

RULES OF THE ROBERTSBRIDGE CHARITY CUP COMPETITIONS

2014 / 2015 SEASON

1. The Competition shall be known as the Robertsbridge Charity Cup and the Chairman and Secretary shall be for all intents and purposes the legal owners of the Trophies in trust for the Competition.
2. The Competition shall be managed by a Committee of not more than 7 elected members together with the Officers, comprising a President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer (5 to form a quorum) all to be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
3. The Annual General Meeting shall be held before the 31st July each year, to receive the Report and Balance Sheet, to appoint the Committee and Officers for the ensuing season, and for any relevant business. Each Club shall be entitled to send two members, one of whom shall have the power to vote.
4. Each Competition shall be open to one team from all Clubs affiliated to their appropriate County Football Association within a 20 mile radius of Robertsbridge. The Cups shall be competed for annually according to the Laws of the Game and Rules and Regulations of the Football Association. The Committee shall have the power to reject the entry of any Club if they deem such a course desirable. The Committee shall have the power to disqualify any competing Club or Player who may be proved guilty of any breach of the Rules of the Competition.
5. Each Club desirous of competing shall apply to the Hon. Secretary by the A.G.M. and shall forward with such application an entry fee of : - Francis Cup (intermediate) £12.00, Robertsbridge Charity Cup (Junior) £10.00.
6. **QUALIFICATION** – A bone-fide member of any Club is eligible to play in these Competitions provided he has not played for another Club in the same Competition during the same season, such player must have been registered by his Club with the League in which his Club competes prior to the date fixed for playing the match. No player who is ineligible, according to these rules, on the original date fixed for the cup tie shall become eligible for that round. Should the Committee at any time during the season alter the original date fixed for a cup tie to suit its own convenience, then all players who would be eligible, according to these rules, to play on the date originally fixed shall be eligible to play on the new date fixed by the Committee. A player who has been suspended may play in any postponed, drawn or replayed tie after the term of his suspension has expired.
Intermediate Cup – No individual having played in more than eight Senior games shall be eligible to play in this competition during the current season unless specific permission has been granted by the committee.
Junior Cup – No individual having played in more than eight Senior or Intermediate games (collectively) during the current season shall be eligible to play in this competition unless specific permission has been granted by the committee.
A player disqualified by this rule may make application in writing through his Club for re-instatement giving the number of Senior or 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. All such applications must be received at least seven days prior to the date of the tie concerned. The Committee may, at its discretion, sanction a player's re-instatement for these Competitions and may impose conditions as are deemed advisable. A fee of £5 must accompany each player's application.
7. If the Committee have any doubts as to the qualification of any player competing in these Competitions it shall have the power to call upon such player, or the Club to which he belongs or for which he has played, to prove to the satisfaction of the Committee that he is properly qualified according to the Rules of the Competition entered. Failing such satisfactory proof the Committee may disqualify such player from the Competition. Any Club playing an ineligible player may be struck out of the Competition or may be ordered to replay on such ground, date, and conditions as the Committee decide.
8. The winners of the final tie shall be the holders of the Cups for the current year. The Trophies cannot be won outright by any Club.
9. The ties shall be by ballot and the matches played as the Committee may determine. The Secretary shall intimate to each of the Clubs, the name of the Club against which it is drawn, the date on which the tie will be played and the kick-off time. Any Club found guilty of a late start will be liable to a fine not exceeding £5.00. Any Club failing to

fulfil its fixture shall be expelled from the Competition and the match awarded to their opponents and a fine of £10 shall be incurred.

10. The Competition shall appoint a referee to act in each of the matches, and assistant referees in the Finals. In all rounds prior to the Finals, all Clubs must provide a Club Assistant Referee for the duration of the game. Failing to provide a Club Assistant Referee the club will be liable to a fine not exceeding £5.00. In the event of the appointed referee, from any unforeseen cause, failing to arrive, the Clubs shall mutually agree upon a referee. Should the referee appointed arrive after the commencement of the match he/she shall take charge of the game, but shall not re-start it. If a match is played it must count as a Cup-Tie. Referee's Fee shall be as laid down by the Sussex County F.A. in the early rounds of their Intermediate and Junior Cup Competitions plus travelling expenses actually incurred but not exceeding 32p per mile to be paid by the Home Club, in cash, immediately after the match.
11. The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes. The half-time interval shall be five minutes except with the consent of the match referee. 30 minutes extra time will be played in the case of all drawn ties, and if the scores are level after extra time, the match will be decided by the taking of penalty kicks as set out by the International Board decision of the 27th June 1970.
12. Any Club seeking release from a fixture must give 28 days written notice to the Secretary of the Competition. If a Club refuses to play, it may be adjudged to have lost the tie. If, from any cause, a game is not completed, it may be ordered to stand as a completed match, or may be replayed as the Committee decide.
13. The Secretary of each Club shall send notice of the result in writing, with the names of the players who played to the Secretary of the Competition within three days, failing which they will be liable to a fine not exceeding £5.00. Any Club submitting an incorrect or falsified result card shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £20.
14. All questions within these rules shall be referred to the Committee. Should either of the Clubs in connection with any dispute or protest have a member on the Committee, the said member shall not be eligible to sit on the Committee whilst such dispute is being considered. Any aggrieved Club may appeal from any decision of the Committee to the Sussex County F.A. in accordance with their Rules. No objection or protest shall be considered unless sent to the Secretary of the Competition within three days following the tie, and accompanied by a fee of £5.00, all or part of which may be forfeited.
15. Club Colours – Where the colours (shirts or jerseys) of two competing Clubs are similar, the visiting Club shall change its colours. In the Final tie the Committee may order both Clubs to change their colours.
16. The proceeds of the Competitions shall be distributed at the discretion of the Committee.
17. The Competitions shall insure the Cups, and the winners shall pay the annual premium.
18. The winners of the Cups shall give the Secretary of the Competition a written promise to return the Cups to the Secretary of the Competition on or before the 1st April in the ensuing year, duly engraved, in good order and condition. Any Club failing to comply with this rule shall be liable to a fine of £5.00.
19. The Semi-Finals and Finals shall be played at Robertsbridge or on such grounds as the Committee decide. Teams participating in these games must supply a match ball.
20. A Club may at its discretion nominate five substitutes, to the referee, from which three may be used in a match except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the referee. A substitution can only be made when play has been stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission.
21. Any proposed alterations to the Rules must be included in the Notice at the A.G.M. or at a Special General Meeting convened for the proposed alterations. The notice to be forwarded to the Clubs at least 14 days before the meeting.
22. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any contingency not provided for in the foregoing Rules.