

## **SOUTHEND AND DISTRICT JUNIOR SUNDAY FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

### **CUP COMPETITIONS and PLAY OFF MATCHES RULES 2020 2021 season**

1.. The Competitions shall be conducted in Age groups U11/U12/U13/U14/U15/U16 & U17/18 in accordance with the Rules , Regulations and Laws of the F.A. and shall be open to every member which is a member of the Southend and District Junior Sunday Football League. The competition shall be affiliated to the Essex County Football Association and may be played in a knock out basis or a qualifying group basis with a knock out format at its conclusion

2.. Entrance to the competitions shall only be open to SDJSFL member clubs

3.. Players shall be registered as per League rule 18 ,

4.. A player shall not play for more than one team / club in any one competition during the same season . The onus is on all clubs to ensure that their players are not cup tied by having played for any other team in the said competition during the current season

5 Semi final and finals players must have played a minimum of four matches for the same team to qualify to play . These four matches must be SDJSFL matches. External competitions do not count

6 Any team playing found proven to have played an ineligible player will be fined £50 and may be struck out of the competition and the match awarded to their opposition or order the tie to be replayed at the discretion of the management committee

7 In the event of a draw in a knock out game extra time shall be played

U11 / U12 / U13 / U14 / U15 5 minutes each way

U16 10 minutes each way

U17 / U18 15 minutes each way

If after the playing of extra time the scores remain level the result of the cup tie will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark

8 The league reserve the right to switch grounds should the first named team(home) ground not be available.

9 The draw for the competitions shall be made by the automated FULL TIME website and posted on that site as the competition progresses. The first drawn team shall be considered the Home team and shall be responsible providing the match balls and the venue. In the Finals the League will always provide the venue , match balls and setting the kick off time.

10 Referees and assistant referees may be appointed to the Semi Finals/Finals by the League . In the semi finals fees are to be split between the competing teams , In the final the referee and assistant may receive a mementoes and expenses in lieu of fees.

**11 Pitch fees match officials fees shall be shared equally between the two teams in all rounds but it is the responsibility of the home team to pay the match officials . Any claim for pitch fees should be supported with an providers invoice.**

**12 Any team failing to keep its engagement through being unable to field a team shall by default have the match awarded to the opposition (both group and knock out). If a match is cancelled for any other reason other than players being unavailable the defaulting club shall be charged under League rule 6D and the management shall decide the outcome in accordance with the League Rules**

**13 For competitions with group qualifying section the following shall apply . All matches should be completed by the group completion date as notified at the start of the competition . Any matches not completed and not under a charge shall be treated as unplayed fixtures.**

**14 For competitions with group Qualifying sections if more than one team finishes the group on the same points the following shall apply**

**A Play off match (if the League determine time allows)**

**A Head to Head results between the teams (not aggregate scores) win loss or draw**

**B Drawing of Lots / toss of coin**

**Agreed and accepted by members at AGM August 2020**

**Rule 6 amended AGM June 2019**

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