

# **The Norfolk Women's and Girls Football League Cup Rules – Youth – For Ages U9-U18**

## **Control of Competition**

1. The management of the competition shall be vested in the management committee of the league and they will have the power to deal with any matter for which no specific provision is made in these rules, or the rules of the league.

## **Organisation of the Competition**

2. The competition shall be conducted on the “knock out” principle.

3. Teams may not enter more than one team at an age group in this competition.

4. In the event of scores being level at the end of normal time:

i. For U9 to U11 a period of 5 minutes of extra time shall be played. If the scores are still level at this point the match shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

ii. For U12 to U18 a period of 10 minutes of extra time shall be played. If the scores are still level at this point the match shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

5. Cup matches shall kick off between 10.30 am and 2.00 pm, to be determined by the home team.

6. All Cup finalists will forward names of players, shirt numbers, manager/coach names, team colours, and sponsors 2 weeks before the Cup Final Date, failure to do this shall result in a £30 fine.

## **Provisions for removal/exclusion from the competition**

7. A team found to have played an ineligible player may be removed from the competition and fined up to £50. If the game is ordered to be replayed then the offending club may also be ordered to pay the expenses incurred.

8. In the event of club failing to play a cup fixture without satisfactory explanation, the offending club will be dealt with by the management committee which may include forfeiting the match and/or a fine up to £50.

## **Venue for Matches**

9. The Final shall be played at a venue and on a date agreed by the management committee.

## **Reporting Results**

10. Teams will contact the Divisional Secretary with the results of the game via text message within 12 hours of the games completion.

11. Teams must complete fulltime sheets by the following Wednesday or they may be fined up to £50

**Club Colours**

12. For all finals, if there is a colour clash, then the choice of which team will wear their first choice kit will be decided by the toss of a coin completed by a member of the management committee.

**Eligibility of Players**

13. A player may not play for a team if he/she has played in a previous round of a league cup for another team in the same age group.

14. No player may play in the Semi-Final or Final unless he/she has played in at least 5 League or League Cup games in the competition or was registered to the team prior to 1<sup>st</sup> October in the current playing season. In exceptional circumstances special permission may be obtained by the management committee to play an otherwise ineligible player. Applications for special permission must be submitted in writing to the League Secretary.

**Provisions Concerning Match Officials**

15. The management committee shall endeavour to facilitate the official appointment of as many referees and assistant referees for cup matches as possible. Otherwise Rule 13 of the league rules shall apply.

16. In all rounds except the final, the match fees shall be split equally by both teams.

17. A Neutral referee will be appointed by the league management committee for all semi-final fixtures.

**Trophies**

18. Winning teams must return the trophy by 1<sup>st</sup> February of the following season or may be fined up to £50.

19. The management committee may withhold a memento from a player dismissed from the field of play during a cup final.