

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION
(Including Rules and Regulations)

1. (A) This Competition shall be designated The Southampton and District Tyro League and known as The Southampton & District Tyro League and shall consist of not more than 120 Clubs who shall all be Full Member Clubs.

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 the Hampshire Football Association Limited. The area covered by the Competition Membership shall be the Southampton area as designated by Hampshire Football Association Limited.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Hampshire Football Association Limited and the constituent teams of Member Clubs shall be grouped firstly by age (under 11, under 12, under 13, under 14, under 15) and secondly in divisions.

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.

The competition will provide 11-a-side football for players who have attained the age of 10 as at midnight 31st August in a playing season.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

2. (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Competition Secretary and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee of £ 10.00 which shall be returned in the event of non-admission. The application will include confirmation that a member of the club will be qualified in First Aid, to a standard at least equal to the F.A. Emergency Aid Course, and that such a member will be in attendance at each match played by that club. 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 and a team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be £ 40.00 per team payable on or before 31st May in each year.

(C) Each Club shall, within 10 days of receipt of confirmation that their application has been accepted, pay a deposit of £ 50.00, which shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided that 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 has been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Competition Secretary in writing by 15 August of its County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season. Clubs must advise the Competition Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

OFFICERS

3. The Officers of the Competition shall be the President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Minutes Secretary, and Child Welfare Officer to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Referee Appointments Secretary / Co-Ordinator for Youth Football shall be permitted to attend and speak at all Meetings of the Management Committee or Age Group Sections, but will not be able to vote in any circumstances.

(N.B. Auditors, The Referee Appointments Secretary / Co-Ordinator for Youth Football, and Honorary Life Vice Presidents are not Officers).

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

4. (A) The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association by a Management Committee (The Tyro Council) comprised of the Officers of the Competition and 9 members of each Age Group (under 11, under 12/13 and under 14/15). Each Age Group shall appoint a Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Registration Secretary(s), Fixtures Secretary(s) and Minutes Secretary at a meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting.

(B) Retiring Competition Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Competition Officers, Honorary Life Vice Presidents (who shall have served a minimum of 15 years or given 15 years service to Youth Football) shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, or two current Competition Officers or any combination of these two not later than 1 April 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 position, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet monthly to deal with business as it arises. Each Age Group Sub-Committee must be represented by a minimum of one member.

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

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Competition Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated officers..

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

5. (A) The Management Committee appoint sub-committees and may delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Hampshire 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. 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. Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Official 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. 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.

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

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.

(F) Five members of the Management Committee comprising of at least one member of each age group and one officer 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 other 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 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.

Clubs, Officials or individuals committing a breach of this Rule will incur such penalties as the Management Committee may impose.

(J) An Officer appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any reasonable 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 Meeting or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6 (A) The Annual General Meeting of the Competition shall be held not later than 30 June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 10 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)
- (v) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.
- (vi) Election of Competition Officers, Management Committee, Honorary Life Vice Presidents and delegates to Hampshire Football Association and Southampton Football Association.
- (vii) Appointment of Auditors.
- (viii) Alteration of Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
- (ix) Confirm the date for the commencement and conclusion of playing season.
- (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 Hampshire FA Ltd.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Hampshire 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. Not less than 14 days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn membership of the Competition during the Season before being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall only vote on matters relating to the season being concluded.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the attendees qualified to vote or the Chairman/President 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 without satisfactory reason being given may be fined at the discretion of the Management Committee.

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

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

7. 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
_____ Youth Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Southampton & District Tyro League and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if 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 County Football Association to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition and to the Age Group Sub-Committee Secretary of each section in which the Club has a team.

(Note: The spaces above are intended for the inclusion of the signatures and addresses of officers and members).

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 8 (A) Contract players, as defined in Football Association Rules, are permitted in this Competition. No player registered with a F.A. Premier League or Football League Academy will be permitted to play in this competition. A Player registered with a Centre of Excellence may only play in this Competition subject to the Regulations of the Programme for Excellence.

(B) A registered youth playing member of a Club is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-

Signed a single fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink to play for one team within the Club, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the relevant Age Group Section Registration Secretary 7 days prior to playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing. The registration document must incorporate any known serious medical conditions of the player and emergency contact details of the players parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the player attends within the management of the Club or Competition.

The Registration Document and Counterfoil must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the player seeking registration together with proof of the player's date of birth.

The Qualifying Dates for the Competition shall be as follows:

The player must have attained the age of 10 by midnight 31 August in the playing season

Under 11 – the player must be under the age of 11 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 12 – the player must be under the age of 12 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 13 – the player must be under the age of 13 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 14 – the player must be under the age of 14 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

Under 15 – the player must be under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season.

In accordance with the foregoing qualifications a player under the age of 16 as at midnight on 31st August in the playing season must not play in a match where any other player is older or younger by 2 years or more.

(The above qualification dates are subject to the provisions contained in FA Rule C.4 (a)(v)).

(C) Not Applicable

(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)(i) The competition entry fee entitles each team to 15 player registration forms. Additional Player Registration Forms, required for whatever reason, may be obtained from the relevant Age Group Sub-Committee Registration Secretary on prepayment of £ 1.00 per form. Teams are limited to a maximum of 15 registered players at any particular time during the season.

(ii) Each team must submit a minimum of nine Official Player Registration Forms by 1st August in each year. Teams failing to comply may be fined or otherwise dealt with at the Management Committee's discretion.

(F) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

In the event of a player signing a registration form for more than one Club, the Age Group Registration Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(G) It shall be deemed misconduct 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 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 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 refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct. (Subject to Rule 16). Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in the competition.

(iv) The Management Committee shall have the power to investigate any player registration cancellation. The player registration cancellation form must be completed by the players parent/guardian and must include the reason for the cancellation, the players address and contact number, the players signature, the players parent/guardian signature and the signature of the Secretary of the players club, and must be sent, together with the players registration acknowledgement slip to the Age Group Registration Secretary. The players registration will only be deemed cancelled once this has been confirmed to the Club Secretary in writing.

(Note: Action under Clause (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct on the field of play until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the player bringing the Competition into disrepute.)

(I) Subject to The Football Association Rules dealing with players without a written contract when a player desires a transfer, the Club wishing to register the player shall submit an application to approach to the Secretary of the players existing club, with a copy to the relevant Age Group Registration Secretary accompanied by a fee of £20.00. Should the Club object to the approach it should state its objections in writing to the other Club, with a copy to the Age Group Registration Secretary within seven days of receipt of the application to approach. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within seven days, the Age Group Registration Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, advise the applying Club that they may approach the player regarding a transfer. If the player agrees, a correctly completed transfer form must be submitted to the Age Group Registration Secretary by the approaching club, together with the players current registration counterfoil. The player shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club once they have received a new registration counterfoil for that player from the Age Group Registration Secretary.

A club may not apply for permission to approach a player registered with another club, nor seek to register a new player, within 8 weeks of an application to cancel the registration of a player in the same age group, without the express permission of the Management Committee.

Transfers may only take place after 1 October and before 31 January in the playing season. Properly completed transfer documentation must be received by the Age Group Registration Secretary no later than 5.00pm on 31 January. No player shall be transferred more than once in any one season. Not more than one player shall be transferred to, or application to approach made, from one team to the same team within a period of 28 days. No club can apply to approach the same player more than once in the playing season.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision. All transfers are allowed at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(J) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 31 January, 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. Such records must be retained by the Club for a minimum of one year after the end of the season to which the registration relates.

In the event a Club has more than one team in an age group, each team must be clearly designated "A" and "B" or similar. In such cases, players will be registered for one team only.

(L) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Age Group Registration Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at Management Committee Meetings or at times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Season only.

(M) Not applicable.

(N) Not applicable.

(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 may be fined and/or otherwise dealt with at the discretion of the Management Committee.

(ii) In addition the team may have up to 6 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 in exceptional circumstances may, at its discretion, award any points deducted from a Club under this Rule to the opponents in the match in question, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

(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 Competitions).

(iii) Children under 16 shall not play in a team involving players who are more than 2 years older.

(Note: For players under the age of 18 the provisions contained in Football Association Rules will apply.)

(Q) After 31st January the Age Group Registration Secretary may issue registration forms for the next season. After 31st May players are free to register with any Club for the coming season.

CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

9. (A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Competition Secretary 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.

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.

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 £ 20.00.

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.

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

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

10. (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 Age Group Fixtures Secretary must not be arranged for a date later than seven days preceding the concluding date determined by the Annual General Meeting.

No game shall take place unless a suitably qualified first aider is in attendance. If a game is postponed due to the absence of a Qualified First Aider both Clubs will be held responsible. The Maximum penalty for breach of this rule is a fine and/or the deduction of 2 points at the discretion of the Management Committee.

A team may apply to the Age Group Fixtures Secretary for postponement of a match when one or more of their players have been selected to play for the Competition Representative Team on the same day. No club shall play a player on the day they have been chosen to play for the Competition Representative Team.

Any Club failing to be represented at an Age Group Section Meeting for an Age Group in which they participate shall be liable for a fine of £ 10.00.

(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.

Pitches should be school size or larger; goal nets are desirable but not compulsory. 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.

All matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time (not less than 40 minutes) is mutually arranged by the two clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

The duration of play shall be as follows unless it is mutually agreed by all parties to reduce the time. For under 11 and under 12, 30 minutes each half; for under 13 and under 14, 35 minutes each half; for under 15, 40 minutes each half.

The minimum time for any game will not be less than 20 minutes each half for players in the under 13 age group and below and 25 minutes each half for all other age groups.

No player under the age of 17 as at midnight on 31st August in any season shall be permitted to play more than one game or, in the event the competition allows the playing of a double-header, i.e.: two separate matches, 100 minutes per day in this Competition.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the Competition Management Committee. The under 11, under 14 and under 15 divisions will kick off at 10.00am. The under 12 and under 13 divisions will kick off at 2.00pm. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined a sum not exceeding £10.00 or be otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine, unless authority to alter the kick off time has been given by the Age Group Fixtures Secretary.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home team must provide at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. The size of football to be used shall be – size 4 for those playing under 11, 12, 13 and 14 age groups; and size 5 for those playing in the under 15 age group.

(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.

(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 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match.

Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to a fine of £ 20.00.

(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 may be fined for each missing player. A minimum of 7 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 fixtures, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence. Age, oldest first, then by League, highest first. Clubs in breach of this requirement shall be fined or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee.

Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture must, without delay, give notice to the Age Group Fixture Secretary, the local Referees Youth Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club failing to comply shall be dealt with by the Management Committee who may inflict any penalty it shall deem suitable.

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 fixed by the Age Group Fixtures Secretary.

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 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 opponents and/or take what other action they shall deem necessary. In cases where a match is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the appropriate Affiliated Football Association.

(G) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 4 substitute players in any match in this Competition who shall be selected from 4 named players. Entry into the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 15 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 10 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

REPORTING RESULTS

11. (A) The Age Group Fixtures Secretary must receive within 2 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.

(B) The Home Club shall telephone the result of each match to the Age Group Fixtures Secretary by 6.00pm on the date of the match

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of both clubs. The Management Committee shall have power to take such action as they deem suitable against a Club that submits an incomplete form or incorrect information.

(D) The relevant Age Group Fixtures Secretary must be informed by a representative of the Club of any disciplinary action taken by the match referee in respect of a player, club official or supporters by telephone on the day of the match, including matches abandoned. This must be confirmed, in writing, by the Club Secretary to the relevant Age Group Sub-Committee Secretary within 4 days.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

12. (A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 2 points to be awarded for a win and 1 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 shall be decided in the following manner:-

- (i) superior goal difference between goals scored and goals conceded, then if necessary
- (ii) higher number of goals scored

When teams have the same points, the same goal difference and the same goals scored, their positions in the division will be equal.

(B) There is no automatic promotion or relegation. Applications to play in the competition in the following season will be considered by the Management Committee and teams placed in divisions at their discretion.

Should one or more teams withdraw from any one division after the fixtures have been issued but before any games have been played, the Management Committee may, at their discretion, move teams between divisions if deemed appropriate.

(C) In the event of a team not completing all of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table. The goal scored in games involving that team shall similarly be removed.

REFEREES

13. (A) Registered Referees and Assistant Referees for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association (i.e. Local Youth Appointment Secretary).

(B) In the event of the non appearance of 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, or where the competition has been unable to appoint a Referee, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee provided by the home club. A referee thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. If the home club is unable to provide a Referee when a Registered Referee is not appointed, or having been appointed does not appear, they shall be fined £ 50.00.

(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 £ 25.00 being imposed on the defaulting Club.

(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 arbiter and whose decision must be accepted unless the ground is declared fit for play.

(E) Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be entitled to charge standard class public transport expenses or private car expenses and any other permitted expenses actually incurred together with match fees, in accordance with the schedule of fees and expenses published in the current Hampshire Football Association Handbook.

The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and expenses immediately after the match.

(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 fee plus expenses. 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 his non-appearance, may be reported to the County Football 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 liable to be fined or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

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 County Football Association.

(I) The local Youth Appointments Secretary shall be supplied, each Season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

14. (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 fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each season or be liable to a fine not exceeding £ 50.00. All Clubs wishing to remain in membership of the Competition for the following season must confirm their intention to do so in writing on the designated form to the Secretary by 31 May.

(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. Any Club infringing this Rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £25.00 per team and shall also be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B).

(C) The membership for the coming season having been decided at the Annual General Meeting, the competition shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions of this Rule, to refuse to permit a Club to withdraw its team(s) 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.

PROTESTS AND APPEALS

15. (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 Competition Secretary within 7 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 £25.00 and no more than 7 days have elapsed since the incident occurred. 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 be afforded an opportunity to make a statement when the protest or complaint is being heard and must have received 10 days notice of the hearing, together with a copy of the submission. When dealing with a protest or complaint the Management Committee shall take into consideration the possession by the protesting or complaining Club of any information which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest or complaint.

BOARD OF APPEAL

16. 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 Secretary of the Hampshire Football Association, including the applicable fee, 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.

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

17. (A) At the Annual General Meeting, or Special General Meeting called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, 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 or team of a 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 or Team failing to complete all of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise by a majority of two-thirds of the votes cast) be debarred from membership the following season.

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

18 .(A) A Competition Cup or Trophy is vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition is discontinued for any reason the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provide, or otherwise 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 31 January to a member of the Age Group Sub-Committee. 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, plus a fine of £100.00”.

Failure to return the Trophy by 31 January will result in an automatic fine of £20.00 and a further fine of £1.00 per day, or part thereof, from 31 January to the date the Trophy is actually returned.”

(C) At the close of each Competition awards may be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

19. 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 15 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 may be fined at the discretion of the Management Committee.

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

ALTERATION TO RULES

20. Alterations 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 Competition Secretary by 31 December in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 15 February and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Competition Secretary by 21 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 by 1 April.

Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

21. 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.

FINANCE

22. (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 30 April.
- (D) The books or a certified balance sheet of the Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting.

CUP COMPETITIONS

23. (i) The Competitions shall be managed by the Officers and Management Committee of the Southampton & District Tyro League who shall have the power to delegate to Age Group Sub-Committees with the power to act. All decisions of the Management Committee and Age Group Sub-Committees shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal (In accordance with Rule 16) :-

Under eleven	30 minutes each way – extra time if required	10 minutes each way – size 4 ball
Under twelve	30 minutes each way – extra time if required	10 minutes each way – size 4 ball
Under thirteen	35 minutes each way – extra time if required	10 minutes each way – size 4 ball
Under fourteen	35 minutes each way – extra time if required	10 minutes each way – size 4 ball
Under fifteen	40 minutes each way – extra time if required	10 minutes each way – size 5 ball

(ii) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

(iii) The Competition shall also run a Subsidiary Cup in each age group with timing and size of ball as per the main League Cup. The Rules of the League apply to all Cup matches, including playing time. If the result of a Tyro League Cup match is a draw at full time than extra time of TEN minutes each way, in all age groups, will be played. If still a draw, a replay will be arranged by the Age Group Fixtures Secretary. No Tyro League Cup or Subsidiary Cup match will be decided by a penalty shoot-out.

(iv) The Home Club shall telephone the match result in accordance with Rule 11(B). Any team failing to comply in the correct manner, having been so requested, shall be fined £ 10.00.

(v) The players qualifications shall be those as defined in Rule 8. No player shall play for more than one team in the Tyro Cup Competitions. A player who has been selected, appointed, or named as a substitute before the start of the match, but who 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. The result card should be marked 'DNP' next to the players name and initialed by a representative of each team

(vi) Except as hereby varied, or as may be inconsistent, the remainder of the Rules of the Southampton and District Tyro League shall apply to the Cup Competitions.

(vii) The Management Committee may provide other Cup Competitions as they deem necessary, which shall be open to all teams registered with and invited by the Management Committee. The Rules of such Cup Competitions shall be consistent with the other Cup Rules.

AGE GROUP SECTION MEETINGS

24. A meeting of each Age Group Section shall take place each month unless otherwise advised by the Age Group Sub-Committee. The Club Secretary, or their representative must attend each Age Group Section Meeting in which their club participates. Information made available and/or distributed at such meetings shall be deemed to have been received by the Club Secretary, and Clubs will be liable for disciplinary action for any failure to comply with such information. In the event that a Club is not represented at an age group meeting in which they have a team(s) competing there will be a fine of £ 10.00.

SET PENALTIES

As accepted at the Annual General Meeting of 5th June 2007

	<u>£</u>
Unauthorised change of venue	20.00
Unauthorised change in kick off time	20.00
Failure to notify match result	10.00
Incomplete or incorrect match result card	10.00
Failure of a Club to be represented at an Age Group Meeting	10.00
Failure of the home club to notify match particulars to the opposing team	20.00
Failure of the home club to notify match particulars to the match official(s)	20.00
Failure of the home club to advise the opposing club of the postponement of a game	20.00
Failure of the home club to advise the match official(s) of the postponement of a game	20.00
Failure of the home club to advise the age group fixtures secretary of the postponement of a game.	20.00
Failure of the away club to have a change of kit required due to a colour clash.	20.00
Failure of a club to notify the relevant age group fixtures secretary of disciplinary action taken by the match official.	20.00
Failure of the home club to provide a suitable person to referee the game in the absence of an appointed official.	50.00

These penalties relate to one-off or isolated incidents. Persistent breaches of Rules will be dealt with through a disciplinary hearing in accordance with rule 5(D), as will any matters not covered by these Set Penalties.

CHILD PROTECTION

1. Any act, statement, conduct or other matter which harms a child or children, or poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children, shall constitute behaviour which is improper and brings the game into disrepute.
2. In these Regulations the expression "Offence" shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in Schedule 1 to the Children and Young Persons Act 1933 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.
3. Upon receipt by The Association of:
 - 3.1 notification that an individual has been charged with an Offence; or
 - 3.2 notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police, Social Services or any other authority relating to an Offence; or
 - 3.3 any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children then The Association shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such period and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
4. In reaching its determination as to whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made The Association shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:
 - 4.1 whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm;
 - 4.2 whether the matters are of a serious nature;
 - 4.3 whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded.
5. The period of an order referred to in 3 above shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge under the Rules of The Association or any Offence is decided or brought to an end.
6. Where an order is imposed on an individual under regulation 3 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.
7. Where a person is convicted, or is made the subject of a caution in respect of an Offence, that shall constitute a breach of the Rules of The Association and The Association shall have the power to order the suspension of the person from all or any specific football activity for such a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
8. For the purposes of these Regulations, The Association shall act through its Council or any committee or sub-committee thereof, including the Board.

Notification in writing of an order referred to above shall be given to the person concerned and/or any club with which he/she is associated as soon as reasonably practicable.

NOTES TO CLUB SECRETARIES

1. Clubs are warned that they must not :-

- Play matches with unaffiliated Clubs. (as per Football Association Rules)
- Play a match in which one of the competing teams is a scratch team.
- Play a match in which gate money is taken, unless so provided in the appropriate Hampshire Football Association Limited or Football Association Rule.
- Play matches in the close season, except as provided in the appropriate Hampshire Football Association Limited or Football Association Rule.
- Take part in competitions, be they Cup, League, small sided tournaments etc. without first ascertaining that sanction has been obtained from Hampshire Football Association Limited or the County Association in whose area the competition operates.

2. The Southampton & District Tyro League requires that a Club member qualified in First Aid to a standard at least equal to The FA Emergency Aid Course is present at every match played by the Club.

3. Confirmation of Fixture Arrangements as agreed with Hampshire Football Association Ltd and the Local Area Referees Committee:

Each team must nominate a single ground on which to play their home games. The kick off time for these home matches will be as Rule 10(B). The Under 11, Under 14 and Under 15's at 10.00am, and the Under 12 and Under 13's at 2.00pm.

Any team that will have difficulty in complying with these kick-off times may make application through its Club Secretary to the appropriate Age Group Fixtures Secretary requesting a change. In the event that this request is granted, the amended time will relate to every home game played by that team.

Thus the venue and kick-off time for every game is fixed.

Any team requiring to deviate from either the venue or the kick off time for a specific game must, through its Club Secretary, agree the change with the appropriate Age Group Fixtures Secretary not less than 7 days prior to the scheduled date of the game.

If you require any clarification, please ask your Club Secretary to contact either an Age Group Fixtures Secretary or the Competition Secretary.