



# **COMPETITION RULES**

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# DUBLIN DISTRICT SCHOOLBOYS LEAGUE

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## **SECTION 1.0 COMPOSITION:**

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### **1. LEAGUE COMPOSITION**

#### **RULE 1. ELECTION OF LEAGUE OFFICERS**

1. The Officers of the league shall be independent of clubs in membership of the league and shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the League for a two-year period on a bi-annual basis as follows, nominees to be sent in before 30<sup>th</sup> September in the year the position is due for election, with a proposer and a seconder.

Year 1 - Chairman & Hon. Treasurer

Year 2 - Vice Chairman & Hon. Secretary

2. No person shall be appointed as an Officer of the league if at the time of appointment that person has not served a minimum of two years working within the organisation.
3. In the case of death or resignation of an officer the remaining officers shall appoint a person to act in their place until the following AGM.

#### **RULE 2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

1. The AGM shall be held no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> in any calendar year.

#### **RULE 3. LEAGUE TROPHIES**

1. The Chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary of the league shall be for all intent and purposes the legal holders of the cups in trust for the league. When the winning clubs have been declared the committee shall hand the various cups to their representatives.
2. They shall make such provision for the safe return of the cups as they consider necessary. All cups/trophies must be insured while in the possession of the winning club, loss or damage to any cup/trophy shall be paid for by the club. Winners and runners-up medals will also be presented. All trophies must be returned to the league offices as directed by the executive.
3. Failure to do so shall result in a fine of €50 per week or part of. Clubs in possession of cups shall be notified in writing prior to this deadline to return same.

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## **RULE 4. LEAGUE FEES AND PAYMENTS**

1. League fees for the season shall be determined by the Executive Committee and communicated to clubs at the start of each season.
2. All applications must be submitted on the leagues online payment system.
3. All payments to be paid electronically through the leagues online payment system.
4. The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any club as they deem fit whose balance of fees have not been paid by the mid point in any season.
5. League receipts will be issued for all monetary transactions electronically by the online payments system (except for search fees which must be paid prior to the search taking place) where a paper receipt shall be issued. All queries relating to payments shall be entertained only on the production of such receipts.

## **RULE 5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POWERS**

1. The Executive Committee shall have the power to deal with any offending clubs, players, or officials as they deem fit, and to deal with any matter, situation or circumstances which arises that is not specifically covered within these rules.

## **RULE 6. SCOUTS \ REPRESENTATIVES \ AGENTS**

1. It is recognised that people are appointed by association football clubs to assess player's potential, who in turn might be influenced to sign for such clubs.
2. These people, known as scouts/representatives are prohibited from acting as directors or in the administration of the league.
3. These people must be licensed or act under accreditation from the league.
4. It is the responsibility of clubs to ensure that all scouts, with whom they engage, have been approved by the FAI and vetted prior to allowing them access to their players under the age of eighteen (18).
5. All requests for players to trial with clubs inside or outside the jurisdiction of the FAI must follow the current FAI procedures.
6. Where the executive finds evidence of breaches of FAI procedures by players, clubs, scouts representatives, or agents, the league shall ban those deemed responsible for up to 12 months.
7. Agents are not eligible to act in any capacity within member clubs or within the administration of the league.

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## **2. MEMBER COMPOSITION**

### **RULE 7. MANDATORY INSURANCE**

1. Every club must have in force Public Liability Insurance, including, where appropriate, Property Owners Insurance providing insurance cover in respect of all the club's activities.
2. Where a club engages any person under a contract of employment, the club must have in force an appropriate Employers Liability Policy.
3. No club or team shall be admitted to membership of the league that fails to comply with 1 and 2 above.
4. Where a club is already in membership and subsequently allows the insurance to lapse or discontinue the Executive Committee shall as they deem fit expel or suspend from membership the said club until appropriate insurance is in place.

### **RULE 8. RETURNING \ NEW \ REMOVED MEMBER APPLICATION**

1. Application for membership by clubs that were not registered members of the league in the previous season, or clubs that were removed from membership of the league in the previous season will be considered by the Executive Committee for acceptance into the league.
2. The Hon. Secretary shall inform all current member clubs in the same local area where such application has been received and these clubs may submit written support or objection to such applications and these shall be considered by the Executive committee before acceptance or rejection of any such application.
3. An application to join the league is not a guarantee of acceptance into the league.
4. The Executive Committee or designated persons from within the league shall have the final decision in these matters.

### **RULE 9. COMPLIANCE OF MEMBERS**

1. It is the responsibility of all clubs to assist in every way with the smooth running and operation of the league competitions and all entries are accepted on this basis.
2. Where such co-operation and assistance are not provided, or is withdrawn, the Executive committee has the right to refuse entry to such clubs for future competitions.

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### **RULE 10. ALTERATION TO RULES BY MEMBERS**

1. Each club in membership of the league shall have the right to submit alterations to these rules. Such proposed alterations must be submitted to the Hon. Secretary of the league on or before 30<sup>th</sup> September in each year and signed for and on behalf of the club proposing such alterations by the Hon. Secretary of the club.
2. Any alterations to rule must be passed by a two thirds majority of those present and eligible to vote.

### **3. DIVISIONAL COMPOSITION**

#### **RULE 11. DIVISIONS**

1. The League shall consist of divisions as the Executive Committee deems appropriate;

For boys and girls aged 8 in the year the season concludes.

For boys and girls aged 9 in the year the season concludes.

For boys and girls aged 10 in the year the season concludes.

For boys and girls aged 11 in the year the season concludes.

For boys and girls aged 12 in the year the season concludes.

For boys and girls aged 13 in the year the season concludes.

For boys and girls aged 14 in the year the season concludes.

For boys and girls aged 15 in the year the season concludes.

For boys and girls aged 16 in the year the season concludes.

For boys aged 17 in the year the season concludes.

For boys aged 18 in the year the season concludes.

For boys aged 19 in the year the season concludes.

For boys aged 17 & 18 (Youths) in the year the season concludes.

For boys aged 18 & 19 (Senior Youths) in the year the season concludes.

2. Sections of any division will be established at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
3. The top section in the nine & eleven aside aged division shall be called "Premier Division".

#### **RULE 12. COMPETITION CONTROLS**

1. The Executive Committee or its designated officials may organise additional competitions from time to time and shall determine the format of these competitions as they deem fit.



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**SECTION 2.0 PLAYERS:**

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**1. REGISTRATIONS**

**RULE 1. PLAYER REGISTRATIONS**

1. Players must be registered to the league, each player's name, address and other relevant information must be completed to comply with the player been registered correctly.
2. When the players are registered on the FAInet system, each team must furnish the league with each player's signature on a registration sheet supplied for the purpose via the FAInet system.
3. A player is eligible to play, provided their details have been duly registered on the FAInet system and their signature has been received by the league on the registration sheet bearing an electronic date stamp or the official league stamp one day or more prior to the date of the fixture.

**RULE 2. PLAYER REGISTRATION SQUAD SIZE**

1. Teams in all "PREMIER" sections of the league up to and including the under 16 age are only allowed to register 18 players in any one season. Teams in other "Premier" divisions can register 20 players in any one season.

**RULE 3. PLAYER REGISTRATION OWNERSHIP**

1. Receipts bearing official league stamp is the clubs only proof of the player's registration and it is the responsibility of the club to ensure that receipts are collected from the league offices.
2. The onus is on all clubs to make sure that the parent/parents/guardians sign on behalf of the player applying to join a club in the league. The signature of the parent/parents/guardian will be required under seperate cover and this may be requested at any time by the Executive Committee.

**RULE 4. PLAYER REGISTRATION PERIOD**

1. The month of July shall be deemed a closed month and players may be approached to sign for any club registered to a league operating under the standard season, such players cannot be registered to a club until after July 31<sup>st</sup>.
2. Players may only be registered to play during the official playing season for which the registration form relates this being August 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> in any standard year.

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### **RULE 5. REGISTRATION PLAYER \ CLUB SANCTIONS**

1. All players must be registered to play in the league, teams found playing an:-

- a. Un-registered player
- b. Improperly registered player
- c. Ineligible player

will face the loss of game the player played in, plus the further deduction of three points and a fine of €100.

2. Any club or player that provides false information or incorrectly fills out a registration form shall be dealt with by way of a fine and/or suspension by the Executive Committee.

### **RULE 6. LEAGUE REGISTRATION PLAYER OWNERSHIP**

1. In the event of a club or team resigning or being removed from the league, the said players become the property of the league. The Hon. Officers may give permission for the said players to be re-registered to clubs in the league if so requested. A maximum of 3 players shall be permitted to re-register for any one club in the current season. Last date for permission to be granted will be April 30<sup>th</sup> in the current season.

### **RULE 7. LEAGUE REGISTRATION PLAYER REPLACEMENT**

1. Permission may be granted by the Executive Committee to replace players for the following reasons;

- a. Long term injury supported by medical evidence from hospital attended by the player.
- b. Transfer of a player to another club.
- c. A player leaving the team by their own volition. Evidence supporting this must be submitted by the club.

## **2. AGE ELIBIBILITY**

### **RULE 8. PLAYER AGE ELIGIBILITY**

1. The Executive Committee may during the season adopt whatever measures they may consider necessary to ensure that the players of the various clubs are within the age as prescribed by Rule.

### **RULE 9. PLAYER AGE ELIGIBILITY OWNERSHIP**

1. In all matters relating to the age of players it is the responsibility of the club to which the player is registered to provide proof that the player is within the age as per prescribed rule and such proof must be provided within 7 days of receipt of any request from the league.
2. Failure to provide such proof within the 7 days will be dealt with at the discretion of the committee.
3. Such proof shall be in the form of an original birth certificate, passport, international identity card or documentation issued by the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and acceptable to the league officers as proof of age. Failure to produce proof of age will deem the player to be in-eligible as per prescribed rule and any such player treated as over age.

### **RULE 10. PLAYER AGE ELIGIBILITY SANCTIONS**

1. Any team found guilty of playing an over-age player shall be deducted 15 points and fined €200.
2. The offending player shall be fined and/or suspended for a maximum of 6 weeks from participation in all league fixtures.
3. The offending manager/coach will be liable to a suspension of no more than a period of 3 months from participation within the league.
4. Players and/or managers/coaches found guilty of committing a second offence under this rule during the same season may be expelled from all competitions within the league at the discretion of the Executive Committee.
5. Offending clubs shall pay all costs of the protest, i.e. search fees, protest fees, birth certificate fees, registered letter fees and any reasonably vouched costs incurred by the club that proves same against them.

## **3. TRANSFERS**

### **RULE 11. PLAYER TRANSFERS**

1. A player can play for only one club in the league in any one season except when they have received a transfer from the club last signed for. No player can be re-registered except when they have received this transfer.
2. No player can play at the same age group for different teams within the same club in any one season without being transferred.
3. A player cannot be transferred more than once without the sanction of the committee and must be re-registered as per rule.

### **RULE 12. PLAYER TRANSFER OWNERSHIP**

1. The transfer form must be received by the league prior to re-registration of the player as per rule either by post (date and postmark will be accepted as date of transfer) or electronically or received by the league registrar bearing the official league stamp.
2. The transfer of the player must be registered on the FAInet system and the re-registration of the said player must be carried out as per rule.
3. Transfer forms must be passed by a special committee unless the transfer form has been agreed by both clubs.

### **RULE 13. PLAYER TRANSFER WINDOW**

1. Transfers will not be accepted after December 31<sup>st</sup> in each season for players up to and including under 16 years of age.
2. The transfer of a player from a club within the league to a club from another league, or a player from another league to a club within the league will be permitted up to the transfer deadline of the other league concerned if that date is later than December 31<sup>st</sup>.
3. For players in the under 8 to under 11 age groups, transfers between two teams within the same club will be permitted from December 1<sup>st</sup> to January 15<sup>th</sup> from inclusive in the current season. Such players cannot be transferred more than once without the sanction of the committee and must be re-registered as per rule.
4. For any division playing at under 17s and above there shall be two transfer periods as follows;
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> September inclusive in the current season.
  - b. 1<sup>st</sup> December to 31<sup>st</sup> January in the current season.

## **4. PLAYER MOVEMENT**

### **RULE 14. PLAYER INVITATION**

1. No club is entitled to request or invite a player from another club for training, coaching or playing games either within their club, academy or associated academy during the official playing season August 1<sup>st</sup> to June 30<sup>th</sup> the following year.

### **RULE 15. PLAYER POACHING**

1. When a player becomes a registered player with a club/team in any league it shall be an offence for any official, member of any other club/team or any other person to approach, encourage or influence that player or their or parents/guardians on their behalf to seek a transfer to another team, participate in training coaching or games under the auspices of another team.
2. Such an offence shall be deemed to be "poaching" and any person found culpable shall render themselves and/or their team/club liable to a fine and/or suspension and their club/team shall be;
  - a. Deducted 15 points for a first offence –
  - b. Automatically relegated for a further offence –

### **RULE 16. PLAYER IN BLOCK MOVEMENT**

1. The practise of teams or large number of players leaving in block i.e. managers and players to another club is not to be condoned. Any clubs who engage in this practise will not be given automatic entry into the league.
2. On receiving a complaint from the last club that the players signed for, the executive shall hold the application until a full enquiry is held into the reason for such a move and decisions are taken. Where teams are found to have moved in block against the will of the original club the league will not accept the registration of more than 3 players to any one club other than the original club.

### **RULE 17. PLAYER MOVEMENT**

1. A player is eligible to
  - a. Register with a new club in a new season
  - b. Transfer to a new club in a listed transfer window in the current season

Provided that he/she has no outstanding commitments to their previous club nor outstanding financial commitments to their previous club.

**SECTION 3.0 LEAGUE COMPETITION FIXTURES:**

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**1. FIXTURES**

**RULE 1. SETTING OUT FIXTURES**

1. All fixtures, venues and times of kick-off shall be arranged by the relevant fixture's secretaries.
2. Clubs shall play home and away matches except otherwise decided by the honorary officials.

**RULE 2. CLUB COLOURS**

1. Each club in the league shall register its colours with the Hon. Secretary. In the event of two clubs playing in similar colours that the match referee deems unsuitable, the home club shall change colours when such clubs meet in competition. The referee's decision shall be final in this matter. Goalkeepers must wear colours that distinguish them from other players.

**RULE 3. USE OF ARTIFICIAL SURFACES**

1. Matches under the jurisdiction of the league can be played on an artificial turf surface only where they are in complete compliance with and certified in accordance with the FAI standards/codes.
2. All opposition clubs shall receive 48 hours notice in advance of the fixture date that there is a possibility that an artificial surface of the required standard and certification will be used. A copy of the pitch certification should be included in this notice. This notification is to include details of any restrictions on the type of footwear allowed to be used on that pitch.

**RULE 4. COMPETITION FIXTURES**

1. Any objection to size of ball or pitch/markings must be made in writing to match referee prior to commencement of game.
2. In matters relating to the duration of games, pitch size, match ball size and game format they shall be in line with the FAI Player Development Plan for all age groups in the current season.
3. The player's names including all substitutes must be entered in accordance with the instructions on the referee's match sheet/card.

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4. The referee's sheet/card must be filled in before the start of the match by the official in charge of the team who shall certify as to the eligibility of the team. Seven (7) substitutes are permitted from under 12's to under 18's within the league from the agreed panel of players.
5. The number of substitutes permitted in the small sided games is covered by the FAI player development plan.
6. The use of roll off/roll on substitutes in line with the FAI Player Development Plan are permitted for all league fixtures.

### **RULE 5. POSTPONEMENT OF FIXTURES**

1. Postponements where players are involved with the league or international duty will only be granted when any single team has a minimum of two (2) outfield players or its goalkeeper on duty. Player(s) placed on standby will not be considered for the purposes of this rule.

### **RULE 6. FIXTURE WALKOVER**

1. Any team giving 2 walk-over's (unless they give a satisfactory explanation) may be removed from all competitions.  
Clubs who give a walkover (unless they give a satisfactory explanation) shall be dealt with as follows;
  - a. 11 a-side league or cup games, clubs will be fined €100 and the match awarded to the opposition.
  - b. 9 a-side league or cup games, clubs will be fined €50 and the match awarded to the opposition.
2. In all other games the club shall be fined €25 and the match shall be re-fixed at the discretion of the relevant fixture secretary.

### **RULE 7. EXPUNGED PLAYING RECORD**

1. When a team does not play and complete more than one third of its league fixtures programme then its record in that league shall be expunged.

### **RULE 8. LEAGUE FIXTURES**

1. In league competition matches three (3) points shall be awarded for a win and one (1) for a draw. In the event of two or more clubs being equal on points, those clubs shall playoff to decide the league winner and runner up positions. The club scoring the largest amount of points shall be deemed the league winners.

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## **RULE 9. CUP FIXTURES**

1. A player may only play for one team in each domestic cup competition (League Cups). A player becomes “cup tied” when they participate in the game.
2. All cup competitions shall take precedence over league fixtures during the season.
3. With the exception of a blanket call off, of fixtures by the league, in all league cup games if a pitch is deemed unplayable for any reason and should cause a postponement, the home team must find an alternative pitch, or the fixture will revert to their opponent’s ground. The arrangements for any such fixture reversal shall be the responsibility of the relevant fixture secretary.
4. In all league cup games, where the game started and is later abandoned by the referee due to weather or pitch conditions it shall result in the loss of home advantage and the fixture will revert to their opponent’s ground. The arrangements for any such fixture reversal shall be the responsibility of the relevant fixture secretary.
5. In all league cup competitions, matches shall be played to a finish on the day and all league cup competitions shall be decided on the knockout principle unless otherwise decided by the Executive Committee.
6. Extra time and the use of the FIFA penalty rule shall be used to decide the outcome of the game in the event of a draw after extra time is played.

## **RULE 10. FIXTURE SANCTIONS**

1. No club shall have the power to break or postpone a fixture. All games must start at the stated kick off time. Clubs found guilty of the systematic breach of this rule without permission from the league, shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Executive committee.
2. Clubs and teams are expressly forbidden to make or agree any fixtures arrangements between themselves without the approval of the relevant fixture secretary. Any such fixture may be nullified by the relevant fixture secretary or the Executive Committee and clubs will be fined at the discretion of the executive committee.

## **RULE 11. REPRESENTATIVE SANCTIONS**

1. Clubs are obliged to release registered players to the representative teams of the league for which the player is eligible. Any player selected to play in any training session/match arranged by the league and who without good or sufficient cause refuses to comply with the arrangements for the playing of the match or fails to play in such match, may be adjudged to be guilty of misconduct, and such player, or any club which may be deemed to have encouraged such player to such misconduct, may be dealt with as the Executive Committee deems appropriate.



## **2. EXPULSIONS**

### **RULE 12. SUSPENSION AUTOMATIC**

1. A player sent off in a match is automatically suspended for one game as per FAI rule. This being the immediate next game in which the team that they signed for are participating within the league. Walk-overs or cancelled fixtures do not count.
2. The player shall stand suspended from all games under the jurisdiction of the league until sentence is served.
3. Only matches played, count towards periods of execution of suspension. If a match is abandoned, the suspension is only considered to have been served if the team to which the suspended player belongs is not responsible for the abandonment of the match.
4. An expulsion from a match incurs an automatic suspension even if imposed in a match that is later abandoned and/or annulled.

### **RULE 13. SUSPENSION ADDITIONAL ACTION**

1. The disciplinary committee shall investigate each case on receipt of the referee's report. If additional action (more than one match suspension) is deemed necessary, the club shall be informed, and a personal hearing may be convened before the league issues any additional suspension.

### **RULE 14. SUSPENSION ASSOCIATION FIXTURE**

1. If a player is sent off in an SFAI LFA or FAI Cup match, the player shall serve that suspension in that competition. If that team is no longer in the competition the suspended player shall serve the suspension or remainder thereof in the next competitive league or league cup competition.

### **RULE 15. SUSPENSION NO FINE**

1. Where a player is sent off for a hand-ball offence there shall be no fine on the player, manager or the club the player plays for.

### **RULE 16. SUSPENSION NOT SERVED**

1. A suspension may be deemed not served by the league if the league determines that a match has been arranged/re-arranged for the primary purpose of enabling a player to complete a period of suspension. If a suspension is combined with a fine, the league may prolong the suspension until the fine has been paid in full.

### **RULE 17. DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS**

1. Any player or official who fails to turn up for a disciplinary hearing without sufficient reason shall stand suspended until they are dealt with by the league disciplinary committee.
2. Clubs/players shall be further fined / suspended at the discretion of the Executive Committee for playing suspended players.

**SECTION 4.0 PROTEST \ APPEAL :**

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**1. PROTEST**

**RULE 1. PROTEST PROCEDURE**

1. All protests must be sent in by registered letter for the attention of the Hon. Secretary of the league within three (3) days (Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted) of the date of playing the match on which the protest arises, a fee of €50 to be paid on the leagues online payment system within the 3 days stated in the rule.
2. An exact copy of the protest must be forwarded at the same time, by registered post, to the secretary of the team against whom the protest is being made against. In the event of the protest being lost, the fee shall be forfeited.

**RULE 2. CROSS PROTEST PROCEDURE**

3. A further 72 hours will be granted for the purpose of a cross protest. All protests shall be decided by the Executive Committee as they deem fit.

**RULE 3. PROCEDURE FOR A PLAYER RELATED PROTEST**

1. The signature and date of birth of a player must be supplied on request by the opposing manager/official within 10 minutes of the end of any match played with the match official in attendance. Not more than 6 signatures & dates of birth may be requested. Refusal to accede to such requests will be regarded as an admission of guilt.
2. The secretary or a designated representative of a club shall be at liberty to examine the registration forms of the opponents of the previous game for the purpose of making a protest. All irregularities shall be dealt with by the Executive Committee or elected committee members nominated by the officers.
3. For the purpose of this the Hon. Registrar (or their nominee) shall be in attendance in the offices of the league on Monday and Thursday nights between the hours of 6pm and 8.30pm during the playing season. Alternative arrangements may be made by appointment with the league registrars. A fee of €10 will be charged for each named inspection requested.

**2. APPEAL**

**RULE 4. APPEALS BY MEMBERS**

1. Any club in membership of the league has the right to appeal to the SFAI or the LFA (where applicable) against a decision of the Executive Committee or any subcommittees or nominees in accordance with the rules of either the SFAI or LFA.

**SECTION 5.0 GOVERNANCE AND WELFARE :**

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**RULE 1. PROTECTION AND WELFARE OF CHILDREN**

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. It is mandatory that all clubs comply with all legislation and guidelines issued by any statutory agency in respect of child protection and welfare.
3. It is mandatory that all clubs comply with all FAI rules, regulations, codes, polices and guidelines in respect of child protection and welfare, including the appointment of a person to be responsible for all child protection and welfare matters within their club and the implementation of Garda Vetting of all those engaging with persons under the age of eighteen (18) and/or vulnerable persons.

**RULE 2. DATA PROTECTION COMPLIANCE**

1. The gathering, compilation, retention, storage or use of any information relating to underage players must be fully compliant with all the requirements of the Data Protection Acts.

**RULE 3. DISCIPLINE AND COMPLAINTS MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY**

1. All clubs are responsible for matters of discipline at their home venues. All complaints will be investigated by the Executive committee or their nominees and breeches of discipline shall be dealt with as the committee deem appropriate.

**RULE 4. OFFENCES BY ANY PERSON**

1. Any person who insults anyone in any way, especially be using intimidation, threats, offensive gestures or language, or who violates the principles of fair play or whose behaviour is unsporting in any other way may be sanctioned with a suspension and/or fine and/or ban on participating or performing any football related activity or other sanction deemed appropriate.
2. Any person who offends, disparages, discriminates against or denigrates someone, or a group of persons, in a derogatory manner on account of "race", skin colour, language, religion, ethnic and/or national origin or sexual orientation, or perpetrates any other racist/discriminatory and/or contemptuous act, shall be subject to disciplinary action.

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### **RULE 5. OFFENCES BY SPECTATORS**

1. If a spectator engages in racist/discriminatory behaviour, including but not limited to chanting or displaying racist/discriminatory slogans at a match, the Executive Committee or their nominees shall sanction the member club that the spectator supports. If the spectator cannot be identified as a supporter, of one of the member clubs the host club may be sanctioned.

### **RULE 6. OFFENCES TOWARDS MATCH OFFICIALS**

1. Anyone who intimidates a match official or league official with serious threats shall be sanctioned by a fine and a suspension as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or their nominees.
2. Anyone who uses violence or threats to pressurise a match official into taking certain action or to hinder them in any way from acting freely shall be sanctioned with a fine and a suspension as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or their nominees.

### **RULE 7. BRINGING THE GAME OR LEAGUE INTO DISREPUTE**

1. Anyone who has brought the game of football or the league into disrepute by any means, written, verbal, by action or otherwise shall be sanctioned with a suspension and/or fine and/or ban on participating or performing any football related activity or other sanction deemed appropriate.

### **RULE 8. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS**

1. The Executive Committee or their nominees shall consider and have the power to impose a suspension, fine and/or other sanction as deemed appropriate. In the case of individuals, the minimum suspension shall be for a period of five (5) matches.



# **COMPETITION RULES**

**Effective from**

**November 28th 2019**