

The Mid Norfolk Youth League Cup Rules – Youth – For Ages U11-U16

Control of Competition

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

Organisation of the Competition

2. The competition shall be conducted on the “knock out” principle.
3. All Ties to be played on the arranged date, unless the following conditions:
 - a. Weather causes the postponement (in which case the game will be played at the next following date)
 - b. Committee decision
 - c. School/County Football/DOE pre-school booked event sanction by the committee
FAILURE to adhere may see the offending team excluded from the competition
4. All ties to be concluded on the day in the event of scores being level at the end of normal time:
 - i. For U12 to U16 a period of 10 extra time shall be played. If the scores are still level at this point the match shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
 - ii. For U11 if the scores are still level at this point the match shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
5. In the event of a club/team reaching a cup final they will be expected to supply a match ball
6. If there is a clash of colour then a decision on the home team will be made by the committee, who will be expected to change colour

Provisions for removal/exclusion from the competition

7. A team found to have played an ineligible player may be removed from the competition and fined up to £25. If the game is ordered to be replayed then the offending club may also be ordered to pay the expenses incurred.
8. In the event of club failing to play a cup fixture without satisfactory explanation, the offending club will be dealt with by the management committee which may mean forfeiting the match and/or a fine up to £50.

Venue for Matches

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

An entry fee for these fixtures will be charged where applicable and at the committees' discretion to cover costs of hire and officials

Reporting Results

10. Teams will confirm the result of the game via text within 24 hours of the games completion, for the avoidance of doubt this is the SMS text received from the fulltime system.

11. Teams must complete fulltime sheets by the Tuesday after the game has been played or they shall be fined in accordance with the fine structure for the league

Club Colours

12. For all finals, if there is a colour clash, then the choice of which team will wear their first-choice kit will be decided by completing a draw in which the first drawn is the home team.

Eligibility of Players

13. A player may not play for a team if he/she has played in a previous round of a league/sub cup for another team in any age group, except in exceptional circumstances agreed by the management committee before the game starts.

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

Provisions Concerning Match Officials

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

16. In all rounds except the final, the match fees shall be borne by the home team.

Trophies

17. Winning teams must return the trophy by 1st February of the following season or shall be fined up to £50.