

KNOCK-OUT CUP COMPETITION RULES

These competitions shall be run under the jurisdiction of the Coventry & Warwickshire Youth Football League and played in accordance with the Coventry & Warwickshire Youth Football League, League Rules with the following additions:

NOTE: The Cup Final will be played on a 3G pitch, unless unavailable at the time required.

- (A) All teams from under 12 to under 18 age groups shall automatically qualify to compete in the internal Knock-out Cup Competition. Prior to round one there shall be a preliminary round for each of the age groups when required. The teams playing in the Preliminary Round shall be the teams in the lower divisions of that age group, the League Secretary, or Assistant League Secretary shall be the sole arbiter to calculate the number of teams from each age group to complete the draw in the Preliminary Round.
- The names of the Clubs qualifying for round one shall be drawn in couples and compete separately until four Clubs are left in each age group, in each age group these teams shall compete as semi-finalists. When the finals are played, the winning team shall hold the trophy for the current season.
- (B) In the Under 12 to Under 18 Cup Competitions, in the event that scores are equal at the end of normal time in all rounds, including the Cup Final, extra time shall not be played, penalties shall be taken in accordance with F.I.F.A. Rules and Regulations to decide the winner. Clubs not complying with this Rule will be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (a) In the event that the cup game has not been played in accordance with Competition Rule 24 (B), the cup game shall be replayed on the venue of the opposing Club, or as stipulated by the Management Committee.
- (C) In the event that teams contesting the Cup Finals have the same kit colours, a draw shall be made at the preceding League General Meeting or as soon as the finalists are known, the team drawn first shall have the right to play in their first-choice colours. The opponents will have to play in alternative colours.
- (a) All participating teams shall provide 2 suitable match balls, and to exchange Club pennants at the Cup Final.
- (D) Referees shall be appointed for all Semi-Finals and Finals. The Semi-Finals will be played on the pitch of the team drawn out first. Finals will be played on venues determined by the Management Committee.
- (E) The League shall appoint assistant referees for Semi-Finals, for age groups under 12 to under 18 if available.
- (F) In Semi-Finals expenses for the venue and the appointed Match Officials shall be equally shared by both teams.
- (G) In order for a player to be eligible to play in a Semi-Final the player must have played four League division games in the current season for that team (non-playing substitutes shall not count). Players having qualified for a Semi-Final as detailed in this clause, or having played four League division matches in the current season for that team, shall automatically be eligible to play in the Cup Final.
- (H) A Player can only play for one age group in the current seasons Cup Competition. If the player is transferred or registers for another team during the season having played in any of the League's age group Cup Competitions the player cannot play for the new team in the current season the player is 'Cup Tied'.
- (a) Clubs shall be held responsible to ensure that player(s) transferred into their Club during the season have not represented their previous club in any internal age group Knock-out Cup Competition during the Playing Season.
- (b) The team sheet supplied shall represent the only official record of the Players and substitutes participating in the Cup fixture and must be fully completed by both Teams and submitted to the referee not later than ten minutes before the start of the match. Substitutes who play in the match must have their names ticked off in the box provided for on the Team sheet by the Match Official.
- (c) A Player named as a substitute but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that cup game.
- (I) Any Team playing an unregistered Player or ineligible Player shall be removed from the Cup Competition and fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). In the event that the next round of the Competition has not been played, the Team eliminated by that Team which played an unregistered or ineligible Player, shall be reinstated, taking the offending Teams place in the next round of the Competition. In the event that the next round had been played the offending Team shall be eliminated from the Cup Competition, had the opponents lost the Cup fixture they shall be reinstated and placed in the next stage of the Cup Competition.
- (J) Any League Cup fixtures not played on the date originally scheduled, due to adverse weather conditions or the pitch being unfit, shall be played on the next League conference cup date, or as determined by the Age Group Secretary. This is subject to commitments Teams may have in F.A. and B.C.F.A. Cup Competitions.
- (K) Internal League Cup fixtures shall have priority over League fixtures in the event that teams share a pitch.
- (L) The Management Committee will consider any request for a change of venue, if both teams mutually agree to any change and both teams agree to share the expenses equally.
- (M) Cup Semi-Finals or Cup Finals that are played on a ground that has a surrounding barrier, or is roped off, only the Manager, Coach, Club Secretary, Substitutes, shall be allowed in the Technical area. The Manager, Coach, Club Secretary, Substitutes must remain within the confines of the Technical Area, only one person at a time is authorised to convey tactical instructions.

- (N) Two stewards must be nominated by each of the competing teams to supervise their supporters at the Cup Finals their names to be forwarded to the League Secretary prior to the Cup Final date.
- (O) All participating Teams in the Cup Finals shall, on arrival, be required to present their Team's Squad List to the League Committee member on duty at the dressing rooms. The Squad List shall be held by the League for the duration of the match. Failure to produce the Squad List shall result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).
- (P) Clubs will be held responsible for the conduct of their spectators at Cup Finals. Spectators shall not bring any alcoholic drinks into the ground. This Rule applies to all Cup fixtures. Any Club whose officials or supporters are found guilty of this offence shall be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) and/or dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- (Q) Player(s) dismissed from the field of play for violent conduct or serious foul play shall not be permitted to be part of their Team's presentation party to receive the Team's medals.
- (R) The Management Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter affecting the conduct of the internal age groups Cup Competition not provided for in these rules.

KNOCK-OUT CUP - FINES TARIFF

The full wording of the following rules can be found in the Competition Rules document; this wording is indicative only, and simply for the illustration of the fine amounts

RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
B	FAILURE TO PLAY THE CORRECT MATCH FORMAT	£25.00
I	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£100.00
O	FAILURE TO PRODUCE THE SQUAD LIST	£20.00
P	BRINGING ANY ALCOHOLIC DRINKS INTO THE GROUND	£100.00