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**Abridged Rules
Covering Match-days**

**For a full set of League Rules,
Please refer to the main Handbook**

Rule 8 - QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- (A) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are 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, countersigned by an OFFICER OF THE CLUB, and who has been registered with the REGISTRATION Secretary and whose completed registration ID card has been received by the club prior to playing. Players registrations last for one season only.
 - (ii) All new registrations will take a minimum of seven days from receipt by the registration secretary to process. All registration cards will be posted only to the club secretary as notified on the clubs D form
 - (iii) The registration cards must be available at all games within the jurisdiction of this competition, and may be requested only by the designated opposing team official or a League Officer. If the cards are not present the game will be awarded and the defaulting team dealt with under Rule 10 (F) (i) (ii)
 - (iv) The players actual Registration Card remains the property of the league who may request the return of such at any time during the season. Failure to comply with this rule will result in the club being fined no less than £50.00
 - (v) ID Cards as per team sheet presented to your opponents 30 minutes prior to kick-off Cards must be exchanged for perusal together with a fully completed team sheet form prior to the commencement of the fixture and must be returned either during or immediately after the fixture has been completed. Cards are subject to inspection by members of the Management Committee or nominated delegates at any time. If there are any players present for whom there is no registration card that player will be deemed as ineligible to play under Rule 8(O). Failure to comply with this rule will result in a £60.00 fine and the defaulting club dealt with by the Management Committee.
 - (vi) In the event of a Club falsifying the details shown on a Players registration form that Club shall be fined up to £200.00 and be otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.
 - (vii) Registration cards must be returned to the League at the Annual General Meeting at the close of the season or Club will be fined £40-00. Cards will be returned to the Club once the appropriate administration form has been completed. This Players registration list form will advise the club of its player's details, (i.e. Date of Birth, Full address, Full Name, and League Registration number.) This form will be issued along with the Annual General Meeting Paperwork and incorrect information corrected. Once the form is received back by the League Registration Secretary with the information corrected the clubs players registration cards will be issued for the forthcoming season.
 - (viii) A player whose registration form has been found to be false shall be treated as an UN-REGISTERED player for ALL matches in which he has been involved, and the CLUB dealt with accordingly.
 - (ix) While serving in any branch of Her Majesty's Regular Forces, a player must first obtain the consent of his Association Secretary before signing a registration form to play for a Club
- (C) A team shall not include any more than 3 (three) players who have taken part in any more

Senior Competition matches during the current season unless a period of 8 (eight) days has elapsed since they played. Failure to comply with this will result in said club being fined £40.00 per player and otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee. This rule will not be enforced between the Premier and Senior Reserve Divisions except in cup competitions. For the purpose of this Competition, Senior Competitions are any League, Divisional or Cup Competition deemed to be of a higher level than the game in question. (Decisions regarding seniority are at the sole discretion of the Management Committee)

- (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 said player has discharged all reasonable financial liabilities to the previous Club or Clubs. A Club official may not accept such players 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) (i) A fee of £3.50 shall be paid for each player registered. The registration will be valid for five years as long as the player stays at the same club, if not a new card will be issued for each change at the standard rate.
- (ii) Fourteen players must be registered for each team at least FOURTEEN (14) days prior to that teams relevant division's start date as set by the Management Committee. Failure to comply will entail a fine of £10-00 per player late registered under this rule.
- (F) (i) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.
- (ii) 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 Registration 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 the rules 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 wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.
- (H) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any player.
- (ii) The Management Committee shall have the 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 15/16)
- (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 Registration Secretary accompanied by a fee of £10-00. Such transfer shall be referred by the Registration 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 Registration 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 Registration 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. In the event of an objection to transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision. Failure to comply with this rule will leave the player subject to rule 8(H), and the club subject to 8(O)
- (J) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after the last day of February 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) (i) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registration 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.
- (ii) 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) (i) 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)) cup semi-final or final unless the player has played FIVE games for that team in this Competition in the current season. Any club found to be infringing this rule shall forfeit the fixture and be subject to a fine not exceeding £60.00 (Rule 8 (O) (i)) (See Cup Rule 10)
- (ii) A player will be considered CUP TIED only if he has participated in play during a Cup game, and therefore the player would then be ineligible to play for another club/team in any cup competition.
- (iii) In the event of both semi-finalists being in breach of League Rule 8(O) (i) both teams will forfeit the fixture and fined as per rule 8(O)(i), and the Cup awarded to the winning team contesting the other semi-final in the same competition as the forfeiting teams. If the same situation arises in both semi-finals fixtures NO Cup will be awarded for that season for the competition that was being contested.
- (N) A player who has played for a team in a higher Division three (3) times or more shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower Division except by permission of the Management Committee.

- (O) (i) Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player or players shall have the points or honours gained in the match deducted and will be fined £100-00 for each player and 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 Discipline 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.
- (P) Minimum age for players in this competition is 16 years of age.

9 - CLUB COLOURS, CLUB NAME

- (A) (i) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by the 1st JULY who shall decide as to their suitability. 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.
- (ii) 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 7 days before the match. Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine of £20-00.
- (iii) In all matches under the jurisdiction of this competition in the event of a colour clash the away team shall always make the change failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine of £40 00.
- (iv) 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.
- (v) Shirts must be numbered and recorded on the team sheet handed to the Referee. Any infringement of this Rule will invoke a fine of £30-00 for each match in which this Rule is infringed.
- (B) Any Club wishing to change its name and/or colours must seek permission from its affiliated County Association and from the Management Committee.
- (C) A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery). The basic compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items:
- A jersey or shirt with sleeves – if undergarments are worn, the colour of the sleeve must be the same main colour as the sleeve of the jersey or shirt.
- Shorts – if undershorts are worn, they must be of the same main colour as the shorts
- Stockings Footwear Shinguards • are covered entirely by the stockings, are made of rubber, plastic or a similar suitable material and provide a reasonable degree of protection
- Colours :- The two teams must wear colours that distinguish them from each other and also the referee and the assistant referees Each goalkeeper must wear colours that distinguish him from the other players, the referee and the assistant referee

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

- (A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season in accordance with Football Association Rules. Original fixtures arranged by the Fixtures Secretary, or at a meeting specially convened for that purpose, to be held no later than APRIL, must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date.
- (B) (i) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.
- (ii) The dates of all matches shall be arranged by the Fixture Secretary, and notified to the Clubs. All clubs will be required to fulfil fixtures in Midweek and on Bank Holidays if the league so schedules.
- (iii) Any Request by a Club for a free date shall be submitted to the Fixture Secretary and the General secretary in writing, not less than 28 days prior to said date, for consideration. Premier Division clubs can only apply under this rule if they are willing to fulfil the fixture in the week leading up to the requested date
- (iv) 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. This will include the use of third generation artificial surfaces. All pitches within the Premier Division must be a minimum of 110 yards long, by 70 yards wide all other Divisions must be a minimum 100 yards by 60 yards. PREMIER DIVISION TEAMS must use FA grade H pitches which are either roped off or contained by a permanent barrier surround there must be a technical area, clearly marked, for each team which contain seating for substitutes and staff. Provide a match program for all Home matches including Cups. Provide refreshments at half time and full time for players and officials.
- (v) If through any fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have the power to order the venue to be changed.
- (vi) Should a Club fail to provide the basic amenities, clean showers, changing rooms and toilets, the visiting Club or match officials shall report this to the General Secretary within 72 hours in writing or by Email. The General Secretary will then notify the defaulting Club and request an explanation. The League Management Committee will then inspect the defaulting Club, within 7 days, and upon their findings levy a fine of no less than £50-00.
- (vii) The Management Committee shall have the 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.
- (viii) All Matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than 70 minutes) is mutually agreed 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.
- (ix) The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the Annual General Meeting. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined £40-00 and be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.
- (x) The kick-off times for afternoon matches where floodlights are not available will normally be:-

AUGUST	3-00 PM	JANUARY	2-00 PM
SEPTEMBER	3-00 PM	FEBRUARY	2-00 PM
OCTOBER	2-30 PM	MARCH	2-30 PM
NOVEMBER	2-00 PM	APRIL	3-00 PM
DECEMBER	2-00 PM	MAY	3-00 PM

Where floodlights are available, a standard kick-off time of 3-00 PM will apply except in exceptional circumstances. Mid-week games without floodlights will kick off no later than 6 30 pm. For cup games within this competition the kick off times will always be 30 minutes before league scheduled kick off times. Ref:-Cup Rule 20 The above is mandatory, variable only at the discretion of the Management Committee Unless written permission has been obtained any Cup match not kicking off 30 minutes before the scheduled League kick off time will be dealt with under Rule 10(B)(ix).

- (xi) The referee shall commence a game providing both teams have at least seven (7) players changed at the appointed time and shall continue within the Laws of the Game. The referee MUST report all late starts to the Competition. Any team not ready to commence at the appointed time shall be fined £40-00 and otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee. The appointed time is that agreed by both clubs with reference to above and approved by the Management Committee.
 - (xii) Any team failing to be ready to commence the game within twenty minutes of the appointed kick off time, with reference to 10 (B) (ix) and 10(B)(xi) will be deemed to have not fulfilled the fixture and the game will be awarded and charged under Rule 10. (F) (i) / (ii) (This Rule is only to be considered providing no travelling information has been received from the missing team).
 - (xiii) The home team must provide at least two (2) UhlSport Missions or other F.I.F.A approved footballs fit for play prior to the commencement of the fixture, preferably in the dressing room area. Suitability of Match balls are at the referee's discretion. They must also ensure that adequate goal nets are used and that regulation height corner posts and goals are provided. The referee shall make a report to the Competition if any part of this rule is breached Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine of £15-00.
 - (xiv) Both competing teams must submit a team sheet, including substitutes, with their player's full names and relevant registration numbers and their correct shirt numbers. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine of £40.00
 - (xv) This sheet to be handed to the referee in the match officials changing room at least 30 minutes prior to the appointed kick off time. Clubs will then exchange team sheets. As well as relevant ID cards. At this time the Home team will also supply the referee with the two match balls. Clubs will only use the official team sheets supplied by the league for all League & Cup Games. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine of £20.00
 - (xvi) If you sign the waiver regarding ID CARDS on the team sheet then no protest regarding the opposing players will be heard by this league.
- (C)
- (i) 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 Fixture Secretary.
 - (ii) In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition five (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', The Discipline Secretary and the secretary of the opposing Club at least 5 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 will be fined £40.00.
- (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 11 players they shall

be fined £10.00 for each missing player. A minimum of 7 players will constitute a team for a Competition Match. (NOTE: The intention of this rule is not to interfere with normal team selection by Clubs, but to prevent Clubs deliberately fielding a weakened team in order to unreasonably reserve players for another game or to boost the strength of another or lower team. It is NOT intended that Clubs MUST field higher team players in lower teams when the higher team has no engagement. If, in the opinion of the Management Committee, the substance or spirit of the rule is obviously being disregarded, the Club or Clubs concerned may be called to account for its/their actions and shall be subject to such decisions as the Management Committee may determine, despite the fact that Rule 8 has not been infringed.)

- (F) (i) Home and Away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Discipline Committee shall have the power to inflict a fine of £50-00, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except by the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have the power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponents ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.
- (ii) After the 30th March the Middlesex County Football League will arrange games for Clubs/Teams that have not got available home dates to play outstanding fixtures. Fixtures can and will be arranged for Midweek and Saturdays at a neutral ground, once the Fixture Secretary has scheduled the games, these games must be played. Clubs not complying with this Rule will be fined £250-00.
- (iii) Any Club failing to field on more than three (3) occasions during the season will immediately be dealt with under rule 17(B) and the member clubs will be requested to expel them. If so they will then become liable to rule 14(B)
- (iv) 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 £ 40-00 and otherwise dealt with by the Discipline Committee.
- (v) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture must, without delay, give notice to the General Secretary, Results Secretary, Referees Appointments Secretary, Fixture Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club, the match Official/s by phone or e-mail and acquire confirmation of such, followed by the Discipline Chairman giving full reasons for the postponement in writing by post or e-mail. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict a penalty of not less than £40-00.
- (vi) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture, including County Cup matches through inclement weather, i.e. waterlogged or frozen pitch, must without delay, give notice to the General Secretary, Results Secretary, Referees Appointments Secretary, Fixture Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match Official/s by phone or text AND by e-mail or fax and acquire confirmation of such. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict a penalty of not less than £40-00.
- (vii) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned due 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 Fixtures Secretary within 7 Days, of the original fixture, the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Match to be played on a named date or before a given date.

- (viii) The Discipline 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 Discipline Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Discipline 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 Discipline Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine (s) can be applied by the Discipline Committee for an abandoned match.
- (ix) In the case of an abandoned match, both teams and the Referee must forward a written report to the League General Secretary and Discipline Chairman by either post or e-mail within seven (7) days, in order for the League Disciplinary Committee to decide the outcome of the match following the relevant County Association's decisions.
- (x) Fixtures at any time during the season may be scheduled with no less than 48 hours notice of the league scheduled kick off time.
- (G) A Club may at its discretion, and in accordance with the laws of the game, use 3 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 players. The Referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 30 minutes before the appointed start time 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 15 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee AND BOTH OPPOSING MANAGERS.
- (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 team mates. Prior to each match the participating teams and officials shall conduct the 'Respect' handshake and participating teams to offer handshakes to the opposing team after the match.
- (J) Subject to Rule 10B (ii) , the Management Committee shall have the authority to withdraw fixtures in the event of teams not being able to mutually agree kick of times or dates. These will be rescheduled at the discretion of the Management Committee.
- (K) A Club under suspension by the Football Association or County Association or by a League Decision and whose suspension is not lifted by noon on the Tuesday before the date of the fixture will not be allowed to fulfil that fixture on the scheduled date. The fixture will be considered unfulfilled and dealt with under the provision of Rule 10 (F) (i)(ii)
- (L) (i) All clubs shall have a member with either a valid First Aid or Treatment of Injuries Certificate. The members name with photocopies of relevant documents to be submitted to the Designated League Officer not less than seven days before the start of each season. Failure to comply will invoke an initial fine of £40-00 and the matter referred to the Management Committee for any further action.
- (ii) Any First Aider shall be in attendance at all Home and Away matches and shall sign the team sheet handed to the referee The nominated first aider will not be eligible as

- a player during this match Failure to comply will entail a fine of £40-00.
- (iii) Where clubs make use of an outside first aid organisation to cover games, such as St Johns Ambulance, the League requires formal confirmation of the duties that they have agreed to undertake for the Club.
 - (iv) Both teams must supply suitable First Aid equipment at their fixtures minimum contents as separate list in the handbook. And the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the First Aid equipment is unsuitable Failure to comply will render the club liable to a fine of £40.00.
- (M) Any Premier or Senior Reserve Division Club failing to comply with Middlesex County Football Association Intermediate Status Rule 2 will be dealt with by the Management Committee.
 - (N) The league expects any club or official being offered hospitality by any club within this league to partake of said hospitality. Any team or official failing to avail themselves of the hospitality offered by any club within this league will be reported to the Management Committee and liable to being dealt with under rule 5H.

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).
- (B) In the event of the non appearance by the appointed Referee, the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the Clubs can either refer the matter to the Fixtures Secretary for rescheduling or MUTUALLY agree upon a Referee. A Referee thus agreed upon shall officiate for the full duration of the game and exercise the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.
- (C) The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing Clubs, appoint Assistant Referees, if available to any match. Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £30-00 being imposed on the defaulting club.
- (D) The Appointed Referee shall have the 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 arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless a ground is declared fit to play.
- (E) Match officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to the following Match Fees (inclusive of expenses) :-
 - Referee £34.00
 - Assistant Referees £23.00
 The Home Club shall pay the Officials all their fees immediately after the match.

If the Management Committee under Rule 13 C decides the cost to be divided, the away club to reimburse home club 50% off the entire fee. If the officials are not paid as per this rule the offending club will be liable to a fine under rule 5(H) and the full cost of the outstanding fees.
- (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 half their fee only. 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.

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- (G) A Referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he or she is registered.
 - (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 fined and dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine. Subject to Rule 11A.
 - (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) The Referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the match, the number of players in each team and the time of kick off to the Registration Secretary within two days of the match.
 - (K) Referee's and Assistant Referee's 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) In the case of an abandoned match the Referee must supply the League General Secretary with a full written report (post or e-mail) explaining the full circumstances leading to the match being abandoned in order for the League Disciplinary Committee to determine the outcome of the match following the relevant County Association's hearings.

Referees' Match Fees

Officials appointed by the League should receive

Referee £34-00

Assistant Referee £23-00

See Rule 13(E) in the main League handbook

All results should be phoned or texted to the number below by 17:15 hrs.
on a Saturday

The information we require is:

1. Division or Cup Competition followed by:
2. Home team & score, followed by:
3. Away team and score

If it's an external competition and the home team is from outside of the league. You must telephone in the result, if the match is postponed you must phone and tell the League Results line.

For evening games results should be phoned or texted straight after the match.

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