

RULES OF THE CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITIONS

- 1 The Challenge Cup Competition shall be:-

ALL DIVISIONS *	CHALLENGE CUP
PREMIER	MEMORIAL CUP
DIVISION 1	GIBSON CUP
DIVISION 2	WHITESIDE CUP
DIVISION 3	PARKINSON COLLEGIAN CUP
DIVISION 4	CUNNINGHAM CUP
RESERVE /THIRD TEAMS	FISHER REMEMBRANCE CUP

(* Senior Teams of all Clubs in this League)

- 2 The cup shall be held for one year by the winners, and shall not become the permanent property of any club. All cups to be played for on a “knock-out” principle. In some cases the knockout stage may be preceded by a “League” stage as the Management Committee decide.
- 3 The Management Committee of the North Lancashire and District League Competition have the entire control and management of the cup competitions.
- 4 Teams shall not scratch without the consent of the Management Committee. Any team refusing to play the tie on the date fixed shall be struck out of the competition, and / or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine in accordance with League Rule 5.
- 5 Unless by mutual agreement the match must be played on the ground of the club first drawn in the tie. The Management Committee reserves the right to nominate the ground on which any tie shall be played and that shall include the playing of the tie on the ground of the Club drawn as the away Club or such other ground as the Management Committee deem appropriate if the ground of the Club drawn as the home Club shall be considered unplayable or unavailable or unsuitable for such tie, or after having been fixtured twice previously.

The arrangements for the final tie shall be in the hands of the Management Committee. Teams contesting this tie shall submit two match balls to the referee prior to the game.
- 6 Clubs, which have a bye in any round, shall not be entitled to a bye in the next round.
- 7 (i)Each competing team shall consist of only bona-fide playing members of their club. No individual shall play for more than one club/team in the same season, in the same competition.

(ii)After January 1st each season no player may play for any club in this competition who has played in any more senior competition during the current season unless the player(s) has played at least (6) matches in the season for the club in this competition.

- 8 League rule 8 shall apply as to registration and eligibility of players. No club may play more than 3 First team players in the Reserve side or three reserve team payers in the third team in any tie. A player may play in the R.M. Fisher Remembrance Cup and then the Senior Challenge Cup. But once the player has played in the Senior Challenge Cup the player is then ineligible for the R.M. Fisher Remembrance Cup. All players must be registered 7 days prior to semi-final and/or final ties.
- A club having three teams will be allowed to enter its second and third teams into the R.M. Fisher cup competition, unless the Club wishes only to enter its Reserve Team in the Competition. In such case the Club must inform the League Secretary in writing no later than 15th August each season of this decision. No player may play in this competition for both the second team and the third team. An eligible player shall not be classed as a reserve or third team player until he has played for the reserve or third team as a player or substitute having taken part in a match. After such appearance for the reserve or third team he shall not be during that season's competition eligible to play for the other team of that club at all under any circumstances. If he does he shall be classified as an ineligible player and the team shall be deleted from the competition. A recognised first team member as defined in league rule 8N shall not be allowed to play in the third team in this competition. Such a player shall be regarded as ineligible and the team deleted from the competition. Any team found to have played an ineligible player will be expunged from the competition, fined, and may be further dealt with and their opponents will take their place.
- 9 The matches must be played according to the Laws of the game. Goal nets must be used in all matches.
- 10 League Rule 9 shall apply as to club colours. In semi-final or final ties, if both clubs colours are similar both clubs must change.
- 11 (A)The duration of each match shall be 90 minutes in all games. If both teams are level after 90 minutes extra time of 15 minutes each way must be played, except for games played on a league basis. In the event of a draw after extra time then the result shall be determined by penalties in accordance with the laws of the game. The half time interval shall be 10 minutes, and this may be reduced by the match referee in the case of late kick-off or/and adverse weather conditions.
- (B)Kick-off times for all Saturday ties will be 1-30 unless otherwise ruled by the League Fixture Secretary. Any Club failing to commence at the appointed time may be fined or otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine.
- (C)In a Cup Final match ONLY a Club may, at its discretion, and in accordance with the Laws of the game, use up to three substitute players who may be selected from five players.
- 12 League rule 11 shall apply. (REPORTING RESULTS)

- 13 League rule 13 (MATCH OFFICIALS) shall apply save that
- a. all appointments of all Referees and Assistant Referees for Semi-Finals and Finals shall be determined by the Management Committee.
 - b. In the case of a final tie the Referee and Assistant Referees may claim expenses as well as receive a trophy for their appearance.
 - c. In the semi-final ties both clubs are equally responsible for payment of the referee's and assistant referee's fees and expenses.
- 14 League rule 15 shall apply. (PROTESTS AND APPEALS)
- 15 League rule 16 shall apply. (BOARD OF APPEAL)
- 16 In the case of the Parkinson Collegian Challenge Cup Competition all home clubs shall make a collection for each round of the competition and in all rounds up to the semi-final and final ties the collection shall be disposed of by the League Treasurer to a charity nominated by the donor of the cup.
- 17 League rule 18 shall apply. (TROPHIES)
- 18 (A) A Club shall play its full strength side in all ties. The Management Committee shall not permit any club to scratch in the Semi-Final or Final ties. In all cases any Club refusing to play against the Club that it has been drawn may be adjudged to have forfeited the tie.
- (B) A Club with a reserve side and/or a third side cannot cancel a R.M. Fisher Remembrance Cup tie to fulfil a first team fixture or reserve team fixture. If they fail to fulfil such a tie then the game shall be awarded to their opponents. A first team fixture or reserve team fixture cannot be cancelled to fulfil a R.M.Fisher Remembrance Cup tie.
- A Club can only request a cancellation of an R.M.Fisher tie when 2 or more RESERVE OR THIRD TEAM PLAYERS are required for League or County Representative matches. All requests must be in writing to the Fixture Secretary.
- 19 League rule 10K shall apply. (FIRST AID KIT)
- 20 All matters not dealt with in the foregoing rules shall be governed by the rules of the North Lancashire and District Football League Competition.

REFEREES' FEES

All Senior Cup Competitions

Rounds	£20.00
Semi-finals	£20.00
Assistant Referees	£15.00

In the case of a Final tie the Referee and Assistant Referees may claim expenses and receive a trophy.

In addition to the fees quoted above travelling expenses will be paid at 25p per mile by private motor vehicle or such expenses actually incurred by public transport. Assistant Referees will be appointed by the Management Committee for all Semi-Finals and Final ties and they will be entitled to receive fees and expenses as quoted above.