

**RULES OF THE HASTINGS & DISTRICT
FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S
INTERMEDIATE CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION**

1. NAME OF THE COMPETITION

The competition shall be called the "Hastings and District Football Association Intermediate Challenge Cup".

2. CUP OWNERSHIP

The Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Association for the time being shall for all intents and purposes be the legal owners of the cup in trust for the Association. The cup shall never become the permanent property of any club.

When the winning club shall have been ascertained the Honorary Secretary of the Association shall deliver the cup to such club who shall give written promise, in the form laid down by the Officers, to return the cup to the Honorary Secretary of the Association on or before the first day of March in the ensuing year, in good order and condition and engraved in conformity with the previous inscriptions. Any club failing to comply with this rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.

The cup shall be insured by the Association against loss or damage, the premium for which shall be paid by the Association.

3. MEDALS

The Association shall present plaques, medals or other suitable mementos to the players in the final tie.

4. CONTROL OF THE COMPETITION

The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Committee of the Association. Any aggrieved club may appeal against any decision of the Committee to the Sussex County Football Association in accordance with this Association's Rule 8.

For the administration of the competition the Committee may depute all or any of its powers to a Sub-Committee.

Any infringement of these rules shall be dealt with by the Committee or any Sub-Committee who shall have power to alter, add or delete from these rules as they may from time to time deem expedient subject to the approval of the Sussex County Football Association but such alteration, addition or deletion shall not come into force until the season following that in which the Committee have decided upon it.

When a club is suspended by the League in which it competes it shall also be suspended from this competition in which case the tie may be awarded to its opponents.

5. ELIGIBLE CLUBS

The competition shall be open to all clubs belonging to the Association and having the required facilities and shall be competed for annually. The Officers may reject the entry of any club if they deem such a course desirable.

6. DATE OF ENTRY

Each club desirous of competing shall give notice to the Honorary Secretary of the Association before the fifteenth day of July of each season in which the club proposes to compete, together with the entry fee of £10.00. No team shall be accepted to compete in this competition unless they are competing in a division classified by the Sussex County Football Association as being of Intermediate status except with the written permission of the Secretary of the League in which they normally compete. No club shall enter more than one team in this competition.

7. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(a) A bona-fide member of any club is eligible to play in this competition provided that he has not played for another club in this competition in the current season, such player must have been registered with the league in which the club competes

A player who has been suspended may play in any postponed tie after the term of his suspension has expired.

(b) No team playing in this competition shall include more than three players who have played in eight or more matches in any senior competitions in the current season unless specific permission has been granted in accordance with Rule 7(c).

(c) A player disqualified by Rule 7(b) may make application in writing through his club for re-instatement giving the number of senior matches played during the current season together with relevant dates. Any application for re-instatement which fails to give the above information will not be considered.

Each such application must be received at least seven days prior to the date of the tie concerned and be accompanied by a fee of £5.00.

The Committee may, at their discretion, sanction a player's reinstatement for this competition and may impose such conditions as are deemed advisable.

(d) A club may at its discretion nominate five substitutes any three of whom may be used in a match except to replace a player suspended by the referee. A substitution can only be made when play

8. **OBJECTION TO QUALIFICATION**

If, upon an objection in writing by a Club or otherwise, the Committee have any doubts as to the qualification of a player taking part in this competition, they shall have the power to call upon such player or club of which he is a member, or for which he has played, to prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that he is qualified according to the rules. Failing such proof, the Committee may determine such to have been proved, and/or to be disqualified, and may remove the club from the competition and/or deal otherwise with such player or club as they deem fit. Any club making a frivolous objection or losing a protest shall be liable to be fined by the Officers and to pay such additional costs of the enquiry as the Committee think fit.

9. **ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION—THE DRAW**

The ties shall be drawn and the matches played as the Committee shall determine. The Honorary Secretary of the Association shall intimate to each of the clubs drawn, the name of the club against which it is drawn, the date and time of the match.

10. **GROUNDS FOR TIES**

Size of grounds, markings and specifications of the ball shall comply with the Laws of the Game and Rules of the Football Association. In each tie the game shall normally be played on the ground of the club drawn first. If the ground of the club having choice of grounds shall be considered unsuitable for a cup tie, their opponents may protest to the Committee who may order the match replayed on the ground of the protesting club, or a neutral ground, such protest must be made within seven days of the draw.

Where there is any doubt as to the fitness of their pitch, or in the event of its pitch becoming unfit for play, the home Club shall immediately contact the Secretary (or other responsible member) of their opponent Club to ascertain whether the fixture may be played on their opponent's pitch or any other available pitch. Such a pitch being available, the match shall be played.

The final tie shall be played on such ground as the Committee may determine

11. **CLUB COLOURS**

Where the colours of the two competing clubs are similar, the visiting club shall change their colours. In the final tie the Committee may order both clubs to change their colours.

12. **DURATION OF MATCHES**

The duration of each match shall be ninety minutes in all ties. The half-time interval shall be five minutes except with the consent of the match referee. In all matches resulting in a draw, extra time of fifteen minutes each way shall be played or, if in the opinion of the referee prevailing circumstances would not permit the match being finished, ten minutes each way may be played. If the referee decides to play ten minutes each way he/she must notify both clubs before the commencement of extra-time.

If in any tie the scores shall be level at the end of extra time the result shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as set out by the International Board's decision of 27th June 1979.

If from any cause a match is not completed it may be ordered to stand as a completed match or to be replayed for a full period of ninety minutes, with extra time if necessary, as the Committee may decide.

13. **NOTIFICATION TO CLUBS AND MATCH OFFICIALS**

The Secretary of the home club shall give notice in writing to be received at least five days prior to the original date fixed for the playing of any tie, to their opponents and the appointed referee stating the location of the ground, dressing rooms, colours and time of kick-off.

Failure to comply with this rule may be punished by a fine not exceeding £10.00.

14. **REPORTING OF RESULTS**

(a) The secretary of each competing club shall within five days of the match, send notice in writing to the Honorary Competitions Secretary of the Association giving the result the names and initial of the players of his/her team and the name of the referee who officiated at the match together with an assessment of his/her control. When a club considers the referee has discharged his/her duties incompetently and a marking of 60 or less is given, a detailed report must be sent with the result. Clubs failing to comply shall be subject to a fine of a maximum of £20.00.

(b) The home club shall telephone the result of the match to the Honorary Competitions secretary before 7pm for afternoon matches and before 10pm for evening matches on the day of the match.

(c) If for any reason a match is not played the home club shall telephone the Honorary Competitions Secretary before 7pm for afternoon matches and before 10pm for evening matches on the day of the match. When a match is postponed match officials must be notified immediately to avoid unnecessary travel.

Clubs failing to comply with any part of this rule shall be subject to a fine of a maximum of £20.00.

(d) Any club found guilty of submitting an incorrect or falsified team card shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £25.00.

When a fine is imposed under either part (a) or (d) of this rule then a correct team card must accompany the payment. Failure to do so may result in further penalties being imposed.

15. **PROVISION FOR SCRATCHING FROM THE COMPETITION**

In the event of any club in any tie failing to play off on the appointed date, the offending club shall be struck out of the competition, unless sufficient reasons be given to the Committee for allowing an extension of time, and No club shall be allowed to withdraw from the semi-final or final ties. Any club withdrawing will be subject to a fine, suspension or otherwise, as the Committee deem wise and the club they defeated in the previous round may be reinstated..

16. **LATE STARTS**

Kick-off times for all matches shall be as notified on the draw.

Referees must report late starts to the Honorary Secretary of the Association and inform the offending club that they are to be reported.

The offending club or clubs may be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.

17. **PROVISIONS CONCERNING REFEREES & ASSISTANT REFEREES**

The Committee shall appoint the referee and assistant referees (if available) for all matches in this competition. In all rounds prior to the final each club shall provide one assistant referee, failing which the club concerned shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.

All referees officiating in this competition shall receive the fee payable for the rounds of the Sussex County FA Intermediate Cup and second class train and/or bus fares or a travelling allowance of thirty two pence per mile.

All fees and travelling expenses shall be paid in cash to the match officials immediately after the conclusion of the match by the home club.

In the final tie the referee and assistant referees shall receive an appropriate souvenir from the

Association in lieu of a fee. Travelling expenses may be paid as for the previous rounds.

Where no play is possible and the match officials attend, they shall be entitled to claim half of their fee and travelling expenses from the home club.

18. **PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROTESTS**

Except where otherwise provided, all protests must be made to the Honorary Secretary of the Association within three days (Sundays excepted) after the termination of the match to which they refer, together with a deposit of £5.00 which may be forfeited if the Committee think fit.

One representative from each of the two clubs concerned in the protest shall attend the meeting if the Committee so desire. Neither a barrister nor a solicitor shall represent a club at the hearing unless he/she be an officer of the club concerned. Any aggrieved club may appeal against the decision of the Committee to the Sussex County Football Association in accordance with this Association's Rule 8.

19. **PROCEEDS OF MATCHES**

In the final tie the Association shall pay all expenses, except the travelling expenses of the competing clubs, and shall take all gate receipts. In all other ties the home club shall be responsible for paying the match officials and retain the gate receipts, if any.

20. **CONTINGENCY**

The Committee of the Association shall have the power to deal with any contingency not provided for in the foregoing rules.

RULES OF THE HASTINGS & DISTRICT FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION'S JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

1. **NAME OF THE COMPETITION**

The Competition shall be called the "Hastings and District Football Association Junior Challenge Cup".

2. **CUP OWNERSHIP**

The Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Association, for the time being, shall for all intents and purposes be the legal owners of the cup in trust for the Association. The cup shall never become the permanent property of any club.

When the winning club shall have been ascertained the Honorary Secretary of the Association shall deliver the cup to such club who shall give written promise, in form laid down by the Committee, to return the cup to the Honorary Secretary of the Association on or before the first day of March in the ensuing year, in good order and condition, and engraved in conformity with the previous inscriptions. Any club failing to comply with this rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.

The cup shall be insured by the Association against loss or damage, the premium for which shall be paid by the Association.

3. **MEDALS**

The Association shall present plaques, medals or other suitable mementoes to the players in the final tie.

4. **CONTROL OF THE COMPETITION**

The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Committee of the Association. Any aggrieved club may appeal against any decision of the Committee to the Sussex

County Football Association in accordance with this Association's Rule 8.

For the administration of the competition, the Committee may depute all or any of its powers to a Sub-Committee.

Any infringement of these rules shall be dealt with by the Committee or any Sub-Committee who shall also have power to alter, add to or delete from these rules as they may from time to time deem expedient subject to the approval of the Sussex County Football Association, additions or deletions shall not come into force until the season following that in which the Committee have decided upon

5. **ELIGIBLE CLUBS**

The competition shall be open to all Junior clubs belonging to the Association and shall be competed for annually. The Committee may reject any entry of any club if they deem such a course desirable.

6. **DATE OF ENTRY**

Each club desirous of competing shall give notice to the Honorary Secretary of the Association before the fifteenth day of July each season in which the club proposes to compete, together with the entry fee of £8.00. No club shall enter more than one team in this competition.

7. **QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

(a) A bona-fide member of any club is eligible to play in this competition provided that he has not played for another club in this competition during the same season, such player must have been registered by the club with the league in which the club competes.

A player who has been suspended may play in any postponed tie after the term of his suspension has expired.

(b) No individual having played in more than eight senior and/or intermediate games collectively during the current season shall be eligible to play in this competition unless specific permission has been granted in accordance with Rule 7(c).

(c) A player disqualified by Rule 7(b) may make application in writing through his club for re-instatement giving the number of senior and intermediate matches played during the current season, together with relevant dates. Any application for re-instatement which fails to give the above information will not be considered.

Each such application must be received at least seven days prior to the date of the tie concerned and must be accompanied by a fee of £5.00.

The Committee may, at their discretion, sanction a player's re-instatement for this competition and may impose such conditions as they deem advisable.

(d) A club may at its discretion nominate five substitutes any three of whom may be used in a match except to replace a player suspended by the referee. A substitution can only be made when play has been stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission.

8. **OBJECTIONS TO QUALIFICATIONS**

If, upon an objection in writing by a club or otherwise, the Committee have any doubts as to the qualification of a player taking part in this competition, they shall have the power to call upon such player or club of which he is a member, or for which he has played, to prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that he is qualified according to the rules. Failing such proof, the Committee may determine such to have been proved, and/or to be disqualified, and may remove the club from the competition and/or deal otherwise with such player or club as they deem fit. Any club making a frivolous objection or losing a protest will be liable to be fined by the Committee and to pay such attendant costs of the enquiry as the Committee think fit.

9. **ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION—THE DRAW**

The ties shall be drawn and the matches played as the Committee may determine. The Honorary

Secretary of the Association shall intimate to each of the clubs drawn, the name of the club against which it is drawn, the date and time of the match.

10. GROUNDS FOR TIES

Size of ground, markings and specifications of the ball shall comply with the Laws of the Game and the Rules of the Football Association. In each tie the game shall normally be played on the ground of the club drawn first. If the ground of the club having choice of ground shall be considered unsuitable for a cup tie, their opponents may protest to the Committee who may order the match re-played on the ground of the protesting club, or a neutral ground, such protest to be made within seven days of the draw.

Where there is any doubt as to the fitness of their pitch, or in the event of its pitch becoming unfit for play, the Home club shall immediately contact the Secretary (or other responsible member) of their opponents to ascertain whether the fixture may be played on their opponent's pitch or any other available pitch. Such a pitch being available, the match shall be played.

The final tie shall be played on such ground as the Committee may determine.

11. CLUB COLOURS

Where the colours of the two competing clubs are similar the visiting club shall change their colours. In the final tie the Committee may order both clubs to change their colours.

12. DURATION OF MATCHES

The duration of each match shall be ninety minutes in all ties. The half-time interval shall be five minutes except with the consent of the match referee. In all matches resulting in a draw extra time of fifteen minutes each way shall be played or, if in the opinion of the referee prevailing circumstances would not permit the match being finished, ten minutes each way may be played. If the referee decides to play ten minutes each way he/she must notify both clubs before the commencement of extra-time.

In any tie if the scores shall be level at the end of extra time the result shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as set out by the International Board's decision of 27th June 1970.

If from any cause a match is not completed it may be ordered to stand as a completed match or to be replayed for a full period of ninety minutes, with extra time if necessary, as the Committee may decide.

13. NOTIFICATION TO CLUBS AND MATCH OFFICIALS

The secretary of the home club shall give notice in writing, to be received at least five days prior to the original date fixed for the playing of the tie, to their opponents and the appointed referee and assistant referees stating the location of the ground, dressing rooms, colours and time of kick-off.

Failure to comply with this rule may be punished by a fine not exceeding £10.00.

14. REPORTING OF RESULTS

(a) The secretary of each competing club shall, within two days after the match, send notice in writing to the Honorary Competitions Secretary of the Association giving the result, the names and initials of the players of his/her team and the name of the referee who officiated at the match together with an assessment of his/her control. When a club considers the referee has discharged his/her duties incompetently and a marking of 60 or less is given, a detailed report from the club must be sent with the result. Clubs failing to comply shall be subject to a fine of a maximum of £20.00.

(b) The home club shall telephone the result of the match to the Honorary Competitions Secretary before 7pm for afternoon matches and before 10pm for evening matches on the day of the match.

(c) If for any reason a match is not played the home club shall phone the Honorary Competitions Secretary before 7pm for afternoon matches and before 10pm for evening matches on the day of the match. When a match is postponed match officials must be notified immediately so as to avoid unnecessary travel.

Clubs failing to comply with any part of this rule shall be subject to a fine of a maximum of £20.00.

(d) Any club found guilty of submitting an incorrect or falsified team card shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £25.00.

When a fine is imposed under either part (a) or (d) of this rule then a correct team card must accompany the payment. Failure to do so may result in further penalties being imposed.

15. PROVISIONS FOR SCRATCHING FROM THE COMPETITION

In the event of any club in any tie failing to play off on the appointed date, the offending club shall be struck out of the competition, unless sufficient reasons be given to the Committee for allowing an extension of time, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.

No club shall be allowed to withdraw from the semi-final or final ties. Any club withdrawing will be subject to a fine, suspension or otherwise as the Committee deem wise and the club they defeated in the previous round may be reinstated.

16. LATE STARTS

Kick-off times for all matches shall be as notified on the draw.

Referees must report late starts to the Honorary Secretary of the Association and inform the offending club that they are being reported.

The offending club or clubs may be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.

17. PROVISIONS CONCERNING REFEREES & ASSISTANT REFEREES

The Committee shall appoint the referee and assistant referees (if available) for all matches in this competition. In all rounds prior to the final, each club shall provide one assistant referee, failing which the club concerned shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00. When a referee is not available or the appointed referee fails to arrive the home club shall be responsible for providing a referee. If a tie is not played on the date fixed due to the failure of the home club to provide a referee, the home team shall be struck out of the competition.

All referees officiating in this competition shall receive the fee payable for the rounds of the Sussex County FA Junior Cup and second class train and/or bus fares or a travelling allowance of thirty two pence per mile. All fees and travelling expenses shall be paid in cash to the match officials immediately after the conclusion of the match by the home club.

In the final tie the referee and assistant referees shall receive an appropriate souvenir from the Association in lieu of a fee. Travelling expenses may be paid as for previous rounds.

Where no play is possible and the match officials attend, they shall be entitled to claim half of the fee and travelling expenses from the home club.

18. PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROTESTS

Except where otherwise provided, all protests must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Association within three days (Sundays excepted) after the termination of the match to which they refer, together with a deposit of £5.00 which may be forfeited if the Committee think fit.

One representative from each of the clubs concerned in the protest shall attend the meeting if the Committee so desire. Neither a barrister nor a solicitor shall represent a club at the hearing unless he/she be an officer of the club concerned. Any aggrieved club may appeal against the decision of the Committee to the Sussex County Football Association in accordance with this Association's Rule 8.

19. PROCEEDS OF MATCHES

In the final tie the Association shall pay all expenses, except the traveling expenses of the competing clubs, and shall take all gate receipts. In all other ties the home club shall be responsible for paying the match officials and retain the gate receipts, if any.

20. CONTINGENCY

The Committee of the Association shall have power to deal with any contingency not provided for in the foregoing rules.

RULES OF THE HASTINGS & DISTRICT

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LOWER DIVISIONS CUP COMPETITION

1. **NAME OF THE COMPETITION**

The competition shall be called the “Hastings and District Football Association Lower Divisions Cup”.

2. **CUP OWNERSHIP**

The Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Association, for the time being, shall for all intents and purposes be the legal owners of the cup in trust for the Association. The cup shall never become the permanent property of any club.

When the winning club shall have been ascertained the Honorary Secretary of the Association shall deliver the cup to such club who shall give written promise, in form laid down by the Committee, to return the cup to the Honorary Secretary of the Association on or before the first day of March in the ensuing year, in good order and condition, and engraved in conformity with the previous inscriptions. Any club failing to comply with this rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.

The cup shall be insured by the Association against loss or damage, the premium for which shall be paid by the Association.

3. **MEDALS**

The Association shall present plaques, medals or other suitable mementoes to the players in the final tie.

4. **CONTROL OF THE COMPETITION**

The entire control and management of the competition shall be vested in the Committee of the Association. Any aggrieved club may appeal against any decision of the Committee to the Sussex County Football Association in accordance with this Association's Rule 8.

For the administration of the competition, the Committee may depute all or any of their powers to a Sub-Committee.

Any infringement of these rules shall be dealt with by the Committee, or any Sub-Committee, which shall also have power to alter, add to or delete from these rules as they may from time to time deem expedient subject to the approval of the Sussex County Football Association but such alterations, additions or deletions shall not come into force until the season following that in which the Committee have decided upon it.

5. **ELIGIBLE CLUBS**

The competition shall be open to all clubs belonging to the Association and competing in Division Four or below of the East Sussex Football League. It shall be competed for annually. No team shall be accepted to compete in this Competition if they have been accepted to compete in the Hastings & District Football Association's Junior Challenge Cup competition except with the written permission of the Secretary of the League in which that team normally competes. The Committee may reject the entry of any club if they deem such a course desirable.

6. **DATE OF ENTRY**

Each club desirous of competing shall give notice to the Honorary Secretary of the Association before the fifteenth day of July of each season in which the club proposes to compete, together with the entry fee of £8.00. No club shall enter more than one team in this competition.

7. **QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS**

(a) A bona-fide member of any club is eligible to play in this competition provided that he has not played for another club in this competition during the same season, such player must have been registered by his club with the league in which his club competes.

A player who has been suspended may play in any postponed match after the term of his suspension has expired.

- (b) No individual having played in more than eight games at Senior or Intermediate level or in Divisions One, Two and Three of the East Sussex Football League during the current season shall be eligible to play in this competition unless specific permission has been granted in accordance with Rule 7(c).
- (c) Any player disqualified by Rule 7(b) may make application through his club for re-instatement giving the number of senior, intermediate or East Sussex Football League Division One, Two and Three matches played during the current season, together with relevant dates. Any application for re-instatement which fails to give the above information will not be considered.

Each such application must be received at least seven days prior to the date of the tie concerned and be accompanied by a fee of £5.00.

The Committee may, at their discretion, sanction a players re-instatement for this competition and impose such conditions as are deemed advisable.

- (d) A club may at its discretion nominate five substitutes any three of whom may be used in a match except to replace a player suspended by the referee. A substitution can only be made when play has been stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission

8. **OBJECTION TO QUALIFICATIONS**

If upon an objection raised in writing by a club or otherwise, the Committee have any doubts as to the qualification of a player taking part in this competition, they shall have the power to call upon such player or club of which he is a member, or for which he has played to prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that he is qualified according to the rules. Failing such proof, the Committee may determine such to have been proved, and/or to be disqualified, and may remove the club from the competition and/or deal otherwise with such player or club as they deem fit. Any club making a frivolous objection or losing a protest will be liable to be fined by the Committee and pay such attendant costs of the enquiry as the Committee think fit.

9. **ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION—THE DRAW**

The ties shall be drawn and the matches played as the Committee may determine. The Honorary Secretary of the Association shall intimate to each of the clubs drawn, the name of the club against which it is drawn, the date and time of the match.

10. **GROUNDS FOR TIES**

Size of grounds, markings and specifications of the ball shall comply with the Laws of the Game and the Rules of the Football Association. In each tie the game shall normally be played on the ground of the club drawn first. If the ground of the club having choice of grounds shall be considered unsuitable for a cup tie, their opponents may protest to the Committee who may order the match re-played on the ground of the protesting club, or a neutral ground, such protest to be made within seven days of the draw.

Where there is any doubt as to the fitness of their pitch, or in the event of its pitch becoming unfit for play, the home Club shall immediately contact the Secretary (or other responsible member) of their opponent Club to ascertain whether the fixture may be played on their opponent's pitch or any other available pitch. Such a pitch being available the match shall be played.

The final tie shall be played on such ground as the Committee may determine.

11. **CLUB COLOURS**

When the colours of two competing clubs are similar, the visiting club shall change their colours. In the final tie the Committee may order both clubs to change their colours.

12. **DURATION OF MATCHES**

The duration of each match shall be ninety minutes in all ties. The halftime interval shall be five minutes except with the consent of the match referee. In all matches resulting as a draw, extra time of fifteen minutes each way shall be played or, if in the opinion of the referee prevailing circumstances would not permit the match being finished, ten minutes each way may be played. If the referee decided to play ten minutes each way he/she must notify both clubs before the commencement of extra time. In any tie if

the scores shall be level at the end of extra time the result shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as set out in the International Board's decision of 27th June 1970.

If from any cause a match is not completed it may be ordered to stand as a completed match or to be replayed for a full period of ninety minutes, with extra time if necessary, as the Committee may decide.

13. **NOTIFICATION TO CLUBS AND MATCH OFFICIALS**

The secretary of the home club shall give notice in writing to be received at least five days prior to the original date fixed for playing any tie, to their opponents and the appointed referee and assistant referees stating the location of the ground, dressing rooms, colours and time of kick-off.

Failure to comply with this rule may be punished by a fine not exceeding £10.00.

14. **REPORTING OF RESULTS**

(a) The secretary of each competing club shall, within five days after the match, send notice in writing to the Honorary Competitions Secretary of the Association giving the result, the names and initials of the players of his/her team and the name of the referee who officiated at the match together with an assessment of his/her control. When a club considers the referee has discharged his/her duties incompetently and a marking of 60 or less is given, a detailed report from the club must be sent with the result. Clubs failing to comply shall be subject to a fine of a maximum of £20.00.

(b) The home club shall telephone the result of the match to the Honorary Competitions Secretary before 7pm for afternoon matches and before 10pm for evening matches on the day of the match.

(c) If for any reason a match is not played the home club shall telephone the Honorary Competitions Secretary before 7pm for afternoon matches or before 10pm for evening matches on the day of the match. When a match is postponed match officials must be notified immediately so as to avoid unnecessary travel.

Clubs failing to comply with any part of this Rule shall be subject to a fine of a maximum of £20.00.

(d) Any club found guilty of submitting an incorrect or falsified team card shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £25.00.

When a fine is imposed under either part (a) or (d) of this rule then a correct team card must accompany payment. Failure to do so may result in further penalties being imposed.

15. **PROVISIONS FOR SCRATCHING FROM THE COMPETITION**

In the event of any club in any tie failing to play on the appointed date, the offending club shall be struck out of the competition unless satisfactory reasons be given to the Committee for allowing an extension of time, and shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.

No club shall be allowed to withdraw from the semi-final or final ties. Any club withdrawing will be subject to a fine, suspension or otherwise, as the Committee deem wise and the club they defeated in the previous round may be reinstated.

16. **LATE STARTS**

Kick-off times for all matches shall be as notified on the draw.

Referees must report late starts to the Honorary Secretary of the Association and inform the offending club that they are being reported.

The offending club or clubs may be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00.

17. **PROVISIONS CONCERNING REFEREES & ASSISTANT REFEREES**

The Committee shall appoint the referee and assistant referees (if available) for all matches in this competition. In all rounds prior to the final each club shall provide one assistant referee, failing which the club concerned shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10.00. When a referee is not available or the appointed official fails to arrive the home club shall be responsible for providing a referee. If a tie is not played on the date fixed due to failure of the home club to provide a referee, the home team shall be struck out of the competition.

All referees officiating in this competition shall receive the fee payable for the round of

the Sussex County F.A. Junior Cup and second class train and/or bus fares or a travelling allowance of thirty two pence per mile. All fees and travelling expenses shall be paid in cash to the match officials immediately after the conclusion of the match by the home club.

In the final tie the referee and assistant referees shall receive an appropriate souvenir from the Association in lieu of a fee. Travelling expenses may be paid as for the previous rounds.

When no play is possible and the match officials attend, they shall be entitled to claim half of the fee and travelling expenses from the home club.

18. PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROTESTS

Except where otherwise provided, all protests must be made in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Association within three days (Sundays excepted) after the termination of the match to which they refer, together with a deposit of £5.00 which may be forfeited if the Committee think fit.

One representative from each of the clubs concerned in the protest shall attend the meeting if the Committee so desire. Neither a barrister nor a solicitor shall represent a club at the hearing unless he/she be an officer of the club concerned. Any aggrieved club may appeal against the decision of the Committee to the Sussex County Football Association in accordance with this Association's Rule 8.

19. PROCEEDS OF MATCHES

In the final tie the Association shall pay all expenses, except the traveling expenses of the competing clubs, and shall take all gate receipts. In all other ties the home club shall be responsible for paying the match officials and retain the gate receipts, if any.

20. CONTINGENCY

The Committee of the Association shall have power to deal with any contingency not provided for in the foregoing rules.