

CUP COMPETITION: RULES

Please ensure that all managers are aware of the player eligibility for cup matches, they are different to the league fixture rules

The following rules are to be read in conjunction with the rules as set out for the Blackwater and Dengie Youth Football League. All clubs who are members of these League MUST participate in the Cup Competitions of the Leagues.

C1.(i) No player shall play in a cup game prior to the Semi-Finals unless they have been registered with the Competition to play for that team in accordance with Rule 18(a) or played at least one League game for that team if that is not the team for which they are registered.

(ii) No player shall play in a Semi-Final or Final unless they have been registered with the Competition for that team for at least twenty eight days or alternatively played at least three League games for that team.

(iii) Where a Cup Competition commences on a group League basis these games shall be regarded as league games for the purposes of a player's eligibility in (i) and (ii) above.

(iv) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players shall be fined £50.00 and in addition, irrespective of whether the game is on a group league basis or knock-out basis, the team will be struck out of the Cup Competition. If the Cup Competition is that of a group league basis the defaulting Clubs will have its results expunged there from and if the Cup Competition is on a knock-out basis the match shall be awarded to their opponents.

C1(v) A player playing up or down an age group must have played at least 3 league games for that team before a semi-final in each relevant competition.

C2. No player may play for more than one team in the same cup competition in the same season.

C3. All Cup competition matches, if level at full-time, will be subject to extra time. The duration of extra time shall be a maximum of 10 minutes (5 minutes each half) for Under 10 age group, 20 minutes (10 minutes each half) for Under 11 to Under 16 age groups and 30 minutes (15 minutes each half) for Under 17 & Under 18 age groups. For Under 10's to Under 18's if the scores are still level, the taking of penalties from the penalty spot shall decide the winner. If still level after that then playoff games would be required.

C4.(i) Where a Cup competition is in part played on a League basis, Rule 22(d) shall apply to any team not completing its fixtures in the League part of the competition.

C5. All Cup competitions will be subject to the conditions in Rule 10 except that at Cup Finals the half-time interval shall not exceed 15 minutes and its duration may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

C6. All Cup dates will be observed. If any game is cancelled by inclement weather a sanctioned postponement or a drawn match, a new date will be arranged by the Fixture Secretary.

C7. All officials' fees (See Rule 13(e)) at each Semi-Final and Play-offs shall be shared equally by the two clubs involved and paid immediately after the match on the day of the match. Clubs failing to comply with this rule will be fined £10.00.

C8. Any clash of colours, the HOME side will change their colours but where matches are played on neutral grounds, both teams will change their colours. (bibs are not allowed)

C9. Clubs in Finals will play on grounds nominated by the Competition Management Committee and Clubs must report the Result of the match in the prescribed manner to the appropriate Registration Secretary. (see also Rule 11). Shirts in Cup Finals must be numbered.

C10. At Cup Finals, if the scores at the end of normal time are level, extra time will be played, The duration of extra time shall be a maximum of 10 minutes (5 minutes each half) for Under 10 age group, 20 minutes (10 minutes each half) for Under 11 to Under 16 age groups and 30 minutes (15 minutes each half) for Under17 & Under 18 age groups. For Under 10's to Under 18's if the scores are still level, the taking of penalties from the penalty spot shall decide the winner.

C11. Teams reaching Cup Finals must each present two balls marked with the team/club name, fit for play, to the Referee prior to the kick-off for inspection. The Referee will select the ball to be used and keep the second ball in reserve. (See Rule 10(b)).

C12. Home clubs/teams reaching cup Semi-Finals will have Referees and Assistant Referees, if available, appointed by the Competition. Details of the match must be given as soon as possible, but not less than five days prior to the match, to the Referees Appointment Secretary, who will as soon as possible inform the Club of any appointments made. The home club must immediately provide details of the match to all the match officials appointed. Clubs failing to provide this information will be fined.