes each half; for under 13 and 14, 35 minutes each half; under 15 and under 16, 40 minutes each half; under 17 and under 18, 45 minutes each half.

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

No player participating in an under 11 or under 12 division 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, i.e. two separate matches, 80 minutes per day in all competitions. For under 13 to under 16 divisions, no player may play more than 100 minutes per day in all competitions and for under 17 and under 18 divisions, not more than 120 minutes per day in all competitions.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time *shall* be fined a sum not exceeding £20 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 ball must be age appropriate:

- A size 3 ball will be used for age groups U7 to U9.
- A size 4 ball will be used for age groups U10 to U14.
- A size 5 ball will be used for all other age groups.

The ball must conform to the requirements of Law 2: The Ball and should carry one of the following logos

- the official "FIFA APPROVED" logo
- the official "FIFA INSPECTED" logo
- the "INTERNATIONAL MATCHBALL STANDARD" logo

Goal nets must be used.

(C) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2014 – 2015 rule 10C

(D) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2014 – 2015 rule 10D

(E) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2014 – 2015 rule 10E

(F) (i) In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine of £20, deduct points from the defaulting Club, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. *The Management Committee shall have power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.*

(ii) Not Applicable

(iii) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 10F (iii)

(iv) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 10F (iv)

(v) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 10F (v)

(vi) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 10F (vi)

(G) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 10G

(H) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 10H

(I) As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 10I

REPORTING RESULTS

11. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 11

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

12. (A) The Competition shall be a knockout competition based on one fixture per round

The team first drawn shall have choice of ground except when specified by the Cups Secretary, which (if so specified) shall be played on a ground to be decided by the Management Committee and the competing clubs shall bear their own travelling expenses (if any). Any gate money and money from program sales for this match, after all expenses have been deducted, shall accrue to the North Wiltshire Youth Football League. If the Management Committee chooses to play the semi finals of the competition at a central location, then any pitch fees may be split between the participating teams.

(B) Any match resulting in a draw after normal time will result in 20 minutes extra time being played in two equal periods of 10 minutes. In the event of a game being drawn at the expiration of extra time, the winners will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Board Decision contained in the Laws of Association Football.

REFEREES

13. (A) Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association(s).
- (B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the *appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams*. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, or where the competition has been unable to appoint a Referee, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. If no referee is appointed it is the home clubs responsibility to provide a referee. *Failure to do so may result in the awarding of the game at the discretion of the management committee*. Not having a Referee appointed to a match by the Management Committee is not a valid reason for the postponement of the fixture.
- (C) *Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so may result in a fine of £10 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) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the sanctioning Association, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee of £15 (assistant referee £11) *and travel expenses of 30p per mile. (The maximum mileage that can be claimed per-game being the equivalent to a return journey from the referees registered home address to the ground)*. The Away Club shall pay the Officials their fees and/or expenses *before* the match. If the Management Committee has arranged the fixture to be played at a central location then the Officials fees and expenses shall be shared equally by the participating clubs.

Additional Notes:

Referees are advised that they cannot claim mileage if the walk or cycle to a game, or if they are travelling with another match official who is going to claim for that journey. A referee can claim if given a lift to and from the ground by someone who is not participating in the game, or can be reimbursed when using public transport, this does not include taxis (if a taxi is used they can only claim the per mile rate as above). Finally if appointed to more than one game on the same day at the same ground, then only one amount of travel expenses can be claimed and this should be split between the fixtures.

- (F) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to *half fee plus expenses*. 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.
- (G) A Referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he or she is registered.
- (H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed Form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine. Where a mark of 50 or lower is awarded, the club must submit a match report explaining the mark. The Management Committee may also request a report to be submitted if the mark awarded is of interest. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined of £10 or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.
- (I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the Form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The Football Association/County Football Association.
- (J) *Not applicable*
- (K) *Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.*
- (L) *Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by the FA/County FA or the League.*

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

14. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 14

PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

15. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 15

BOARD OF APPEAL

16. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 16

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS

MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

17. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 17

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

18. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 18

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

19. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 19

ALTERATION TO RULES

20. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 20

FINANCE

21. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 21

INSURANCE

22. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 22

DISSOLUTION

23. As per North Wiltshire Youth Football League Rules season 2015 – 2016 rule 23

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

24. 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.

Signed: Andy Ratcliffe:..... TBC:.....
Date:

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