

**RULES OF THE PETER HOUSEMAN YOUTH LEAGUE**

**LEAGUE CUPS**

**1. NAME AND CONSTITUTION.**

- (a) Each season there will be a League Cup Competition for each age group. All teams to enter.
- (b) The Management Committee shall be the same as for the league.
- (c) The draw for each and every round of the League Cup Competitions shall be conducted in the presence of at least three members of the Management Committee.

**2. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS.**

- (a) All players of competing teams must be properly registered in accordance with League Rule 8.
- (b) Any player who has played in the League Cup Competition for one team or Club is ineligible to represent another team or Club at any age group in the current season. Any team contravening this rule will forfeit the tie.
- (c) Players must be registered with their Club twenty eight days before the cup match in all rounds, with the exception of the first round.

In the event of a Cup Tie being postponed only those players eligible to play on the original date shall be eligible to play when the rearranged game takes place.

No player may play in the Semi-Final or Final unless he has played at least three League and/or League Cup matches for that team in this League in the current season. Substitutes who have taken part in a match will be considered as having played.

All players named on the match result sheet shall be considered as having played .

Any member Club being found guilty of an offence under this rule will forfeit the match and their opponents will proceed into the next round.

**3. ARRANGEMENT OF MATCHES.**

- (a) All matches, except the Final, shall be played on the ground of the first named Club on dates determined by the Management Committee. If the match is postponed twice due to inclement weather or pitch conditions, then the match will be played on the ground of the second named Club. If the match is again postponed twice due to inclement weather or pitch conditions it will then revert back to the first named team.

The duration of a match is as per League Rule 10, where the maximum times must be used.

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If any team shall refuse or fail to play a match in the Competition on the date fixed for it (the exigencies of weather alone excepted), it will be removed from the Competition and in the Final tie, the Management Committee shall have the power to reinstate the team beaten in the Semi-final by the defaulting team. Further and in addition, a defaulting Club shall be liable to a fine as per the schedule, at the discretion of the Management Committee.

In the event of any match, Semi-final or Final, up to and including Under 12's results in a draw at full time, the match will then be decided on penalty kicks as laid down in the current edition of the Laws of Association Football.

In the event of any match of and including Under 13's and above, including the Semi-finals, results in a draw at full time, extra time will be played. In the event of extra time not producing a result, the match will then be decided on penalty kicks as laid down in the current edition of the Laws of Association Football. In the case of the Final tie resulting in a draw after full time then the match shall be decided on penalty kicks as laid down in the current edition of the Laws of Association Football.

Replay or postponed Cup matches will take precedence over League match fixtures, to take place seven days after the original fixture date. This may be played earlier if the Divisional Secretary so decides.

(b) Extra time for all Competitions will be:-

Under 13-14	10 minutes each way
Under 15-18	15 minutes each way

(c) Matches abandoned through circumstances over which neither team has control shall be replayed.

(d) In the final tie each Club must provide the referee with a match ball.

(e) The kick off time for Under 9 & 10 matches (excluding the final tie) shall be no earlier than 09.00 and no later than 12.00. The kick off times for Under 11 and above(excluding the final tie) shall be no earlier than 12.00 and no later than 15.00pm (14.00pm in GMT period). Any alteration to this must be agreed by both Clubs and the appropriate Divisional Secretary. Kick off times and venues for the Final tie will be determined by the Management Committee and the relevant clubs and officials will then be notified.

#### **4. CLUB COLOURS.**

(a) League Rule 9 shall apply.

(b) All teams must play in their registered colours unless permission is given by the Competition Secretary.

#### **5. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES.**

(a) League Rule 13 shall apply with the following additions:-

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- (i) The League shall appoint, where possible, a referee and two neutral assistant referees for the Semi-final and Final.
- (ii) If neutral assistant referees are appointed in any of the matches, except the Final, the fees of the three officials shall be shared equally by both Clubs.

### **6. TROPHIES.**

- (a) The winners of each age group will receive a cup or shield and the conditions governing this trophy are set out in League Rule 18.
- (b) Players of both teams reaching the Final will receive individual trophies, to a maximum of sixteen.
- (c) The officials appointed to the final will each receive a trophy in lieu of a match fee.

### **7. LEAGUE RULES**

- (a) In addition to League Rules already referred to above Rules 5, 10, 11, 15 and 16 will apply in all Cup Competitions.

The schedule of fines for the League also corresponds to this Competition.

- (b) Any decision made by the Management Committee in this Cup Competition are binding and not open to appeal.

**ADAM CLARK MEMORIAL CUP.**

The Cup will be played for by two teams at the Under 15 age group, chosen by the Management Committee. The match will be forty minutes each way. If the match should be drawn the trophy will be shared. The trophy to be returned by the 1st August.

All players must be duly signed on for the coming season.

Trophies/medals will be worded: “**ADAM CLARK MEMORIAL CUP** (year)”.

**HAWKFIELD CHALLENGE SHIELD**

The Cup will be played for by two teams at the Under 14 age group, chosen by the Management Committee. The match will be forty minutes each way. If the match should be drawn the trophy will be shared. The trophy to be returned by the 1st August.

All players must be duly signed on for the coming season.

Trophies/medals will be worded: “**HAWKFIELD CHALLENGE SHIELD** (year)”.

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**SALLY HOUSEMAN TROPHY**

**1. NAME AND CONSTITUTION.**

At the discretion of the Management Committee there may be a supplementary competition called the Sally Houseman Trophy.

The organisation of this competition will be arranged in conjunction with the Divisional Secretaries.

Each age group shall be divided into groups as required by draw.

Teams in this competition will be invited at the discretion of the Management Committee.

**2. QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS.**

All players of competing teams must be properly registered in accordance with League Rule 8.

**3. ARRANGEMENT OF MATCHES.**

Format will be decided by the Management Committee annually.

**4. LEAGUE RULES.**

Any matters not provided for in these rules shall be decided by the Management Committee and will be accepted as final.