

Farnham & District Sunday Football League

Rules of Cup Competitions (revised July 2025)

1. NAME AND CONSTITUTION

The Competitions shall be as follows:

- A] The Challenge Cup shall be competed for by clubs designated by the League Management Committee as they so decide.
- B] The Runwick Cup which shall be competed for by clubs designated by the League Management Committee as they so decide.
- C] The Charity Cup which shall be competed for by clubs designated by the League Management Committee as they so decide.
- D] The Dick Howard Trophy which shall be competed for by clubs designated by the League Management Committee as they so decide.
- E] The Super Veterans Cup and shall be competed for by clubs competing in the Super Veterans Division(s).
- F] The League Management Committee may, at their discretion, impose an entry fee, as schedule, for any Cup competitions.

2. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS.

- A] All players of competing teams must be properly registered with their Team in accordance with League Rule 18 at least 3 days before the playing of a Cup Tie. To be eligible to play and to qualify for any Final or Semi-final tie must have played in at least three matches in the Farnham and District Sunday Football League or a County Cup competition for the Team during the current season. Proof of such qualification will be derived by data compiled on the FA Full-Time system and/or verified by the League Registration Secretary.
- B] No player shall be allowed to play for more than one team in the same competition during the current season.
- C] In the event of a postponed, drawn or replayed match, only players who were eligible for the original match shall be eligible to play
- D] Any Team found guilty of playing an unregistered, suspended or otherwise ineligible Player or Players may be removed from the competition and fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the League Management Committee.
- E] Where a Club has more than 1 Team affiliated to the League they cannot play more than 2 Players in any League Cup competition for a Team from a lower Division that have each played in 4 or more matches for a Team in a higher Division in that playing season, except by permission of the Management Committee.

3. ARRANGEMENT OF MATCHES.

- A] Apart from the Cup Finals all ties shall be played on the ground of the first named Team other than in exceptional circumstances in which case the venue will be decided by the League Fixtures Secretary. Fixture dates and kick off times will be determined by the League Fixtures Secretary.
- B] In the final and semi-final ties the duration of play shall be 90 minutes. In matches prior to the semi-final ties matches may be reduced to 60 minutes duration if conditions dictate.
- C] In the event of a Cup tie being drawn at the end of normal time penalty kicks shall be taken to determine the winning team, in accordance with the Laws of the Game. Extra time will not be played in any tie.
- D] Matches abandoned through circumstances over which neither side has control shall be replayed in their entirety at a time and date agreed with the League Fixtures Secretary.
- E] Every effort should be made to play the game on the scheduled date, including swapping the venue and playing at the visitors home ground. Any Team failing to keep an arranged tie shall be liable to forfeit the match and be fined by the League Management Committee as they so decide.
- F] Any club[s] failing to finish a match in accordance with 3[c] unless affected by 3[b] shall be dealt with by the League Management Committee and may be expelled from the competition.
- G] No Team will be allowed to play with less than seven Players. Any Team with insufficient Players will be deemed to have failed to keep an arranged tie and will be subject to rule 3E].
- H] The Club first drawn will be the home Club. In the event of their ground not being available for any reason, the tie shall be played on the ground of their opponents. This game shall be recognised as a home game for the first named team. In the event of neither ground being available, the tie shall be played on the ground of the first named team at the earliest available date as arranged by the Fixtures Secretary.

4. REFEREES

- A] Referees and Assistant Referees [if available] for all matches shall be appointed by the Referees Secretary.
- B] The Referees and Assistant Referees fees for all Cup ties shall be in accordance with the Leagues Schedule of Fees and Tariffs agreed at the AGM and published pre-season.
- C] For all Cup rounds prior to the Finals, Officials fees shall be split and met equally by the competing Teams. The Home Team is responsible for ensuring that the Officials are paid in full.

5. FINAL TIE.

The League Management Committee shall make every effort to play the final ties of all Cup Competitions on an enclosed ground and receipts shall be the property of the League who shall pay all expenses associated with the matches.

6. TROPHIES-AWARDS.

- A] The winners of the Competition shall be presented with a Cup or Trophy which shall be held by that Club for the coming season and shall not be won outright and become the property of any Club. The President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary of the League shall be the legal holders of the Trophies. League Rule 13 applies in total
- B] In addition to a perpetual trophy, the League shall present medals or other suitable awards to the members of the competing teams and match officials if the funds of the League permit.

7. GENERAL.

- A] Any matters not provided for in these rules shall be decided upon by the League Management Committee.
- B] The League Management Committee shall have the power to rename any Cup Competitions in the best interests of the League.
- C] For all Cup rounds prior to the Finals the pitch expenses shall be split and met equally by the competing Teams up to a maximum of £70 for the visiting Team.
- D] In addition to C], for all Cup rounds prior to the Finals, Officials fees shall be split and met equally by the competing Teams. The Home Team is responsible for ensuring that the Officials are paid in full.
- E] With the exception of the above, the rules of the League shall apply.
- F] Each club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing rules and to abide by the decisions of the League Management Committee, subject to League rule 15.
- G] No Club may enter more than one Team in any Cup Competition.
- H] The dates for Cup Finals are to be decided by the League Management Committee and are not subject to change unless authorised by the League Fixtures Secretary and only if dictated by exceptional circumstances. Any team failing to be available on those dates shall be liable to forfeit the match and be fined as the Management Committee may decide.
- I] All teams shall wear their registered colours in all ties. In the event of these colours clashing in any final tie, both teams shall change their colours