



Constitution, Rules & Regulations Season 2008-09

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Please read the Rules & Regulations carefully and ask for clarification on anything about which you are unsure.

NOTTS YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE SCHEDULE OF FINES, FEES & CHARGES 2008-09

Rule	Detail	Cost	Admin Fee
2A	Entry Fee (returned in event of non-election)	£5.00	
2B	Annual Subscription	£15.00	
2C	Deposit (Guarantee Fee)	£25.00	
2E	Failure to notify affiliation number by 31 st July	£5.00	
4F	Failure to be represented at League Meeting	£5.00 (min)	
5D	Hearing Fee	£25.00	
5I	Failure to pay fines and charges within 14 days	doubled	£5.00
6H	Failure of Club to be represented at AGM	£20.00	
8F	Registration fee per player	£1.00	
9A(v)	Failure to have change of colours	£5.00	
10B(ix)	Failure to kick-off at scheduled time	£10.00 (max)	
10C(ii)	Requesting postponement (see Regulation 4.4)	£45.00(max)	£5.00
	Failing to comply with Rule 10C(ii)	£5.00	£5.00
10D	Failure to give satisfactory notice to match officials or opponents	£5.00	
10F(i)	Failing to play a fixture (see Regulation 4.4)	£45.00 (max)	£5.00
10F(ii)	Failure to play fixtures in order of precedence	£5.00	
11A	Failure to submit match report form within four days of the date of the match.	£5.00	
11B	Failure to Email or telephone the match result & details as per rule	£5.00	
13E	Referee's Fee (appointed by League)	£15.00	
	Assistant Referee's Fees (appointed by League)	£8.00	
	Referee's & Assistant Referee's travel expenses	30p per mile	
14A	Failure to resign according to rule (31 st March)	£25.00	
14B	Resignation – failing to complete fixtures	£25.00	
15D	Protest Fee – to this League	£15.00	
16A	Appeal Fee – to the Notts FA	£25.00	
18A(ii)	Trophy Deposit	£10.00	
18A(iii)	Failure to return trophy by 1 st March	£10.00	
18A(iii)	Failure to engrave trophy	£10.00	
18A(iii)	Failure to return trophy in good, clean condition	£10.00	
19	Failure to be represented at a Special General Meeting	£20.00	
Cup 1	NYL KO Cup Entry Fee	£5.00	
Cup 6.3	Failing to fulfil KO Cup match without good and satisfactory reason	£10.00 (min)	£5.00
	Secretary's Folder	£24.00	

STANDARD CODE OF RULES

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

1. This Competition shall be designated the Nottinghamshire Youth Football League and shall consist of not more than 100 Clubs who shall be Full Member Clubs.

All such Member Clubs must be affiliated to an affiliated County Football Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form "D" to the Nottinghamshire County Football Association. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall Nottinghamshire plus other counties as approved by the membership.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Nottinghamshire Football Association and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 16 in number.

Member Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of F.A. and County F.A. Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee of the Competition.

The competition will provide 11-a-side football for players who have attained the age of 13 as at midnight 31st August in a playing season.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

2. A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £5.00 per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting. The Entry Fee shall apply.

When Rule 12(B) is applied and a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be £15.00 per Team payable on or before the 1st August in each year.

(C) Each Team shall, pay a Deposit of £25.00 per Team, which shall be returnable on leaving the Competition provided the team has fulfilled its fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 31st July of its County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, failing which they may be fined £5.00. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

OFFICERS

3. The Officers of the Competition shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration Secretary, Referees Secretary and Fixtures Secretaries to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

4. (A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee comprised of the Officers and a maximum of six members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than 30th April in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet as often as is necessary to deal with business as it arises.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

5. (A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all such committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Nottinghamshire County Football Association having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season. (See Rule 6(e)).

(C) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote thereat, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club so represented. (This shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules. Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Official or Player alleged to be in breach of a Competition Rule must be formally charged in writing and given the opportunity to present their case before the Management Committee. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules.

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal in accordance with Rule 16.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 14 days.

(F) Five Members of the Management Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee and three Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the Competition.

(G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.

(H) A Club having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, or failing to satisfactorily attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition shall be liable to be fined or otherwise penalised at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(I) All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification.

Clubs, Officials or individuals committing a breach of this Rule will incur such penalties as the Management Committee may impose.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

(L) No participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30 June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 20 of the Members are present and entitled to vote:-
- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.
 - (ii) To consider any business arising there from.
 - (iii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
 - (iv) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies (as recommended by the Management Committee).
 - (v) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
 - (vi) Election of Officers and Management Committee.

- (vii) Appointment of Auditors.
- (viii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
- (ix) Fix the date for the commencement and conclusion of playing season.
- (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

(B) A copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, and to the Nottinghamshire County Football Association.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Nottinghamshire County Football Association within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each Full Member Team shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Team shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than fourteen days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the season being concluded or who are not continuing Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 17.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 51% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

(G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Full Member Club.

(H) Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £20.00.

(I) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

7. The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, A, _____ of _____ (Chairman)

and B _____ of _____ (Secretary)

of the _____ Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Nottinghamshire Youth Football League Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into Membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16."

Any alteration of the Chairman and /or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

(Note: The spaces above are intended for the inclusion of the signatures and addresses of officers and members).

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8. (A) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are not permitted in this Competition.

No player registered with a F.A. Premier League or Football League Academy will be permitted to play in this competition. A Player registered with a Centre of Excellence may only play in this Competition subject to the Regulations of the Programme for Excellence.

(B) A registered youth playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

(i) Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by his parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the Nottinghamshire Football Association and League Registrations Secretary prior to playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing.

The qualification dates for the competition shall be as follows:

Under 15 – the player must be under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 16 – the player must be under the age of 16 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 17 – the player must be under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 18 – the player must be under the age of 18 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

(The above qualification dates are subject to the provisions contained in FA Rule C4(a)(v)

(D) A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Football Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the Competition without first proving to the officials of the intended Club that the player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs, and a Club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which the player last played.

(E) Registration forms shall be obtained from the Nottinghamshire Football Association or League Registrations Secretary payment for which will be made in accordance with Nottinghamshire FA player registrations rules and regulations.

(F) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes. In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the player shall be registered. The Registrations Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(G) It shall be deemed misconduct for a player to:-

(i) Play for more than one Team in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having signed for one Team in the Competition, sign for another Team 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.

(H) (i) The Management Committee shall have power to accept the registration of any player.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player at their discretion proved guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse or cancel the registration of any player found guilty of undesirable conduct and to disqualify the player in question from participating in all games in the Competition. (Subject to Rule 16).

(Note: Action under Clause (ii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct on the field of play until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute.)

(I) Subject to The Football Association Rules 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 Notts FA County Youth Secretary accompanied by a fee of £5.00. Such transfer shall be referred by the Notts FA County Youth 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 Nottinghamshire Football Association 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 Notts FA County Youth 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 one day after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Nottinghamshire Football Association for a decision.

(J) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 16th March except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(K) 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 designated "A" and "B" etc. In such cases, players will be registered for one team only.

(L) 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.

(M) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12A) unless the player has played three games for that team in this Competition in the current season.

(O)(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 and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(ii) In addition the team may have three points 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):-

(P) (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Competitions).

(iii) Children under 15 shall not play in a team involving players who are more than 2 years older.

(Note: For players under the age of 18 the provisions contained in Football Association Rules will apply.)

CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

9. (A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 30th June who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players and the referee.

No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify the colours in which they will play to its opponents at least five days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the *away* team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours or delaying the kick-off by not having a change shall be fined £5.00.

The Secretary of the Competition may request shirts to be submitted if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may refuse to permit any shirts or shorts as they think fit. Shirts must be numbered.

(B) Any Club wishing to change its name and/or colours must seek permission from its affiliated County Football Association and from the Management Committee.

PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES

10. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the commencing and concluding dates for the ensuing season which shall be in accordance with Football Association Rules. No Club shall be compelled to play after the concluding date. Original fixtures arranged by the Fixtures Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than 31st August, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date determined by the Annual General Meeting.

(B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board .

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.

All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time (not less than 50 minutes) 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.

The duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time.

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 under the age of 17 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, ie: two separate matches, 100 minutes per day in this Competition.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the A.G.M. or the Management Committee. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined a sum not exceeding £10.00 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. Size 5 footballs to be used by all age groups. Goal nets must be used.

(C) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football

Association and all relevant County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary.

(D) The Secretary of the home Club must give notice in writing of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick-off to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least **five** clear days prior to the playing of the match. The away Club shall seek and acknowledge receipt of such particulars. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of £5.00.

(Note: For Saturday matches notification must be given by the prior Monday evening; for Sunday matches notification must be given by the prior Tuesday evening).

(E) Every Club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the Competition.

(Note: The intention of this Rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another game or to boost the strength of another or lower team. It is NOT intended that Clubs MUST field higher team players in lower teams when the higher team has no engagement. If, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the Rule is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account for its/their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine, despite the fact that Rule 8 has not been infringed.)

In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than eleven players they may be fined £1.00 for each missing player. A minimum of seven players will constitute a team for a Competition match.

(F) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, 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.

Any Club with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence:- First Team, Reserve Team, A Team. Clubs in breach of this requirement shall be fined a sum not exceeding £5.00 or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture must, without delay, give notice to the Fixtures Secretary, The Competition Referees Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict any penalty it may deem suitable.

In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it shall be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Fixtures Secretary within 14 days the Management Committee shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date.

The Management Committee shall review all abandoned matches and in a case where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand.

In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to take what action they may deem necessary.

In cases where a match is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams, or their Club members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the appropriate County Football Association.

(G) For the Under 18 and Under 17 age groups, a Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 players who must be nominated to the Referee prior to the kick-off.

For teams in the Under 16 age group and below, a player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 15 minutes before the start of the match.

A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.

(H) The half time interval shall be of 5 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

REPORTING RESULTS

11. (A) The Registration's Secretary must receive within FOUR days of the date played, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters) and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00 and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

(B) The Home Club shall e-mail or telephone the result of each match, including notification of postponement, to the Secretary by 7.00pm on the day of the match

Explanatory Note:

Sat & Sun matches: by 7.00pm on the day of the match (Sept, March, April, May)
by 6.00pm on the day of the match (Oct to Feb inclusive)

Midweek matches: by 7.00pm on the day following the match

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. The Management Committee shall have power to take such action as they deem suitable against a Club which submits an incomplete form or incorrect information.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

12. (A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with THREE points to be awarded for a win and ONE point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners.

Matches must **not** be played for double points.

In the event of two or more teams being equal on points for the championship (first place), deciding match(es) shall be played under conditions determined by the Management Committee.

Note: For all other positions, in the event that teams are level on points, goal difference shall count.

REFEREES

13. (A) Registered Referees and Assistant Referees 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.

(C) The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available, to any match. Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee.

(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) Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to charge standard class public transport expenses or private car expenses of 30p per mile and any other permitted expenses actually incurred together with the following match fees:-

Referee £15.00, Registered Referees appointed by the Management Committee as Assistant Referees £8.00, subject to any limits laid down by the sanctioning Association(s).

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses immediately after the match.

(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 engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may be reported to the County Football Association with which he 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.

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 County Football Association.

(K) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

14. (A) After 31st December in the current Season a Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each Season or be liable to a fine not exceeding £25.00.

All Clubs wishing to remain in membership of the Competition for the following Season must confirm their intention to do so, in writing on the form provided by the League, to the Secretary by 1st July.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the arrangement of fixtures for the following Season. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £25.00 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call, which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(C) The Membership for the coming season having been decided at the Annual General Meeting held not later than 30th June or by the Management Committee with the approval of the member Clubs, the Competition shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions in this Rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its team(s) in order to join another Competition and may hold the Club to its engagements.

(D) In the event of a Member Club, which is an un-incorporated association withdrawing and/or disbanding it shall be immediately liable to discharge all its financial and other obligations to the Competition.

In the event that any such obligation remains undischarged after a period of twenty-one (21) days then such obligation shall be met by the then current Club Members, excluding those under the statutory school leaving age. Until a Member's pro rata obligation is discharged in full the Member shall not be allowed to participate in the Competition, which may apply to the Club's Parent County Association for a suspension order.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

15. (A)(i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee.
- (ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match. Any Club lodging such protest and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of a breach of this Rule and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.
- (B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged in duplicate with the General Secretary within TWO days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
- (C) Any dispute occurring between Clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Management Committee whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to Rule 16.
- (D) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum of £15.00. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.
- E) All parties to a protest or complaint must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and must have received SEVEN days notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the submission. When dealing with a protest or complaint the Management Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.

BOARD OF APPEAL

16. Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee or the Competition a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Nottinghamshire Football Association, including a fee of £25.00, for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.

No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual or Special General Meeting unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS.OR TEAMS
MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

17. (A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from further membership which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.

(B) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club or team of a Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either misconduct, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.

(D) Any Club or Team failing to complete all of its fixtures in any season may (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season.

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

18. (A) A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provide, or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide. At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

(B) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-
“We A _____ and B _____, the Chairman and Secretary of _____ FC, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of _____ Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before _____. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

(B) Clubs shall pay a deposit of £10.00 is to be paid on receipt of the trophy, this amount to be repayable to the Club when the trophy is returned.

(C) Clubs shall have the trophy engraved with their name and season of winning before returning to the General Secretary by 1st March each year. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of £10.00

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

19. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

At least fourteen (14) days notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.

Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Not less than fourteen (14) days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given may be fined £20.00.

Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

ALTERATION TO RULES

20. Alterations shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the General Secretary by 31st December in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 31st January and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 14th February.

The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the sanctioning Football Association by the last day in February.

Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

21. 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.

FINANCE

22. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
- (B) All expenditure in excess of £500.00 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.
- (C) The financial year of the Competition will end on 31st March.
- (D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.
- (E) The Trustees of the League's finances shall be the Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer, whomsoever they may be.

CHILD PROTECTION

1. Any act, statement, conduct or other matter, which harms a child or children, or poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children, shall constitute behaviour which is improper and brings the game into disrepute.
2. In these Regulations the expression "Offence" shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.
3. Upon receipt by The Association of:
 - 3.1 notification that an individual has been charged with an Offence; or
 - 3.2 notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police, Social Services or any other authority relating to an Offence; or
 - 3.3 any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children then The Association shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
4. In reaching its determination as to whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made The Association shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:
 - 4.1 whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm;
 - 4.2 whether the matters are of a serious nature;
 - 4.3 whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded.
5. The period of an order referred to in 3 above shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge under the Rules of The Association or any Offence is decided or brought to an end.
6. Where an order is imposed on an individual under regulation 3 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.
7. Where a person is convicted, or is made the subject of a caution in respect of an Offence, that shall constitute a breach of the Rules of The Association and The Association shall have the power to order the suspension of the person from all or any specific football activity for such a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
8. For the purposes of these Regulations, The Association shall act through its Council or any committee or sub-committee thereof, including the Board.
9. Notification in writing of an order referred to above shall be given to the person concerned and/or any club with which he is associated as soon as reasonably practicable.

KO CUP COMPETITION RULES

1. FEE

The entrance fee shall be £5.00 per team.

2. ELIGIBILITY of PLAYERS

2.1 A player who is eligible to play for his Team in Championship matches shall be eligible to play for that Team in the K.O. Cup Competition provided he has not played for any other Club or Team in that Competition during the same season, and has been registered with the Team for at least SEVEN DAYS.

2.2 A player is not qualified to play in a semi-final or final unless he has played in at least THREE League and/or Cup/Shield matches for his team prior to the date fixed for playing the match.

3. THE COMPETITION

3.1 The K.O. Cup Competition shall be treated as one competition although being arranged into its associated age groups for the purposes of the Constitution of the League.

3.2 No player shall play for more than one team in the same competition during the same season and may only play in one KO Cup Competition in any one season.

3.3 Any Club having played a player, whether knowingly or unknowingly, in any stage of the Competition in direct contravention of the foregoing, may be immediately suspended from further participation in the Competition, fined and/or otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee determine.

4. SEMI-FINALS & FINALS

4.1 Clubs must send the Registrations Secretary a list of their players from whom their team shall be chosen, to reach him not less than SEVEN days prior to the date of the match.

4.2 Where neutral grounds are unavailable for semi-finals, the first-named club shall provide the ground. The cost of pitch hire for each semi-final to be paid, in equal shares, by the two competing clubs.

4.3 In Semi-Finals and the Final Tie each Team must provide the referee with a match standard football. The referee will decide which ball is to be used in the game. The ball not chosen will be the reserve match ball.

4.4 In all Final Ties the League will be responsible for all gate receipts and for the payment of expenses.

5. NOTIFICATION

The home team must give notice of the match in accordance with League Rule 10D

6. MATCHES

6.1 Matches shall be arranged and played in accordance with Notts Youth Football League Rules.

6.2 If the ground of the first drawn team is unavailable it will be their responsibility to provide an alternative venue so that the match can be played as advised.

6.3 Any Team failing to play any tie, without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play, may be removed from the competition, fined a minimum of £10.00 and otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee determine.

6.4 In the event of the scores in a match being level at the end of normal playing time in all rounds, 20 minutes extra time shall be played in two equal periods of 10 minutes. If the tie is still undecided after the periods 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 the Game.

6.5 When a match has been postponed or abandoned before the completion of normal time and neither team being at fault it must be played on the ground of the first drawn team on a date decided by the Fixture Secretary.

6.6 If extra time has not been commenced or a match has been abandoned during extra time it must be played on the ground of the second drawn team.

6.7 Where a match is abandoned due to misconduct by one of the competing teams, or its supporters, the team may be removed from the competition and will be liable to further sanctions.

6.8 Where a match is abandoned due to a late kick-off caused by one of the teams, the match will be replayed on the ground of the team deemed to be the innocent party.

6.9 Should both teams be deemed equally responsible then the match must be played on the ground of the first-named team.

7. REFEREES

7.1 The Referee's Secretary shall appoint Match Officials. However, should an officially appointed referee be unavailable, then the competing teams must mutually appoint a referee, not necessarily on the Notts FA list, whose decisions shall be binding and not subject to revision. Rule 6.3 will be applied in the event of the game not being completed on the official date of the tie.

7.2 Fees for officially appointed Referees in all rounds prior to the Semi-Finals are £15.00 plus travel expenses.

7.3 Fees for the semi-finals are: Referee £15.00, Assistant Referees £8.00, plus travel expenses. All these costs are to be paid in equal shares by the two competing clubs.

7.4 Fees for the finals are: Referee £15.00, Assistant Referees £8.00 **or** mementoes plus travel expenses, to be paid by the League.

8. RESULTS

Results of Matches are to be notified to the General Secretary as per League Rules 11(A) (B) (C)

9. COLOURS

9.1 In all rounds except the Final where two teams have the same colours, the visiting team must change. For semi-finals, the first-named team shall be classified as the home team.

9.2 In the event that the teams in the Final Tie have the same colours, both teams shall change, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Clubs.

9.3 Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from the other players and Match Officials.

10. TROPHIES

10.1 The winning Team must acknowledge receipt of the Trophy by signing the appropriate agreement provided by the League.

10.2 Clubs shall pay a deposit on receipt of the trophy, this amount to be repayable to the Club when the trophy is returned in good, clean condition.

10.3 Clubs shall have the trophy engraved with their name and season of winning before returning to the General Secretary by 1st March each year.

10.4 Clubs may purchase extra mementoes at the discretion of the Management Committee. Extra mementoes will not be ordered until the Order Form and Payment has been received.

11. OTHER MATTERS

The Management Committee shall determine all matters connected with the K.O.Cup Competition.

REGULATIONS

1. THE COMPETITION

This Competition comprises the following age groups:

Saturday: Under 18, Under 17, Under 16, Under 15 – matches must be played Saturday and midweek.

Sunday: Under 15, Under 16 – matches must be played Sunday and midweek.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

2.1 All correspondence will be sent to the named representative as shown in the club directory.

2.2 Clubs must advise the General Secretary, in writing, of any changes to club personnel.

3. MEETINGS

League meetings shall be held monthly at which each Club must be represented.

Any Club not represented shall be fined a minimum of £5.00

4. FEES & PAYMENTS

4.1 Clubs shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit (Guarantee Fee) have been paid.

4.2 Failure to pay any invoice by the due date will incur a £5.00 administration charge and the fine may be doubled. Clubs may be suspended from playing until payment has been received by the Treasurer.

4.3 The Management Committee may, at its discretion, use any or all of a Clubs Guarantee Fees as payment for any unpaid account.

5. PLAYERS

5.1 Players must be registered by the Nottinghamshire Football Association in accordance with the procedures and provisions of the Association

5.2 Players cannot register with a Team in this League:

i) if they have not reached the age of 13 years before 1st September 2008 or have attained the age of 18 years before 1st September 2008.

ii) if they are registered at a Premiership Club Academy or Football League Club Academy.

iii) If they are registered at a Centre of Excellence unless the form is accompanied by a letter from the Director of the Centre of Excellence indicating that they are no longer registered at that Centre of Excellence.

*(NB: if a player who is registered with a team in this League subsequently registers with a Premiership Club Academy, Football League Club Academy or Centre of Excellence, the club must inform the League of such in writing and return the registration card to the Registrations Secretary. The club will retain the player's registration but must **not** play him whilst he is registered at the Academy or Centre of Excellence. In the event that the Academy or Centre of Excellence de-registers the player, he may then resume playing for his club in this League subject to confirmation that his Academy/Centre of Excellence registration has been cancelled. For any further assistance on such matters please contact the Notts FA County Youth Secretary).*

- 5.3 A player having signed a registration form for his team will not be allowed to register with another team in this league, or another youth league, that plays on the same day.
- 5.4 Players must not play for any team unless properly registered by the Nottinghamshire Football Association and are in receipt of the registration card. Clubs who play any player who is not properly registered will be charged and dealt with in accordance with league Rules.
- 5.5 Qualifying Dates:
Under 18 - players must have attained the age of 15 by 31st August 2008 and must not be 18 years old before 1st September 2008
Under 17 - players must have attained the age of 15 by 31st August 2008 and must not be 17 years old before 1st September 2008
Under 16 - players must have attained the age of 14 by 31st August 2008 and must not be 16 years old before 1st September 2008
Under 15 - players must have attained the age of 13 by 31st August 2008 and must not be 15 years old before 1st September 2008
- 5.6 Clubs must have a minimum of 12 players registered with each of their Teams by 20th August in order to commence playing matches as scheduled.
- 5.7 Player registration cards must be taken to every match and inspected by the officials of your opponents prior to the start of the match, and must be readily available (at the side of the field of play) for inspection by any member of the Management Committee.
- 5.8 Players are registered with their clubs until 31st May during which time they cannot be approached to join another club other than by following the procedure laid down by the Football Association (FA Rule C2).
- 5.9 In the event of a Club making an illegal approach to any player registered with another Club, the offending Club will be reported to the Nottinghamshire Football Association.
- 5.10 Players are deemed to have played a match when they have been on the field of play either as a member of the original eleven players starting the match or as a substitute. A substitute player who has not been on the field of play is **not** deemed to have played a match.

6. MATCHES

- 6.1 All fixtures made by the League are binding and matches cannot be postponed without good reason. Clubs failing to play matches as scheduled without showing good and sufficient cause will be fined in accordance with League Rules.
- 6.2 Clubs must provide dressing accommodation for the visiting Team and Referee, and have everything ready to kick-off at the appointed time.
- 6.3 Any change of ground from that stated in the League Directory must be notified to the General Secretary.
- 6.4 Any team postponing a fixture (for reasons other than pitch condition or player call-up to County Representative Squads) will incur a £5 administration fee and will incur the following fixed penalties.

Instance	Notice Received	Admin Fee	Fine	Points Deducted
First	28 days or more prior to the fixture date	£5	£5	None
	14-27 days	£5	£10	None
	7-13 days	£5	£15	None
	3-6 days	£5	£20	None
	Less than 48 hours before kick-off	£5	£25	None
Second	28 days or more	£5	£15	None
	14-27 days	£5	£20	None
	7-13 days	£5	£25	None
	3-6 days	£5	£30	None
	Less than 48 hours before kick-off	£5	£35	None
Third	28 days or more	£5	£20	None
	14-27 days	£5	£25	None
	7-13 days	£5	£30	None
	3-6 days	£5	£35	1
	Less than 48 hours before kick-off	£5	£40	1
Further	28 days or more	£5	£25	1
	14-27 days	£5	£30	1
	7-13 days	£5	£35	2
	3-6 days	£5	£40	2
	Less than 48 hours before kick-off	£5	£45	3

Clubs may include an evidenced plea for leniency or a response in mitigation with the fine payment. Any such plea will be considered by the Management Committee, who may decide to reduce the fixed penalty imposed.

Correspondence relating to the postponement of a fixture must be sent to the Fixture Secretary

NB "Notice Received" relates to the date the postponement was notified to the Fixture Secretary.

- 6.5 Any Team failing to fulfil its fixtures through any fault or neglect of its own shall forfeit the Deposit (Guarantee Fee) and may otherwise be dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

7. REPORTING RESULTS

- 7.1 The home team and the away team must complete the match report form, provided by the League, for every match (league and NYL cup matches) and send to the League Registrations Secretary. ***(an email template is available from the League Registrations Secretary)***

Please Note – for Notts FA Shield matches both teams must complete the match report form provided by the Notts FA and send it to the County Youth Secretary at the Notts FA offices.

- 7.2 The home team must email (preferred method) or telephone details of the match to the General Secretary on the day of the match by 7.00pm (Saturday and Sunday matches) and for midweek matches by 7.00pm of the day following the match.

The following information must be included in the report to facilitate the compilation of press reports:

- Age group & division;
- Names of the two teams;
- Full time score;
- Half time score;

- Scorers for both Teams;
- Any other points of interest.

Please Note – for Notts FA Shield matches the home team must provide the above details. In the event that you are playing away to a team from another league, you must provide the above details

Failure to provide any of the above information for any league, cup or shield match your club will incur a fine of £5.00.

8. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

8.1 In the event of two or more teams being equal on points for the championship (first place), deciding match(es) shall be played under conditions determined by the Management Committee.

For all other positions, in the event that teams are level on points, goal difference shall count.

8.2 For deciding matches, in the event of the scores in a special championship match played under conditions determined by the management committee being level at the end of the game, 20 minutes extra time shall be played in two equal periods of 10 minutes. If the match is still tied at the end 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.

9. REFEREES

9.1 Where the Referee's Secretary has been unable to appoint an official referee, the Secretaries of the two competing Teams must agree to a substitute referee. The Home Team does **not** have priority to appoint such Referee. Should the Secretaries of the two competing Teams fail to appoint a referee and the match does not take place, the Management Committee may take action at their discretion.

9.2 Referees appointed by the Referee's Secretary take precedence over any referee appointed by Clubs.

9.3 Both Team Secretaries must give a mark out of 100 for the referee in accordance with the 'Guidelines for Marking Referees'. Where a mark of 50 or below is given a written report, stating the reasons for the low mark, must be sent to the Referee's Secretary to reach him within FOUR days of the date of the match.

FA RULE C2(a) : REGULATIONS CONCERNING APPROACHES

Players who are not under written contract to a Club may be registered with a number of Clubs at any time, subject to the following provisions and those of the Competitions in which they play. (*See Notts Youth League Regulation 4.2*)

- (i) Competitions sanctioned by The Association under Regulation 3 of the 'Regulations for Sanction and Control of Leagues and Competitions' may make their own regulations for the approach of Players between Clubs of the Competition.
- (ii) During the current season any Club wishing to approach a Player known to be registered with or having played for any other Club must give the Secretary of each such Club seven days' formal written notice of the intention to approach the Player.

Formal written notice of approach needs to be given by:

(A) a Saturday Club only to all Saturday Clubs

(B) a Sunday Club only to all Sunday Clubs

(C) a Midweek Club only to all Midweek Clubs

(Note: a player can register with a Saturday Club and a Sunday Club and a Midweek Club)

- (iii) The written notice must be sent by Special Delivery or Recorded Post, or a written acknowledgment otherwise obtained from the Secretary or Chairman of the Club approached. Facsimile or e-mail transmission may be used provided a receipt of acknowledgement is also obtained.
- (iv) Following the date of posting of the written notice of approach, or receipt of an acknowledgment; (A) the Player may be registered on or after the eighth day; (B) the Player must have been registered on or before the 21st day.
- (v) The approaching Club: (A) may not approach the same Player a second time in the same season; (B) may approach only one (1) Player at a Club at any time subject to (ix) below; (C) may not approach another Player at the same Club within 28 days of an earlier notice of approach acknowledgement.
- (vi) If an approach is made by a Player to another Club during the current season, that Club shall give the Club(s), for which the Player is known to be registered or has played, seven days' notice of approach as set out in (i) to (iv) above before registering the Player.
- (vii) A Club which is subject to a complaint alleging failure to give notice in accordance with this Rule may be subject to a charge of misconduct under FA Rule E1(b).
- (viii) A Club proved to have breached the provisions of this Rule may have its current registration of the Player cancelled and be subject to such other penalty as The Association or Affiliated Association deems appropriate, in accordance with Regulation 8.1 of the Regulations for FA Disciplinary Action.
- (ix) During the current season a maximum of two Players may be approached in the manner described above if invited to trial at a licensed Football Association/FA Premier League/Football League Academy or Centre of Excellence.

Note: The 'current season' is deemed to be 1st July to 31st May inclusive and Clubs must follow the above procedure during this period of time.