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ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE:
Harry McKibben, Stanley McConnell, Andy Hall, David Teggarty.

RULES

1. The amalgamation of clubs shall be called the Newcastle and District Amateur League.

2. The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held not later than 31st May each year. Each club shall be entitled to two representatives. The representative attending this meeting shall appoint for the season the
Patrons, President, Vice-Presidents and Auditors, also the Honorary Officials, i.e., Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Match Secretary, Registration Secretary and six members to act on the Management Committee. The Management Committee may appoint, at its discretion, assistants to all the Honorary offices. The Honorary officials will have a vote. The Chairman, in case of a tie, is entitled to a casting vote.

3. The full business of the League shall be conducted by a Management Committee, consisting of six members elected at the A.G.M. who together with the Hon. Officials of the League will have full powers. They may appoint sub-committees from within their members, the sub-committee to be responsible to the Management Committee and the Management Committee to be responsible to a General Meeting of the League. The Chairman of the Committee or sub-committee, in the case of a tie, is entitled to a casting vote. Five members to form a quorum.

4. Any member of the Management Committee who fails to attend three successive meetings of the Committee without reasonable excuse may be replaced on the Management Committee.

5. In the event of a vacancy, occurring within the Management Committee, the said Committee will have the power to co-opt a new member from club representatives to fill any such vacancy.

5a. In the event of a vacancy occurring within the Honorary Officials, the said Committee shall have the power to co-opt a new member from within the Management Committee.

6. The League Secretary in an emergency may convene a meeting of the Hon. Officials. Five shall form a quorum.

7. All communications must be addressed to the League Secretary at his address who shall conduct the correspondence of the League. All subscriptions, guarantees and fines must be paid to the League Treasurer. A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League and all funds shall be lodged to the credit of this account. Cheques to be signed by any two of the following Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary.

8. The League financial year shall end on 30th April.

9. The Management Committee will have the power to call meetings of Club representatives as and when they consider necessary and each club will be entitled to two representatives to attend such meetings. Each Club must, register the name of their representatives with the league not later than 1st August. Only a registered representative may be allowed to represent his or her club. In the case where there
are alterations in reps names, particulars must be given in writing to the League Secretary.

10. One representative from each of ten Clubs at League meetings shall form a quorum.

11. In the event of a Club being unrepresented without satisfactory reason they shall be fined a sum determined by the Management Committee.

12. On the League Secretary receiving a requisition signed by half of the clubs he shall convene a General meeting.

13. The League may order a match to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the League, or call on each Club to contribute equally such sum as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season.

14. The Management Committee may appoint delegates to select and make arrangements for representative matches.

15. Clubs whose players fail to take part in any representative game may be deemed guilty of misconduct. If upon due investigation by the Management Committee a Club is found guilty of such misconduct, they may be dealt with either by fine or otherwise as the Management Committee may in their sole discretion think fit.

16. Clubs must not re-arrange fixtures or arrange friendly fixtures to be played on the date on which Representative Matches or the Semi or Final ties of the Cup are to be played except by the express permission of the Management Committee. Any Club disobeying the rule shall be dealt with as the Management Committee sees fit.

17. Each Club must register the name, address and telephone number of their Hon. Secretary with the League Secretary not later than 30th June and failure to do so may result in a fine the Management Committee deems necessary. In cases where there are alterations in Club Secretaries name or address, particulars must be given in writing to the League Secretary.

18. The annual subscriptions for teams shall be determined each season by the Management Committee. Each team must give a guarantee, to be determined by the Management Committee, that they will fulfill all their fixtures, otherwise the fee will be forfeited. All teams must have their subscriptions and guarantee fees paid in full and show receipt for payment of Affiliation fee to the Co. Antrim Football Association or their Divisional Association before fixtures can be played. The Management Committee shall have power to remove any team from the League whose subscription is unpaid by the 1st August.
19. Any team wishing to resign from the League at the end of the season must do so in writing on or before date of the Annual General Meeting, otherwise it will be deemed a member of the League for the ensuing season. In the event of this rule not being complied with, the guarantee fee will be forfeited.

20. All teams comprising the League shall each season be divided into such sections as the Management Committee may decide. Promotion and relegation shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

21. All matches shall be played under the jurisdiction of the Irish Football Association Ltd. (IFA) and subject to the Laws of the Game.

Any bona fide amateur member, as specified in current F.I.F.A. articles, of a Club shall be allowed to play, subject to the approval of the League Management Committee, provided he has not played in more than nine (9) senior competitive matches in any senior competition during the current season.

A bona-fide amateur member of a Club is one who has been duly elected a member in accordance with the Rules of such club and who has signed a League Registration Form (such signature to be witnessed by a responsible club official) and also signed by an accredited Club official which means either the Chairman or Secretary of the club and has been registered by the League Registration Secretary (appointed by the League Management Committee) two days before playing.

No player can be registered with, or transferred to a Club within the league after the 31st March in each season.

For the purpose of the Rule, forms may be posted in bulk to the League Registration Secretary (LRS) or handed in at all League meetings on or before 31st March. Players will be eligible to play two days after the Registration, or Transfer form has been received by the LRS. Such date will be determined as date handed into a League meeting or the date of postmark.

21a. Registration of players is governed by the IFA Central Registration System as defined in the IFA Articles of Association. Players registered within the league can only register with one Club at any point of time.

Players shall be registered each season as and from the date of the Annual General Meeting.

The League Registration Secretary (LRS) shall keep a full record of all registrations.

In the case of protest the LRS shall provide the registration form(s) to the investigative committee.
Players shall be registered each season as and from the Annual General Meeting of the League.

No Club shall be allowed to register any player after the 31st March in each season. Under the F.I.F.A. ‘Mandate for Sporting Integrity’ consideration will be given by the Management Committee, subject to medical certification, to permit the registration of a goalkeeper outside the registration period.

In the event of a player signing two or more forms for two or more clubs, priority of registration shall decide to which Club the player belongs. The LRS shall notify the Club last registering such player of the previous registration, and report the same to the League Management Committee. A player signing a registration form for another club in this league shall be automatically suspended for six (6) weeks by the LRS.

A club inducing a player to sign more than one registration form or violating this portion of the Rules shall be fined in the sum of £5.

A Secretary or Representative of a Club can receive information from the LRS regarding registration of any player on application by writing accompanied by a fee of £5.00 for each player.

21b. Registration (R6) will be from the present to the end of the current season. Transfers (R9) within or into the League will be from the present to the end of the current season.

A player may sign for the same club within the N.A.D.A.F.L., no more than twice in the same season.

No N.A.D.A.F.L. Club may transfer either directly or indirectly more than four players from any other N.A.D.A.F.L. club in any season.

A player having played ten league games (accumulatively 1st and 2nd Team games) for an N.A.D.A.F.L. club in any season cannot be registered for another N.A.D.A.F.L club in that season by either transfer within the N.A.D.A.F.L. or by transfer from a club outside the N.A.D.A.F.L.

Clubs must agree to transfer a player within seven (7) days of request unless they can show good reason why the player should be retained.

A player will be considered transferred when the Transfer Form (R9) has been signed by both Clubs and the player concerned, and such player will be eligible to play two days after the Transfer Form has been received by the LRS. (Date of postmark will determine the date of registration)

A player whose last club is from outside the jurisdiction of the IFA, submitting a
registration form for a Club within the League must have an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) prior to playing in the League. The Club signing the player is responsible for ensuring that the ITC has been received prior to playing the player concerned.

21c. All players shall be registered on forms supplied by the League as follows:

Form R6: Registration of an Amateur Player

Form R7: Cancellation of an Amateur Registration.

Form R9: Transfer of an Amateur Player.

The cost of such form will be determined annually by the League Management Committee.

22. Each team shall register its colours with the League Secretary. In the event of two teams having the same colours the home team must change. A goalkeeper must wear a shirt or jersey of distinct colour from that of his own team and also his opponents.

22a. The shirt or jersey of each player must be numbered in accordance with normal practice, i.e. numbered 1 to 16 so that players can be easily identified.

23. All matches must be home and away and must be played on the registered ground of the team. The ground must be registered with the League Secretary at least 48 hours before the match takes place.

24. Subject as hereinafter, teams must play fixtures on dates arranged by the League except the ground be covered by snow or declared unplayable by the referee, or is taken by senior or parent associations. The referee shall inspect the ground prior to the kick-off and shall immediately give his decision as to fitness of ground for play. In case of a ground or grounds being covered with snow the League Officials shall have power to postpone such fixtures provided sufficient proof is put before them that the ground is snow-bound. At least three days notice in writing must be given to the Match Secretary and the Secretary of the opposing team in the event of a change in venue. Teams must play on all available Saturdays except in case of exceptional circumstances when the special permission of the Management Committee must be requested at least four weeks in advance. Teams must have their league fixtures completed at least three playing days prior to the AGM.
25. Objections to ground markings, goal posts, ball or colours must be lodged in writing by the captain of the protesting team with the referee before the start of the game. Protests accompanied by a fee of £10.00 must be sent by Special Delivery to the League Secretary bearing post mark within two days (Sunday not included) from the date of the match; which fee will be forfeited in all cases where the protest has not been sustained. A copy of the protest must be sent to the Club protested against at the same time, by Special Delivery. The protest must be signed by the Club Secretary, Post Office Special Delivery receipt shall be conclusive evidence as to date and time of posting.

26. The home Club will be responsible for providing TWO (2) playable match balls.

27. Should a team not appear in reasonable time or fail to fulfill a fixture arranged by the League, they shall forfeit their guarantee fee and the points involved shall be awarded to the opposing team (reasonable time shall be understood to mean that the kick-off will not be delayed more than fifteen minutes by the travelling team after the official starting time).

A further guarantee fee must be paid by the offending team to safeguard their League membership. Teams failing to fulfill their fixture a second time will be dealt with by the Management Committee, and may be suspended. Should extenuating circumstances prevail in causing a game to be postponed, the Management Committee at their discretion shall have power to waive this rule. Teams unable to fulfill fixtures which have been arranged must notify the Match Secretary and Secretary of the opposing team at least forty-eight hours before the date on which the match is to be played or they will be liable for any expenses incurred.

28. Any team playing an ineligible player or players (whether through non-registration or otherwise) will be fined a sum as set by the Management Committee each season for each ineligible player played and shall forfeit the points won in such a match. In the case of a protest being upheld against a club which has won a match by any violation of this rule, points so won will be deducted from them and awarded to their opponents.

Protests accompanied by a fee of £20 must be sent by Special Delivery to the League Secretary bearing postmark within two days (Sunday not included) from the date of the match, which fee will be forfeited in all cases where the protest has not been sustained. An exact copy of the protest must be sent to the Club protested against at the same time by Special Delivery. The protest must be signed by the Club Secretary. Post Office Special Delivery receipt shall be conclusive evidence as to date and time of posting.

29. If the Registration Secretary identifies any irregularities when checking match cards, any offending team, player or official shall be dealt with as the Management Committee sees fit.
30. The League Secretary shall keep a list of referees approved by the League and no referee shall officiate unless he has been approved and is affiliated to a recognised referees Association. The Match Secretary of the League Management Committee shall appoint referees.

31. Where no play is possible owing to causes over which neither team has control, the referee, if present, shall only be entitled to his travelling expenses and half-fee, both payable by the home team.

32. Each Club must give the referee or substitute referee before the commencement of a match, the full names of players competing therein and a responsible official of the team must certify the accuracy of the information supplied.

32a. Any Club proven to have not inserted the full names of players on the referees card and/or failing to return the referees card to the Registration Secretary shall be dealt with as the Management Committee see fit.

32b. Any individual who is proven to have inserted a false name on a referees card shall receive a minimum of 12 months suspension and the Club shall be fined as the Management Committee see fit.

32c. Any individual who is proven to have played in a Newcastle and District Amateur League fixture under a false name shall receive a minimum of 12 months suspension and the Club shall be fined as the Management Committee see fit.

33. If a League match has been stopped by the referee before the completion of the specified time, for any reason stated in Law 5 of the Laws of the Game, the Management Committee shall have power to order such match to be replayed in full, or to allow the result of the match at the time of such stoppage to stand, provided at least 75 minutes play has been completed. This applies only to adverse weather conditions. In the event of the match being abandoned for any other reason, the Management Committee shall decide on an appropriate course of action. This rule does not apply to cup competitions.

34. If the referee fails to appear, the teams must mutually agree or toss a coin for choice of referee and the match in such circumstances will be considered as a fixture. The home team shall be responsible for furnishing a list of players of both teams to the Match Secretary within seven days of the match being played. Failure to comply with this rule shall be penalised by a fine determined by the Management Committee.

35. When the winning clubs have been declared, the League shall hand trophies to their representatives and it shall be the responsibility of the Club to keep trophies
in good order and condition and to return same to the Management Committee on or before 1st February. Any trophies damaged, lost or destroyed shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the Club holding same before 1st February. The League shall engrave trophies.

36. In addition to the trophy, the League may present mementoes to the winners.

37. The Management Committee shall have the power to fine, suspend, expel, deduct points or otherwise deal with any team, any member of a team, or any player of a team whose conduct may be deemed objectionable in or in connection with any match or fixture. The Management Committee may act under this rule upon receipt of a referee report. Any club wishing to lodge a complaint must attach a £10.00 fee and send it by Special Delivery to the League two days (Sunday not included) from the cause of the complaint, which fee will be forfeited in all cases where complaint has not been sustained. An exact copy of the complaint must be sent to the Club complained against at the same time by Special Delivery. The complaint must be signed by the Club Secretary. Post Office Special Delivery receipts shall be conclusive evidence as to date and time of posting.

38. Complaints by clubs, other than under 25, 28 and 37 must be lodged in writing and signed by the Secretary of the club concerned and must be sent to the League Secretary bearing post mark within two days after the case, otherwise the complaint can not be considered.

39. The Management Committee shall have the power to deal with offending team or teams, player or players, official or officials as they may think fit to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.

40. No alteration shall be made in these rules except at the Annual General Meeting. Notice must be given in writing to the League Secretary before 30th April in each year of any proposed alteration in the rules, the same to be forwarded to the teams at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting, for the revision of the rules. These rules shall be in force until the Annual General Meeting. A three-fourths majority shall in all cases be necessary to alter the rules of the League.

40a. “A three-fourths” majority shall mean the difference between those voting for the revision and those voting against the revision shall be three-fourths of those eligible to vote.

HARRY CLARKE CUP RULES

1. This competition shall be called the HARRY CLARKE CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION and shall be governed by the Management Committee.
2. The competition shall be annual and open to all clubs in full membership of the League. The competition shall be conducted on a knock-out basis.

3. No players shall be allowed to play for more than one team in the competition. Each player must be a duly registered member of the Club.

4. Any player who has played in any Division of the Irish League, the Irish Cup or any Intermediate Status Cup Competition in the current season shall be deemed ineligible to play in the Harry Clarke Cup. Proof of having played in any of these competitions will be the responsibility of the protesting Club.

4a. No player can play in the final tie of the competition who has not been registered as a member of a Club appearing in the final with the League before the semi-final of the competition.

5. A team must play on the ground it has registered with the League. No team shall be allowed to register another ground without special permission from the Management Committee. Should the registered ground not be available, they will have to play on their opponents ground. Should the registered ground of neither team be available the first drawn club, alternatively with their opponents shall be at liberty to secure one acceptable to the Management Committee. Change of venue in accordance with this rule shall be notified by both clubs to the Match Secretary two days before the match. In the event of them match not taking place on the date arrange owing to the ground being declared unplayable, the teams shall play on a date set by the Management Committee. In the event of the match not taking place on the second occasion, the team that was first drawn away shall have the choice of venue.

6. Should a team not appear in reasonable time or fail to fulfill a fixture arranged by the League and without sufficient reason for doing so, it shall be adjudged to have lost the match. Reasonable time shall be understood to mean that the kick-off time will not be delayed more than 15 minutes by the travelling team after the official starting time.

7. If the referee fails to appear the teams must mutually agree or toss a coin for choice of referee and the match in such circumstances will be considered a cup-tie, except in the semi final and final ties, which must be conducted by an official referee. Semi-final and final ties shall be played on neutral ground and shall be conducted by an official referee and assistants. Venues will be decided by the Management Committee.

8. In semi-finals and finals each club will be responsible for providing two playable match balls and the team winning the toss will have choice of ball.
9. In all ties in the competition, including the final tie, should the score be equal, 10 minutes each way shall be played. In the event of the score being equal at the end of extra time the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the conditions approved by the International Football Association Board.

10. In the case of protested ties or replay of same the Management Committee shall decide dates and venues and in the case of postponed ties the Management Committee shall decide the date.

11. The receipts of all semi-final ties after deducting expenses shall be divided as follows - one-third to the League and sixth to each of the four competing teams. The receipts of final ties after deduct expense~ shall be divided as follows one third to the League and one third to each of the competing teams. In cases where expenses in the semi-final and finals ties exceed the receipts, the League shall bear the deficit.

12. The rules of the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League where applicable shall apply.

13. Any team found guilty of playing an ineligible player for whatever reason may be removed from the competition. The Management Committee shall have the power to suspend any player or official or impose a fine set by the Management Committee and may with hol the cup and medals and gate receipts, if they are satisfied that such a club has violated this rule during the course of the competition.

14. A Club may, at its discretion, use three substitute players at any time in any match except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the referee. The substitutions can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission. Only three substitutions by each side will be permitted in any match and the substitute players shall be nominated prior to the commencement of the tie. The maximum number of substitutes permitted by each side is five.

15. Not withstanding anything in any Rule, if the Management Committee have any doubt at any time whether arising out of a protest or otherwise, as to the qualification of any player taking part in the competition, they shall have power to call upon such player and/or club to which he belongs or for which he played, to prove that he is qualified according to the Rules. Any Club found guilty of fielding an ineligible player in any round of the competition and prior to the next round being
played, up to and including the semi final tie will be dismissed from the competition and the club losing the game in such circumstances shall replace the dismissed club and progress to the next round.

THE PURDY CUP

The Purdy Cup shall be for teams competing in Division 1 only. The Rules of the Newcastle & District Amateur Football League and Harry Clarke Cup shall apply, with the following exceptions.

a) The format of the competition shall be decided by the Management Committee.

THE BIGNIAN CUP

The Bignian Cup shall be for teams competing in Division 2 only. The rules of the Newcastle & District Amateur Football League and Harry Clarke Cup shall apply, with the following exceptions.

a) The format of the competition shall be decided by the Management Committee.

THE SHIMNA CUP

The Shimna Cup shall be for teams in Division 3 only. The rules of the Newcastle & District Amateur Football League and Harry Clarke Cup shall apply with the following exceptions.

a) The format of the competition shall be decided by the Management Committee.

BOBBY DALZELL MEMORIAL TROPHY COMPETITION

The rules of the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League and Harry Clarke Cup Competition shall apply.

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

In the event of any additional competitions the Management Committee shall have the power to formulate the rules of such competitions.