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RULES 2011 – 2012

1. NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

This Competition shall be designated the Northamptonshire Combination Football League and known as the MDH Teamwear Northamptonshire Combination Football League.

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 their appropriate County Football Association. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be no more than 50 miles from the centre of Northampton.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Northamptonshire Football Association and the constituent teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions.

The number of teams in each division shall be decided by the Management Committee but in no case shall the number exceed 20 in the Premier division and not exceeding 16 teams in all other divisions.

This Competition and its Clubs shall support the FA's Respect programme. As such it recognises that everyone in football has a collective responsibility to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place. A Respect League values the contribution of match officials, players and spectators and ensures that they are treated with courtesy and fairness by opposing players, club officials and spectators. The League and its Clubs will seek to play fixtures in a fair, competitive but not antagonistic environment.

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.

At the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the compilation of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

Clubs seeking election that fail to comply with these conditions will not be eligible for election.

Clubs in membership that fail to comply with these rules will be excluded from membership of the Northamptonshire Combination subject to approval of the Annual General Meeting.

The headquarters of the Northamptonshire Combination shall be Northampton.

The constituent teams may be grouped in Divisions as recommended by the Management Committee of the Northamptonshire Combination and placed before the Annual General Meeting.

All matches shall be played under the Rules of the Football Association and within the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.

2. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

(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 £60.00 per first team and additional teams £50.00 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 or a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be £60.00 per Club additional teams £50.00 payable on or before the 1st May in each year.

(C) Each Club shall within 14 days of election pay a Deposit of £100.00 which shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their 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 and the following information submitted

(i) Completed Form 1A & 1B by 1st May failing to comply they shall be fined £10.00.

(ii) Telephone contact for the Club secretary including an answering facility.

(iii) Additional telephone contact for a Club member responsible for Club administration in the absence of the Club secretary.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by 1st May of its County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, failing to comply they shall be fined £10.00. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form 1A & 1B, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

(F) Any club desiring membership or any existing club wishing to add a team or teams shall apply in writing to the Hon Secretary by the 1st day of May preceding the season applied for. Applications received after this date may not be accepted, with the exception of Step 6 relegated Clubs.

(G) Applications shall be dealt with by the Vetting Committee. The Vetting Committee shall carry out an inspection of the facilities of each club making an application and will report on their findings and recommendations to the Committee.

(H) Promotion to Step 6: - Any Premier Division club wishing to apply for promotion to Step 6 must apply in writing to The Football Association and copied to the Northamptonshire Combination, League Secretary by the 31st December.

3. OFFICERS

The Officers of the Competition shall be the President, Life Members, Life Vice-Presidents Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Registration Secretary, Referees Secretary Fixtures Secretary, Press Officer, Results Officer. Information Technology Officer, League Welfare Officer and 8 Management Committee members to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. (N.B. Auditors are not Officers).

4. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

(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 8 members who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. All participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The Association from time to time.

(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 1st February 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 monthly/as often as is necessary to deal with business as it arises.

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

(E) 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.

(F) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Secretary.

(G) Nominations for Life Members, Life Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents from League Officers having completed 21 years in office to be submitted in writing to the Hon Secretary by the 1st day of February each year for approval by the Committee.

(H) Any Committee member missing three consecutive meetings may be asked to resign his/her position on the Committee.

(I) In pursuance of participation within the Pyramid of Junior Football three members of the Committee shall be appointed League Representatives to the Joint Liaison Committee of the United Counties Football League in accordance with the charter.

(J) The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter, which is not covered by the Rules of the League, under the Rules of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game.

(K) A Finance Committee shall be appointed whose business it will be to deal with the finances of the League. The Finance Committee to consist of the League Chairman, the Hon Secretary, the Hon Treasurer and two other members appointed from the Committee.

(L) In cases of extreme emergency the League Chairman and the Hon Secretary shall have power to act on behalf of the League in all matters.

5. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

(A) The Management Committee may appoint such other sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary to such committees. The decisions of all such committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of the Football Association or affiliated Association.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Northamptonshire 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. With the exception of Rules 5(i), 6(h), 10(a), 11 and 19, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued. The respondent shall be given seven days from the date of notice to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-

- (i) Accept or deny the charge
- (ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or
- (iii) Put their case before the Board

Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Club Official (limited to Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer) 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. Financial penalties can only be imposed if included within the set penalties for breaches of Competition Rules.

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 by the appropriate Association.

With the exception of Clubs playing at Step 7 of the Football Pyramid and the FA Women's Premier League, the maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Competition rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

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

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within twenty-one 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 no less than £20.00 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, even if the Club proposes to appeal.

Any Club failing to do so will be fined a maximum of £50. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional sum within 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding payments are settled.

Fixtures that have already been made would then be considered as broken fixtures.

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) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee shall be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

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

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 31st May in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least two thirds of 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 therefrom.

(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). This is subject to the secretary of the new club attending an administration awareness course organized by the league. The course will take place no later than 21 days after the AGM. Clubs, whose secretary fails to attend the course, will not have their membership accepted. Secretaries from existing clubs with a poor administration record are also required to attend the course.

(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 of the playing season and kick off times applicable to the Competitions.

(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

Northamptonshire County Football Association.

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

(D) Each Full Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 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 two thirds 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 shall be fined £35.00 a satisfactory reason must be given. Clubs that don't submit a written explanation/apology for their absence within 3 days of the AGM will be fined an additional £20 per week until such correspondence is received.

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

6.1 Full Member League Meetings.

Full Member League Meetings shall take place in September and February of each season. The day of the week upon which such meetings shall be held will be decided by the committee.

Any club not represented at a Full Member League Meeting shall be fined £30.00 for the first offence and £50.00 for a second offence. Clubs that don't submit a written explanation/apology for their absence within 3 days of the Full Members League meeting will be fined an additional £20 per week until such correspondence is received.

Clubs that have not attended any meetings during a season will be fined an additional £100 and will also be required to provide a satisfactory written explanation to the Hon General Secretary before their application for membership for the following season can be processed.

A roll call of clubs in attendance shall be taken at the close of the meeting preceding the item Any Other Business. Any club which has left the meeting without the courtesy of informing the Chair shall be considered to have not attended the meeting and will be fined as per rule.

No minutes will be issued for Full Member League Meetings. An agenda will be available before Full Members meeting.

Officers, Management Committee members, club secretaries and referees may submit explanations in writing for consideration by the Committee where an infringement of the rules has occurred.

All such correspondence must be received by the Hon General Secretary 48 hours before the date of the next due management committee meeting otherwise it will not be considered at that next due meeting.

7. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

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 Northamptonshire Combination 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 Northamptonshire County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

8. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(A) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are not permitted in this Competition. A contract player may only play for the Club that holds his contract.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player signing a registration form for that Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 12 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(B) A registered 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, counter-signed by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the (Registrations) Secretary by 9pm on the day prior to playing and whose completed registration has been acknowledged by the Registration secretary prior to playing. In order to protect themselves all Clubs are reminded that they are responsible for verifying the identity of their players before submitting a registration form.

Registration forms may also be submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary by facsimile machine or electronic mail prior to the player playing by 9pm on the day prior to playing, original to be sent to Registration secretary within 48 hours. Please send self addressed envelope for registrations so as they can be sent back to your club.

If the player's registration is later found to be unacceptable the club will be held responsible and be dealt with by the Committee who shall have the power to cancel a player's registration at any time, if this is found to be necessary. This includes a player who has signed a registration form during the close season and is later found to be under suspension. Clubs should check the status of each player with County FA's or their websites. The League reserves the right to ask any club to provide proof of identification for a registered player for registration purposes.

No registration will be accepted after the 1st day of March each season unless specially sanctioned by the committee.

(ii) Each club to register at least twelve players per team. These are to be lodged with the Hon Registration Secretary not less than fourteen days before the League's opening fixture or the club will be fined £10.00. A club registering no players seven days before the season start date will incur an additional fine of £30.00. A club registering no players before the season start date will have its membership of the League terminated.

(iii) While serving in any branch of Her Majesty's Regular Forces, a player must first obtain the consent of his/her Commanding Officer before signing a registration form to play for a Club.

(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 Hon. Registrations Secretary or League Secretary at the appropriate fee. The Hon Registration Secretary will supply result sheet books and transfer forms at appropriate charges.

(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 a breach of Rule for a player to:-

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

(ii) Having signed for one Club in the Competition, sign for another Club 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 willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

(iv) A Player whilst under suspension shall not be allowed to join, be transferred or sign for a Club during his suspension period.

(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 except those under 18 years of age at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities. (Subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association.

Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered with.

(Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an

Appeal to the Football Association.) For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the competition into disrepute can only be considered where the player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.

(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 (Registrations) Secretary accompanied by a fee of £2.00. Such transfer shall be referred by the (Registrations) 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 League Secretary 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 (Registrations) 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 Management Committee for a decision.

A player can only be transferred on two occasions and there must be a minimum of 28 days between each transfers.

The status of a transferred player shall include appearances for his previous club. If that previous club has only one team then all the appearances for that club will be counted as first team appearances. A club contravening this rule will be fined £10.00 and any points gained will be deducted.

A club with a first or senior team in another league shall conform to this rule and shall provide any documentary evidence called for from the club or other leagues.

(J) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 1st 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.

(L) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Hon 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. Registrations are valid for one Season only.

In the event of a player without a written contract changing his status to that of a contract player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition his registration as a player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void. In order to play in the League again either for his original Club or for another Club it will be necessary for him to be re-registered as required by this Rule.

(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 12(A) unless the player has played fifty per cent of games for that team in this Competition in the current season.

(N) Teams in any division shall not be allowed to play more than three higher level team players in their lower teams in any one match. A first team player is one who has played fifty per cent or more of his matches for his club's first team. This rule is to operate from the 1st day of November of each season. Failure to do so will result in the defaulting club being fined £10.00.

(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 be fined not less than £20.00 and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(ii) In addition the team shall have 3 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. If a match is replayed the offending team will be responsible for the associated costs.

(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 Leagues).

(iii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

- (Q) (i) Officials representing the League may conduct player registration checks at matches. All players and substitutes are required to provide information as required by the League official in their own hand at the time that this is required to be done. Failure or refusal by a player or club to fully comply will result in a fine of not less than £50.00 and not less than 3 points deducted.
- (ii) 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.

9. CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

(A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts, shorts and socks with the Secretary by 1st May who shall decide as to their suitability. Any further changes must be notified to the Hon Secretary immediately.

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 5 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 £10.00.

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. It is requested that all teams shall have numbered shirts from one to fourteen with players commencing the match with numbers one to eleven.

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

(It is recommended that predominantly black/navy shirts, should not be purchased.)

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

(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 May 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. Teams may play on new generation pitches as long as both teams agree. Any Club changing their Ground location MUST advise the League.

All matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than 70 minutes) is mutually arranged by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

The Committee suggests that the referee should tell both teams before the kick off if a period of less than forty five minutes each way is to be played.

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 shall be fined a sum not exceeding £10.00 or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.

The kick off times for matches shall be 2.30 pm with the exception of those during November, December and January when they shall be 2.00 pm or earlier times as mutually agreed by the Committee or member clubs concerned. Mid-week matches shall have a kick off time no later than 6:30 pm. Clubs with floodlights may kick off at 3.00 pm on Saturdays and 7.30 pm midweek, subject to opponents agreement. The half time interval shall not exceed fifteen minutes.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition. Clubs causing a late start will be fined £10.00.

Competing clubs must provide a club assistant referee for the duration of the match or be liable to a fine of £10.

The home club must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Four corner flags and two Asst Referee flags or be liable to a fine of £10.00 in each instance. Goal nets must be used.

Clubs in Division One, Two, Three, Four and Reserves Premier, One and Two of the League to provide clean and hygienic dressing rooms, hot washing facilities and drinks at the ground for the Referee and visiting team. Clubs failing to provide these facilities will be fined £20.00 in each case.

(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.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(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 £10.00.

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

In the event of a Club playing in any match with less than eleven players they shall be fined £10.00. 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 £30 or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

Any club breaking a League fixture shall be fined £30.00 for a 1st offence, £50.00 for a 2nd offence and £75.00 for a 3rd offence plus any reasonable expenses incurred by the opposing club on production of the necessary receipts and subject to the ground being available.

Three points shall be deducted but the match may be awarded subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture must, without delay, give notice to the League Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Clubs unable to fulfil a fixture on match day MUST notify all via telephone. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict any penalty it may deem suitable. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in a fine of £10.00.

The league reserves the right to inspect the pitch of a club that has postponed their game.

Matches abandoned by the referee for any cause must be reported by the referee and home club to the Hon Secretary by telephone before 4.30pm for Saturday fixtures or 8.30pm for evening fixtures. Failure to comply with this procedure will result in a fine of £10.00.

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 League Secretary within 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. Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for 16 persons, or car allowance at 30p per mile for transporting 16 persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted)., The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and match officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second match.

The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee 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 award the points for the match to the opponent. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

In all abandoned games, a result sheet must be submitted to the registration secretary within 4 days of the match, with the score at time of abandonment and time in which the match was abandoned.

(G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use three substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from five players.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 10 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 five minutes duration, but it shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(I) The League shall require all players and club officials to have signed the FA's Respect Codes of Conduct and produce these if so requested by the League management committee.

The participating clubs taking part in the fixture shall identify a team captain designated with a captain's armband who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her team mates.

(J) All officially sanctioned games played during the season outside of League games to be notified to the League

11. REPORTING RESULTS

(A) The Hon. Registration 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, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £10.00 in each instance or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

(B) The Home Club shall text the result of each match to the results line number on the day of the match by the home team before 5.15pm and for evening games before 9.00 pm. Clubs competing in County Cup games with teams from outside leagues to text results, whether the team is home or away. Clubs failing to text results after the deadline times will be fined Clubs in default shall be fined £10.00 in each instance.

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £10.00.

(D) A club responsible for result sheets arriving late in a single delivery will result in the club being fined the sum of £10.00 with the exception of correspondence bearing a first class stamp and a postmark for the day immediately previous to deadline day. After seven days, an additional fine of £10.00 per team will be imposed for each subsequent week a result sheet is late.

(E) Proven falsification of result sheets shall result in the club being fined £30.00 and 3 points deducted.

NB. If the fixed penalty exceeds £20 the Club must be charged as detailed in Rule 5(D).

12. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

(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 team rankings may be decided in any one or more of the following ways:-

- (i) goal difference
- (ii) goals scored
- (iii) deciding match(es) played under conditions determined by the Management Committee.

(B) Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first two and last two teams in each Division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 1(b).

(i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated.

(ii) Vacancies occurring after the conclusion of the season may be filled on any of the following ways:

(a) retention of otherwise relegated team(s)

(b) additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division

below

(c) election

(iii) The last team in the lowest Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election except as below, and be subject to the conditions of paragraph (B)(1) above.

(iv) When a senior team is relegated to a lower Division of which its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or retain its position in, the next lower Division; and should the senior team be relegated to the lowest Division its reserve team automatically retires from the Competition.

(v) Should either or both of the leading teams in any of the Divisions have its senior team in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest team or teams in the Division concerned.

(C) In the event of a team not completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table.

(D) The Committee shall decide on all matters relating to formation, promotion or relegation within all divisions except where the jurisdiction of the Joint Liaison Committee (Pyramid of Junior Football) is operative. All clubs forming the Premier division or promoted to same to provide ground and dressing room facilities of a standard to the satisfaction of the Committee.

(E) Any club requiring a grading inspection in order to progress their application to join a more Senior league will be charged £10.00.

13. REFEREES

(A) Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association(s).

Referees must acknowledge appointments by 1st class return of post or electronic mail as failure to do so will result in another officer being appointed.

Appointed referees shall arrive thirty minutes prior to kick off time.

(B) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed referee, (and there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees present) the Clubs shall agree upon a replacement Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. The League is not necessarily responsible for any expenses relating to non arrival of referee.

Non allocation of Referee – game should not be cancelled before 11am on the Saturday as a Referee could be allocated.

(C) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £10.00 being imposed on the defaulting team. Club Assistant Referee must report to the referee ten minutes prior to the kick off time failure will result in Club being fined £10.00.

A separate dressing room for referees to be provided if possible. Hot washing facilities must be provided.

None of the named substitutes shall act as club assistant referee in any Premier or Division One match. Fine £10.00

(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 arbitor and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play. A League Management Committee member or League Officer may not call off a fixture on their own pitch.

(E) Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to the following match fees:-

Referee £31.00, Assistant Referees £21.00 for Premier division and subsequent divisions Referee £29.00, Assistant Referees £21.00 and any other permitted expenses actually incurred 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. or the club will be liable to a fine of £10.00. Clubs are reminded that it is not the referees responsibility to request his/her match fee, therefore the onus is on the home club to ensure prompt payment.

(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 a fee of £21.00. 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 or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, within three days of the match, may be reported to the Association with which he or she is registered. Upon unsatisfactory explanation the Referee shall not be appointed to Northamptonshire Combination matches for two months.

(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.

(I) 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 Football Association/County Association.

(J) For League and cup matches the home club must provide the match referee with a first class stamped prepaid match card.

For ALL County Cup matches Northamptonshire Combination teams at home must provide a first class stamped prepaid match card. In ALL County Cup matches Northamptonshire Combination teams playing AWAY to teams from other leagues will provide a match card. Proven failure by the club to provide the referee with a first class stamped match card will result in the club being fined £10.00.

The match referee is asked to complete and post the prepaid card with the relevant details. Notification of rule infringements by use of the match card will provide the basis for penalties to be applied by the Management Committee.

Proven failure by the home club to provide the referee with a first class stamped match card will result in the club being fined £10.00. Referees are strongly advised to ensure the match card is available.

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

(L) Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by the FA/County FA or the League

(M) Match information forms as supplied by the League to clubs to be completed by both teams (except Premier Division & Division One) and handed to the match referee ten minutes prior to the kick off.

Clubs in Premier & Division One must complete a full team sheet as supplied by the League and handed to the match referee fifteen minutes prior to the kick off.

Referees to report non compliance with this rule. Failure of Club and opposition to comply fine £10.00.

(N) Where and when considered necessary neutral assistant referees shall be appointed, subject to commitments, by the Committee.

14. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

(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 fulfillment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 1st February each Season or be liable to a fine not exceeding £100.00.

(B) A Club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the Competition after the Annual General Meeting for the following Season.

(i) Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £100.00 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(ii) Any Club infringing this Rule and not disbanding before the fixtures have commenced shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £100.00 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(iii) Any Club infringing this Rule and disbanding before the fixtures have commenced cannot be fined but will be liable for their financial commitments prior to disbanding.

The teams deposit paid will also be forfeited. Should any Club, having more than one team in the League, wish to withdraw any of its teams from the League after the AGM, the most junior team must be withdrawn first.

(C) The Membership for the coming season having been decided at a Special General Meeting held for that purpose not earlier than 1st May nor later than 31st May or at the Annual General Meeting held not later than 31st May 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.

If the debt remains unpaid after eighty-four (84) days the Competition may apply to the Club's parent County Association for the debt to be recovered in accordance with the FA Football Debt Recovery System. Once the matter has been passed to the Club's parent County Association the debt can only be cleared by payment to that County Association.

15. PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

(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 Secretary within three 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 £20.00. 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 receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received 7 days' notice of the Hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then they should forward a deposit of £50.00 and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

16. BOARD OF APPEAL

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 Chief Executive of the Northamptonshire Football Association, including a fee of £50.00 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.

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

(A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, 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 (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 whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by (more than) two-thirds (2/3rds) 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 a breach of Rule, 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 where the actions of its players and / or management are deemed by the Committee to have brought the League into disrepute will be fined not less than £50.00 plus £20.00 costs.

(E) Players whose actions are deemed by the management committee to have brought the league into disrepute will be fined no less than £50 plus £20 costs. They may also have their registration suspended until the fine is paid and as a last resort their registration cancelled.

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

(A) If a Competition be discontinued for any reason a Trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the sanctioning Association may decide.

(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.”

Failure to comply will result in a fine as determined by the Management Committee.

The Chairman, Secretary or one member of the Committee of a club winning a League trophy shall sign on behalf of the club a memorandum of agreement as to the safe custody of the trophy.

(C) Sixteen winners and runners up mementoes shall presented, League funds permitting.

(D) The League is to insure all trophies.

(E) Trophies to be returned to the Hon Treasurer by the second Wednesday in February of each year in a condition which is satisfactory to the Committee. Failure to do so will result in a fine minimum £10.00.

(D) Clubs returning incomplete trophies or trophies which have been damaged whilst in their care will be liable to a minimum fine of £50.00 plus the cost of replacement parts and or repairs.

(E) Failure to return a trophy to the League will result in the club being charged for its replacement.

(F) Any damage or loss of trophy must be reported to the Hon Treasurer within seven days.

19. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

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 seven 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.

Any continuing Member Club failing to be represented at a Special General Meeting without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £25.00.

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

20. ALTERATION TO RULES

Alterations, **for which consent has been given by the sanctioning Association**, 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 Secretary by 1st February in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 1st March and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 15th March. 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 a majority 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 21 days prior to the date of the meeting.

21. FINANCE

(A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.

(B) All expenditure 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/verified annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

(E) All mileage for League Officers, Management Committee Members and Clubs, with such mileage allowance payments for clubs only at the discretion of the Committee, shall be calculated at 30p per mile.

22. RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

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 (see Appendix B)

23. MATTERS NOT COVERED BY RULES

For the purposes of expediency or policy regarding any matter not covered by rule or the Pyramid of Junior Football the Committee shall have the power to decide the course of action until such time as the matter is clarified by rule.

Failure to respond to League correspondence within 14 days will result in a fine of £20.

In exceptional circumstances the league reserves the right to request a response in less than 14 days. In these circumstances the deadline for responding will be clearly stated.

24. STANDARD REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY TO PREMIER DIVISION.

Clubs in a position for promotion to the Premier division will be inspected for compliance with this Rule in the season prior to promotion. All amendments to Rule 24 to voted on only by Premier and Division One Clubs.

- (a). Minimum size of playing area 100 yards x 65 yards, 91 metres x 59.5 metres.
- (b). Goal posts and nets to be of professional manufacture and to meet the requirements of the Laws of the Game.
- (c). Shortest distance between touch line and perimeter barrier 1.85 metres.
- (d). Shortest distance between the goal line and pitch perimeter barrier 2.75 metres.
- (e). Pitch cordoned off on all sides by rail or rope. If rope is used this must remain taut and be in place for the full duration of the game.
- (f). Playing surface grass must be of good standard. Synthetic/artificial grass only accepted with the approval of the Management Committee.
- (g). Pitch to be free from surface depressions and excessive undulations.
- (h). Trainers boxes, if available, to be clearly marked Home and Away. Each box to be able to accommodate at least eight persons, to be a minimum of 1.85 metres from the touch line, to be a minimum three metres apart, to be securely fixed and ideally adjacent to the half way line.
- (i). Technical areas must be suitably marked.
- (j). Toilets, Ladies and Gents, to be situated within the ground.
- (k). Separate dressing rooms for each team and officials. These must be situated close enough to the pitch in order to allow sufficient time for them to be used at half time.
- (l). Separate hot shower facilities for players with at least three shower heads per team. Separate shower facilities for match official.
- (m). Sole use of designated dressing rooms and shower facilities, pitch and surrounding area in order to avoid encroachment from other matches.
- (n). Drinks must be provided to visiting team at half time, also to match officials on arrival, half time and full time.
- (o). Flags must be provided for Assistant Referees by the home club.
- (p). None of the named substitutes to act as Assistant Referees.
- (q). In order to maintain League standards referees must before each match inspect facilities and report any contravention of League rules to the Hon Secretary. They are not expected to enter the players' dressing rooms unless invited.

- (r). Officers, Management Committee members and Club secretaries must also report any infringement of rules.
- (s). Provide clean and hygienic toilet facilities to include hot hand washing with soap and towels.
- (t). Must have the ability to mark the whole of their own playing area with white lines before each match.
- (u). Undertake the re seeding of all worn areas during the closed season.
- (v). Keep dressing rooms in a clean and hygienic condition by cleaning them prior to each match.
- (w). Clubs failing to comply with Premier division standards will be fined £20.00 in each case.

25. KNOCK OUT COMPETITIONS.

- (a). All teams will be included in Competitions. The Management committee will fix dates for all rounds.
- (b). Qualification of players: as for League games. However Only two players who have played in their first team Cup competition to be allowed to play in reserve team Competition provided that at least one of these has played fifty per cent or more of his games for his reserve team.
- (c). Qualification for Cup Finals will be a player who shall have played in a previous round or a minimum of ten games for the team participating in the Final within this League.
- (d). No player shall play in any league Competition for more than one club in the same season. A Club contravening this rule will be fined £10.00 and struck out of the Competition.
- (e). All teams competing in a Final Tie of the Competition must check with the Hon. Registration Secretary not less than fourteen days preceding the match date the eligibility of the players they wish to include in the team for this game. Any club contravening this rule will be fined £10.00.
- (f). Clubs playing a reserve team in any round of the Competition are strongly advised to check the eligibility of the players they may require for their particular game.
- (g). Ninety minutes will be played and extra time in all matches if necessary. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time the tie will be decided by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with the provisions for the taking of penalty kicks as set out by the Football Association.
- 25(h).(i) Referees fees to be as in league matches as per rule 13E in all ties except final ties. Where Assistant Referees are appointed, the two competing clubs will share the costs equally.
- (ii) Fees are not payable to referees in final ties. The League may at its discretion make a contribution towards referees travelling expenses.
- (iii) Each match official appointed to a final will receive a suitable memento.

(iv) The home club is responsible for paying match officials at conclusion of the game. Opposition to reimburse home club their costs. Failure by opposition to reimburse home club will be fined £20.00.

(i). Final : - the League to be responsible for match expenses.

(j). The Committee shall make the draw for each round and arrange for the venues for the Finals.

(k). Kick off times for Cup Competitions to be 2 pm with the exception of those during November, December and January where they shall be 1.30 pm.

(l). All other League rules to apply.

(m). Dressing rooms to be opened at least thirty minutes prior to kick off time.

(n). Broken fixtures. Any fixture which is not played due to weather conditions or circumstances over which neither side has control shall be re arranged by the Fixtures Secretary. If a fixture is not played for any other reason then the defaulting club will be dealt with as the Management Committee deem fit and may be struck out of the competition. Clubs playing an ineligible player will be struck out of the competition.

(o). Upon the second postponement of a cup fixture, the Committee may give notice that the venue for that match may be reversed. Notice of a fixture reversal will be given by 8pm on the preceding Thursday to both Clubs.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY:

Child Protection, Equal Opportunity and Anti Discrimination Policy. The League pledges its support and abides by the Football Association's Child Protection Policy and Procedures, its Code of Conduct and Equal Opportunities and Anti Discrimination policy.

FIFA MANDATE International Transfer Certificates.

It is the responsibility of the Club and player to ensure that any necessary clearance has been obtained to enable him to play in England in accordance with the FIFA Regulations.

Any player who has played any sort of football abroad must be cleared by his former National Association before he can play in England. This applies to all players over the age of 12 and at all levels of the game. It is necessary for the club to make an application direct to The F.A. for clearance to be obtained.

N.B.

Notify the Hon. League Secretary when Club Secretary is away for any reason. Please ensure that the Hon. League Secretary is informed of changes in Club administration personnel Secretary, Chairman, Treasurer.

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**This summary is intended as a guide to rule offences.
Clubs should refer to the full rules in the handbook in all instances.**

Rule	Offence	Fine
2d(i)	No Affiliation Forms by 1 st May	£10
2e	No County Affiliation Number by 1 st May	£10
5h	Failing to respond to league correspondence or attend to league business	£20
5i	Failure to Settle Accounts 14 days – maximum fine	£50
6h	Failure to Attend AGM	£35
6h	No Written Explanation/Apology within 3 days of Meeting	£20
6h	No Written Explanation/Apology Meeting additional week/s	£20
6.1	No Represented at Full Member League Meeting 1 st Offence	£30
6.1	No Represented at Full Member League Meeting 2 nd Offence	£50
6.1	No Written Explanation/Apology Meeting additional week/s	£20
6.1	No Written Explanation/Apology within 3 days of Meeting	£20
6.1	Non Attendance Any Meetings during Season	£100
8b(ii)	Not Registering 12 Players per Team 14 days pre season	£10
8b(ii)	Not Registering 12 Players per Team 7 days pre season	£30
8n	Playing More Than 3 1 st Teamers	£10
8o(i)	Playing Unregistered/Ineligible Player + 3 points deduction	£20
8q(i)	Refusing Player Registration Check + 3 points deduction	£50
9a	Colour Clash	£10
10b	Team Causing a Late Start	£10
10b	No Asst Referee Flags	£10
10b	No Corner Posts	£10
10b	No Match Balls	£10
10b	No Refreshment to Opponents	£20
10b	No Refreshment to Referee	£20
10b	No Changing Room for Opponents	£20
10b	No Changing Room for Referee	£20
10b	No Hot Washing Facilities for Opponents	£20
10b	No Hot Washing Facilities for Referee	£20
10b	Clean & Hygienic Dressing Rooms	£20
10d	No/Late Match Details to Opponents	£10
10d	No/Late Match Details to Referee	£10
10e	Short Team starting with less than 11 players	£10
10f	Not Playing Higher Team Fixtures	£30
10f	Breaking League Fixture 1 st Offence + 3 points deduction	£30
10f	Breaking League Fixture 2 nd Offence + 3 points deduction	£50
10f	Breaking League Fixture 3 rd Offence + 3 points deduction	£75

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10f	Failure to Notify of Postponed Match	£10
10f	Failure to Notify of Abandoned Match	£10
11a	Incorrect Result Sheet	£10
11a	Late Result Sheet within 4 days of Match	£10
11b	Late/No Text of Result	£10
11d	Late Result Sheet additional 7 days	£10
11e	Falsification of Result Sheet + 3 points deduction	£30
13c	No Club Assistant Referee	£10
13c	Late Club Asst Referee reporting to Match Referee	£10
13c	Substitute as Asst Referee – Premier/Division One	£10
13e	Late/Non Payment of Match Officials	£10
13j	No Referee Match Card	£10
13j	Referee Match Card Not 1st Class Stamped	£10
13m	Late/No Match Information Form	£10
13m	Late/No Team Sheet – Premier/Division One	£10
14a	Withdrawing Team From League	£100
17d	Club Bringing League into Disrepute/Admin	£70
17e	Player Bringing League into Disrepute/Admin	£70
18c	Late Return of Trophies	£10
18d	Returning Incomplete/Damaged Trophies – minimum fine	£50
19	Failure to Attend SGM	£25
23	Failure to Respond to League Correspondence	£20
24e	Pitch not cordoned off	£20
24h	Trainer Boxes not Marked 'Home' and 'Away'	£20
24i	No Technical Area Marked	£20
24l	Hot Shower facilities players/referee	£20
24m	Sole use of dressing rooms & showers	£20
24n	No Refreshment to Opposition at half time	£20
24n	No Refreshment to Referee on arrival	£20
24n	No Refreshment to Referee at half time	£20
24n	No Refreshment to Referee at full time	£20
24o	No Assistant Referee flags	£20
24p	Substitute Used as Asst Referee	£20
24s	Not Clean & Hygienic Facilities	£20
24t	Pitch Not Marked with White Lines	£20
24v	Dressing Rooms Not Clean & Hygienic	£20
25d	Player Playing for More Than One Club + struck out of Cup comp	£10
25e	Not Checking Availability of Players for Cup Final	£10
25h(iii)	Failure by opposition to reimburse home club	£20

LEAGUE FORMATION 2011-2012

Russell Roofing Premier Division

Brixworth All Saints
Corby Khalsa
Corby Pegasus
Gretton
Harpole
Heyford Athletic
Kislingbury
Medbourne
Milton
Moulton
Roade
Ringstead Rangers
Weldon United
Welford Victoria

Division Four

Corby Hellenic Fisher
Corby Kingswood
Corby United
Daventry Drayton Grange
FC Higham
Ferrers
Higham Town
Kettering Panthers
Kettering Park Rovers
Kettering Weekley Eagles
Walgrave Amber

Keystone Roofing Supplies Division One

Burton United
Corby Everards
Corby Quantum Print Vikings
Earls Barton United
Finedon Volta
James King Blisworth
Kettering Nomads
Spratton
Stanion United
Stanwick Rovers
Wellingborough Ranelagh
Wootton St George

Duston Garage (Bosch Service)

Reserve Premier Division

Brixworth All Saints Res
Corby Pegasus Res
Gretton Res
Harpole Res
James King Blisworth Res
Kettering Nomads Res
Kislingbury Res
Milton Res
Moulton Res
O N Chenecks A
Roade Res
Weldon United Res

**Rothenburger Tools
Division Two**

Clipston
Cold Ashby Rovers
Corby Locomotive
Corby Strip Mills
Great Doddington
Kettering Ise Lodge
Kettering Orchard Park
Weedon
Wboro Old Grammarians
Wellingborough Rising Sun
Wellingborough Saxon
Wollaston Victoria

Division Three

Corby Eagles
Corby Redstar
CSV United
Dainite Sports
Daventry Comms
Hillmorton
Islip United
Northampton Exiles
Ristee Towers
West Haddon
Wilbarston
Wilby

**Duston Garage
(Bosch Service)**

Reserve Division One

Bugbrooke St.Michaels 'A'
Corby Everards Res
Earls Barton United Res
Finedon Volta Res
Heyford Athletic Res
Kettering Orchard Park Res
Medbourne Res
Ringstead Rangers Res
Stanion United Res
Weedon Res
Weldon United 'A'
Welford Victoria Res
W'boro Old Grammarians Res

**Duston Garage
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Reserve Division Two

Bugbrooke St.Michaels 'B'
Corby Kingswood Res
Corby Locomotive Res
Corby Quantum Print Vikings Res
Corby Strip Mills Res
Corby United Res
Dainite Sports Res
Harborough Town Res
Islip United Res
Spratton Res
Stanwick Rovers Res
West Haddon 'A'
Wilby Res
Wollaston Victoria Res

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'A' Blue/Blue/Blue *Alt.* Red/Black/Black

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**Please Note: ALL new teams/clubs must
apply to join the League by 1st May as per Rule 2**

RESPECT

Respect is The FA's response to a clear message from throughout the game that the health of football depends upon high standards of behaviour on and off the pitch.

- **Respect** is a behavioural code for Football
- **Respect** is about recognising that the integrity of the game is more important than the result of the match
- **Respect** is about creating an understanding of what is acceptable and unacceptable behaviour in Football
- **Respect** is about those involved taking responsibility for the consequences of their own actions
- **Respect** is about supporting match officials to do their job. Without them we don't have a game
- **Respect** is not a slogan. It is a collective responsibility of those involved in football to create a fair, safe and enjoyable environment in which the game can take place.

The following **Respect** Codes of Conduct outline the types of behaviour that will support a fair, safe and enjoyable game this country. They also identify a range of sanctions which may be taken if these codes are not abided by.

SPECTATORS AND PARENTS/CARERS

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

This club is supporting The FA's **Respect** programme to ensure football can be enjoyed in a safe, positive environment.

Play your part and observe The FA's **Respect** Code of Conduct for spectators and parents/carers at all times.

I will:

- Applaud effort and good play as well as success
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Remain outside the field of play and within the Designated Spectators' Area (where provided)
- Let the coach do their job and not confuse the players by telling them what to do
- Encourage the players to respect the opposition, referee and match officials
- Avoid criticising a player for making a mistake – mistakes are part of learning
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting, or abusive language or behaviour.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Issued with a verbal warning from a club or league official
- Required to meet with the club, league or CFA Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Obligated to undertake an FA education course
- Obligated to leave the match venue by the club
- Requested by the club not to attend future games
- Suspended or have my club membership removed
- Required to leave the club along with any dependents.

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.

COACHES, TEAM MANAGERS AND CLUB OFFICIALS

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

In the FA's survey of 37,000 grassroots participants, behaviour was the biggest concern in the game. This included the abuse of match officials and the unacceptable behaviour of over-competitive parents, spectators and coaches on the sideline.

Play your part and observe The Football Association's **Respect** Code of Conduct in everything you do.

On and off the field, I will:

- Show respect to others involved in the game including match officials, opposition players, coaches, managers, officials and spectators
- Adhere to the laws and spirit of the game
- Promote Fair Play and high standards of behaviour
- Always respect the match official's decision
- Never enter the field of play without the referee's permission
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in, or tolerate, offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour.

When working with players, I will:

- Place the well-being, safety and enjoyment of each player above everything, including winning
- Explain exactly what I expect of players and what they can expect from me
- Ensure all parents/carers of all players under the age of 18 understand these expectations
- Never engage in or tolerate any form of bullying
- Develop mutual trust and respect with every player to build their self-esteem
- Encourage each player to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and performance
- Ensure all activities I organise are appropriate for the players' ability level, age and maturity
- Co-operate fully with others in football (e.g. officials, doctors, physiotherapists, welfare officers) for each player's best interests.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Required to meet with the club, league or County Welfare Officer
- Required to meet with the club committee
- Monitored by another club coach
- Required to attend an FA education course
- Suspended by the club from attending matches
- Suspended or fined by the County FA
- Required to leave or be sacked by the club.

In addition:

- My FACA (FA Coaches Association) membership may be withdrawn.

ADULT PLAYERS

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

Players tell us they want a referee for every match, yet 7,000 match officials drop out each season because of the abuse and intimidation they receive on and off the pitch. Respect your referee today and you may just get one for every match this season.

Play your part and observe The FA's **Respect** Code of Conduct for players at all times.

On and off the field, I will:

- Adhere to the Laws of The Game
- Display and promote high standards of behaviour
- Promote Fair Play
- Always respect the match officials' decisions
- Never engage in public criticism of the match officials
- Never engage in offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- Never engage in bullying, intimidation or harassment
- Speak to my team-mates, the opposition and my coach/manager with respect
- Remember we all make mistakes
- Win or lose with dignity. Shake hands with the opposing team and the referee at the end of every game.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my club, County FA or The FA:

I may:

- Be required to apologise to team-mates, the other team, referee or team manager
- Receive a warning from the coach
- Receive a written warning from the club committee
- Be required to attend an FA education course
- Be dropped or substituted
- Be suspended from training
- Not be selected for the team
- Be required to serve a suspension
- Be fined
- Be required to leave the club.

In addition:

- The FA/County FA could impose a fine and/or suspension on the club.

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MATCH OFFICIALS

'RESPECT' CODE

We all have a responsibility to promote high standards of behaviour in the game.

The behaviour of the match officials has an impact, directly and indirectly, on the conduct of everyone involved in the game – both on the pitch and on the sidelines.

Play your part and observe The FA's **Respect** Code of Conduct of match officials at all times.

I will:

- Be honest and completely impartial at all times
- Apply the Laws of the Game and competition rules fairly and consistently
- Manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- Deal with all instances of violence, aggression, unsporting behaviour, foul play and other misconduct
- Never tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour from players and officials
- Support my match official colleagues at all times
- Set a positive personal example by promoting good behaviour and showing respect to everyone involved in the game
- Communicate with the players and encourage fair play
- Respond in a clear, calm and confident manner to any appropriate request for clarification by the team captains
- Prepare physically and mentally for every match
- Complete and submit, accurate and concise reports within the time limit required for games in which I officiate.

I understand that if I do not follow the Code, any/all of the following actions may be taken by my County FA or The FA:

I may be:

- Required to meet with The FA/County FA Refereeing Official
- Required to meet with The FA/County FA Refereeing Committee

NFA REFEREE COURSE 2011/12 SEASON for 11-a- side Football

THE COACHING OFFICER	Night of Course and Venue Address	SEPT 2011	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN 2012	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUNE	JULY
PETERBOROUGH Robert Windle 01733 204445 r.windle@sky.com	WED Focus Centre, Chestnut Ave, Peterborough, PE1 4PE 7:00 to 9:30pm	Course starts Wednesday 28 th September		Course ends Wednesday 9 th November			Course starts Wednesday 8 th February	Course ends Wednesday 14 th March				
FINEDON Ralph Sullivan 01832 731438 ralphsullivan@ btinternet.com	TUES Kennedy Club, Tower Field, Finedon, NN9 7:30 to 9:30pm		Course Starts Tuesday 4 th October	Course ends Tuesday 22 nd November			Course starts Tuesday 21 st February		Course Ends 10 th April			
NORTHAMPTON Peter Thompson 01604 478687 Peter.thompson12 @ntlworld.com	MON Bugbrooke FC, Birds Close, Bugbrooke, NN7 3RW 7:30 to 9:30pm	Course Starts Monday 12 th September	Course ends 31 st October			Course Starts Monday 16 th January		Course ends Monday 5 th March			Weekend Course starts Friday 8 th June 7:00pm. to 9:30pm.	Course CONTINUES Saturday & Sunday 9 th & 10 th June 9:30 to 3:30

The courses will last 6 to 8 weeks apart from the Bugbrooke course which will be a weekend course the cost of entry will be £95

(Please make cheques payable to The N.F.A. or payment may be made over the Telephone via credit or debit cards)

The course fee for 2011/12 includes CRB clearance, Safeguarding Children Workshop & Referee Registration fee for the season.

If you have any queries regarding the course please make contact with either your group coaching officer,

the Course Coordinator Peter Whatten on 01604 589872 p.whatten@sky.com or Peter Nicholson on 01604 678401 / Peter.Nicholson@NorthamptonshireFA.com.

All phone calls must be made before 9.30pm.

When you have decided which course you wish to enrol on return your completed application form along with your enrolment fee to:-

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King	David	6	NN15 5EL	01536 481496	07983 133323
Kitson	Patrick	7	NN10 6DH	01933 439608	07766 526078
Lake	Matthew	7	NN10 9JW	01933 355117	07882 321827
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McGlasson	Steve	5	NN6 8PT	01604 740207	07973 729513
McGoldrick	John	5	NN18 8PY	01536 746775	07947 556183
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O'Farrell	Jason	6	NN11 4LA	01327 705819	07894 230969
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Pacuszka	Piotr	7	NN1 1HF	01604 234540	07871 597161
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Ryan	Grant	6	NN7 4NE	01327 349373	07595 070960
Sheppard	Chris	7	NN2 8LD	01604 516607	07876 297825
Smith	Ian	7	NN6 7ET	01788 510261	07712 367221
Smith	James	5	NN9 5YJ	01933 655634	07525 147575
Smith	Sean	7	NN8 8BE	01933 800121	07817 292430
Speakman	Paul	6	NN3 9SH	01604 247828	07888 654439
Sprague	Allan	5	NN16 9JL	01536 520948	07970 464553
Stapleton	Thomas	6	NN14 6BZ	01536 418557	07812 671866
Stevens	Bruce	5	NN14 4SA	01832 734150	07808 822123
Stewart	Pete	7	NN8 4AE	01933 380720	07504 691302
Stones	Danny	6	NN8 4AG		07835 984778
Stradling	Paul	5	NN6 9LN	01604 881169	07851 197813
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Warmington	James	6	NN14 6HU	01536 507419	07412 333563
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Watts	Colin	7	NN10 8NG	01933 316239	07960 491820
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Guideline for Marking Referees

The Referees performance will be measured in every Northamptonshire Combination Football League match. Each club will be required to mark the Referee out of 100 marks. These marks will be submitted to the County FA. Please follow the specific guidelines that include match control, player management and application and interpretation of Law.

Mark	Comment
100	An exceptional performance displaying excellent control and accurate application and interpretation of Law supported by management strategies.
90	First class match control and player management incorporating accurate decisions and Law interpretation.
80	A very good performance with high level of accuracy, management and match control.
70	A performance displaying effective management techniques with good Law application and control with the potential for the next level.
60	A performance with a level of management and control. Identified shortcomings may be improved if the assessor's advice is acted upon. There may be evidence of inaccurate application of Law.
50	A performance below the expected where specific areas of Law application, management and control have been identified, requiring action needed to ensure improvement.
40	Unsatisfactory performance showing deficiencies in all categories of performance requiring immediate remedial action to be taken.
30	A poor performance displaying distinct lack of control and management skills, interpretation of Law is inadequate.

A mark of between 70 and 80 represents the standard expected of a Northants Combination Football League Referee. Where a club marks a Referee below 50, the club is required to submit a letter to the General Secretary, substantiating their judgement.

If possible the mark awarded to the Referee should not be done immediately after the game has been completed. Feeling will undoubtedly be running high and isolated incidents of a contentious nature will certainly colour the thinking.

The LEVEL's explained

- Level 1-4** are those serving Supply, Contributory, and National List.
- Level 5** all Class One Referees, not currently serving in Level 1-4
- Level 6** is basically formerly Class 2 Referees.
- Level 7** is basically formerly Class 3 Referees.
- Level 8** is Referees 16 and under.
- Level 9** is Referees under training.
- Level 10** is those Non-Active.