

FERMANAGH & WESTERN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

RULES 2019-2020

- 1** The Association shall be called the Fermanagh and Western District Football Association and shall be affiliated to the Irish Football Association and governed by their Articles of Association.
- 2** The Association will consist of Affiliated Clubs playing Association Football under its Rules.
- 3** To become a Member of the Association a Club must:
 - (a)(i)** Pay £25.00 Annual Affiliation Fee per Team not later than 31st July.
 - (a)(ii)** Be accepted by the Council of the Association;
 - (a)(iii)** Furnish the Association Secretary with the names and addresses of its Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative to Council and situation of its ground on the Official Form not later than 31st July in each Season.
- (b)** All Clubs in membership of the Association shall acknowledge that they are bound by the Rules of the Association and the decisions of its Committees which are final and binding subject to the right of appeal to the IFA.
- (c)** Each Club must submit a completed Application Form giving an undertaking that their membership of the Association is contingent on full participation in all activities including social and fund-raising ventures and undertaking to obey the Rules of the Association.
- (d)** All Teams must have appropriate Public Liability Insurance. Evidence of such cover must be provided to the Association Secretary not later than 31st July in each Season. Proof of renewal is required before the date Public Liability Insurance has expired.
- 4** The Council of the Association will consist of the following Office Bearers: President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary(ies), Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer together with one nominated Representative from each Club participating in Fermanagh and Western Affiliated Leagues. Should any Member withdraw or resign from the Council during the Season he shall be replaced.
 - (a)** The Council will have the power to arrange Inter-Association matches and can claim the use of the ground of any Club under its jurisdiction for at least three matches each Season.
 - (b)** The Council will have full power to act as it deems fit including the power to deal by fine, levy, suspension or otherwise as they deem fit, with any Club, Player or Member of a Club in an official capacity whose conduct is deemed objectionable in or in connection with any match. All fines / levies imposed by the League, unless appealed against, shall be paid within fourteen days from the date of notification of imposition unless a payment plan has been agreed with the Club. An additional fine / levy of £50.00 shall be imposed on any Club that defaults in the payment of a fine / levy. In the event of the cumulative fines / levies not being paid with seven days of the date of notification of imposition the defaulting Club shall be suspended forthwith and will only be reinstated on the Monday following the receipt of the cumulative fines / levies by the Treasurer.
 - (c)** All fines / levies imposed by the Committee must be notified in writing to the Clubs fined / levied within fourteen days of the date of imposition.
- 5** An Annual General Meeting will be held not later than 30th June each year.

- (a) The following business shall be transacted at the Annual General Meeting provided that at least 50% of the Member Clubs are present.
- (i) Receipt and Adoption of the Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting
 - (ii) Consideration of any Matters Arising therefrom
 - (iii) Presentation of the Annual Report of the Secretary
 - (iv) Presentation of the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts
 - (v) Chairman's Address
 - (vi) Consideration of Proposed Alterations and Additions to Rules of which notice has been given under Rule 5(f).
 - (vii) Election of Office Bearers
 - (viii) Appointment of Auditors and Trustees
 - (ix) Appointment of Vice-Presidents, Life Members and Honorary Members
 - (x) Consideration of Any Other Relevant Business
- (b) One Representative from each Member Club together with all Office Bearers will be eligible to attend and vote. All Clubs must be represented. Any Club not represented without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £25.00. Any Club not represented on two or more consecutive occasions, without satisfactory reason being given, shall be fined a minimum of £50.00. Persistent non-attendance may result in further action by the Council as it deems fit.
- (c) At least fourteen days-notice in writing of the Annual General Meeting must be given to each Member Team by the Association Secretary.
- (d) Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports to be made up to 31st May each year. Copies of the Secretary's Report and the Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be forwarded to each Club at least five days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- (e) No person will be allowed to represent more than one Club.
- (f) The Rules of the Association can only be altered at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting as defined in Rule 6. Notice of any proposed alteration to the Rules shall be sent in writing by Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed, Royal Mail Signed For or e-mail to the Secretary on or before 1st May each year. The Rules Revision Committee will also have the power to propose alterations to the Rules. The Secretary will inform all Clubs of the proposed alteration(s) at least fourteen days prior to the Annual General Meeting. No alteration to Rule may be made unless supported by a three-quarters majority of those present and voting at the Meeting. Alterations to Rules, which must be approved by the IFA, shall not become effective until the following Season.
- (g) In the event of the voting being equal on any matter the Chairman, or Acting Chairman, shall have a second or casting vote.
- (h) Vice-Presidents, Honorary Members and Life Members may be appointed.
- (h)(i) **VICE-PRESIDENTS:** No person may be elected as a Vice-President unless he / she has been an Office Bearer for a minimum of ten years. Only the Management Committee may recommend persons to be to be elected as Vice-Presidents at the Annual General Meeting. Vice-Presidents shall not be Office Bearers nor shall they be Members of the Management Committee. Vice-Presidents shall have such rights and privileges as the Management Committee shall from time to time prescribe.
- (h)(ii) **HONORARY MEMBERS:** Honorary Members may be elected at an Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Management Committee. Honorary Members shall have such rights and privileges as the Management Committee shall from time to time prescribe.
- (h)(iii) **LIFE MEMBERS:** Life Members may be elected at an Annual General Meeting on the recommendation of the Management Committee. No person shall be

eligible for election as a Life Member unless he / she has served as a Member of the Management Committee or has rendered assistance, financial or otherwise, to the Association for at least ten years. Life Members shall have such rights and privileges as the Management Committee shall from time to time prescribe.

- (i) Auditors and Trustees may be appointed
- (j) The Meeting will be open to the Press.

6 An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting can only be convened on receipt by the Secretary of a written request by at least one-third of Club Secretaries to have such a Meeting convened or by direction of the Management Committee. The request must state the Agenda for the Meeting and the Meeting can only deal with that Agenda. No other business shall be transacted.

(a) One Delegate from each Member Club together with all Office Bearers will be eligible to attend. Seven to form a quorum. All Clubs must be represented. Any Club not represented without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined £25.00. Any Club not represented on two or more consecutive occasions, without satisfactory reason being given, shall be fined a minimum of £50.00. Persistent non-attendance may result in further action by the Council as it deems fit.

(b) At least fourteen days-notice in writing of an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting must be given by e-mail to each Member Team by the Secretary of the Association.

7 Council Meetings will be held when necessary for ordinary and routine business.

(a) Ten Members of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(b) The Chairman or Acting Chairman will have the casting vote.

(c) Any Member of the Council absenting himself / herself from two Meetings of the Council in succession shall be called upon by the Council to show cause why his / her seat should not be declared vacant, and failing to give, in the opinion of the Council, a satisfactory reason, the Council shall have the power to declare the seat vacant and appoint a successor.

(d) **APPEALS AGAINST COUNCIL DECISIONS MUST BE LODGED WITH THE IFA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT IFA ARTICLE OF ASSOCIATION.**

(e) In cases of Protests, Claims or Investigations of any kind, any Member of the Council who may have played or officiated as a Referee or Assistant Referee will not be allowed to be present at the Hearing other than as witness or to vote or take part in any discussion. Where a Team or any Member of a Team involved in a Protest, Claim or Investigation of any kind the Representative of that Team shall leave the Council Meeting and shall not take part in any discussion except when requested to give evidence. Office Bearers who are members of a Club whose Team or players are involved in a Protest, Claim or Investigation of any kind shall also leave the Council Meeting.

(f) Where a Rule prescribes mandatory punishment the decision of the Council shall be according to Rule and no vote shall be taken.

(g) Save where specifically provided otherwise in these Rules, the Management Committee shall have power to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Association including any not provided for in these Rules.

(h) All questions of interpretation of the Rules or Laws will be referred to the Council of the Association whose decision will be final notwithstanding the right of appeal to the IFA.

(i) All Meetings will be open to the Press.

8 At the First Council Meeting after the Annual General Meeting, Office Bearers for the Season will be appointed. Retiring Office Bearers are eligible for re-election and shall be entitled, by virtue of their respective Offices, to vote. The following Committees will be appointed:

A MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- (i) The Committee shall consist of the Office Bearers and twelve nominated Representatives from Fermanagh and Western Affiliated Leagues.
- (ii) The Committee shall meet when necessary and deal with all matters pertaining to the Association.
- (iii) Decisions of the Committee shall be notified in writing to the Clubs concerned within fourteen days.
- (iv) No Club shall have more than one Representative on the Committee.
- (v) Ten Members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
- (vi) Each Member of the Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Meetings of the Committee and have one vote thereat but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to himself / herself or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest.
- (vii) Any elected Member who absents himself / herself, without proper notification, from two consecutive Meetings shall lose his / her place on the Committee.
- (viii) In the event that a vacancy occurs in any Office during the course of a Season the vacancy shall be filled by the Committee and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting.
- (ix) The Committee shall have power to fill, in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur among nominated Representatives from Fermanagh & Western Affiliated Leagues during the course of a Season.
- (x) The Committee will appoint from its Members Representatives to the IFA before 30th April in any season.

B EMERGENCY COMMITTEE - The Committee will consist of the Office Bearers and two elected Members.

C DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE - The Committee will consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Disciplinary Secretary and five elected Members.

D FINANCE COMMITTEE - The Committee will consist of the Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and four elected Members.

E REFEREES COMMITTEE - The Committee will consist of the Chairman, Secretary and six elected Members.

F RULES REVISION COMMITTEE - The Committee will consist of the Chairman, Secretary and six elected Members.

(a) Each Committee will have Council powers.

(b) Four Members of the Emergency Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Finance Committee, Referees Committee and Rules Revision Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(c) In the event of the voting being equal on any matter a Committee Chairman, or Acting Chairman, shall have a second or casting vote.

(d) APPEALS AGAINST COMMITTEE DECISIONS MUST BE LODGED WITH THE IFA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RELEVANT IFA ARTICLE OF ASSOCIATION.

(e) No Member of any of these Committees shall take part in or vote on any matter affecting a Player, Official, himself / herself or any such Club which he / she may represent or be connected with.

- (f)** The decisions of the Emergency Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Finance Committee, Referees Committee and Rules Revisions Committee shall be reported to the Management Committee for information.
- 9(a)** The Management Committee shall authorise the Payment of Honoraria as deemed necessary.
- (b)** All Office Bearers shall be indemnified by the Association against all costs, losses and expenses incurred in or about the discharge of their respective duties. All claims to be presented to the Finance Committee for consideration.

CLUBS

- 10(a)** All Clubs must provide at least one suitable e-mail address to receive information from the Association. The Association will accept communication by email in all cases, except where communication is expressly requested under signature, subject to one of the following criteria being adhered to:-
 - (i) where the communication originates from an e-mail address bearing the domain name of a Club.
 - (ii) where the e-mail address is listed on the Club Entry Form lodged with the Association.
 - (iii) where an attachment to an e-mail is on Club Headed Notepaper and includes a scanned copy of the Club Secretary's signature.
 - (iv) Details of a change of the e-mail address listed in (ii) above must be immediately notified in writing (by Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed, Royal Mail Signed For or e-mail) to the Association Secretary.
- (b)** Except where otherwise mentioned all communications from Clubs to the Association shall be addressed to the Secretary and will only be acceptable if sent by the registered Secretary of the Club or in his / her absence by the registered Chairman of the Club.
- (c)** No Club being a Member of the Association can play with any Club not a Member of this or any recognised Association without the previous permission of the IFA. A recognised Association is an Association affiliated to the Football Associations of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales.
- (d)** In cases where there is persistent and continued interference by partisans of any Club the Council may suspend, fine or remove such Club from any Competition. Home Clubs will be responsible for spectator behaviour.
- (e)** In all Competitions Teams must wear their registered colours (shirts, shorts and socks) as recorded with the Fermanagh & Western Football League. In the event of Teams having colours (shirts, shorts and socks) which are, in the opinion of the Referee, not distinguishable from those of their opponents the Home Team shall change unless mutually agreed not to do so. In all other cases the Council will decide which Team shall change colours.
- (f)** The Team Captain shall wear a distinguishing armband to indicate his status.
- (g)** Bibs of a colour different to the colours of both Teams' shirts must be worn by unused Substitutes and Substituted Players during a match.
- (h)** Any Team proved to have played an ineligible Player in any match shall forfeit the Tie to their opponents, be fined a minimum of £75.00 and may be debarred from competing during the ensuing three Seasons. In cases where both Teams have been proved to have played an ineligible player in any match the match shall be declared null and void.
For the purpose of this Rule an ineligible Player is;

- (h)(i)** A player who has not been properly registered
- (h)(ii)** A Player who has played whilst under suspension
- (h)(iii)** A Player who has otherwise played in contravention of the Rules of the Competition in which he has taken part.
- (h)(iv)** A Player whose name has not appeared on the Official Comet Team List but has played in the fixture

- (i)** Any Team permanently changing its Secretary, the situation of its ground; the colours of its shirts, shorts and socks shall give the Association Secretary and any Cup opponents at least forty-eight hours notice of apposite change(s) in writing (by Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed, Royal Mail Signed For or e-mail). Telephone calls, texts or ordinary mail will not be accepted.
- (j)(i)** Teams shall only play on an alternative pitch with the permission of the Association Secretary which must be granted for each match so played.
- (j)(ii)** Applications from Teams seeking to play on an alternative pitch must be sent by email to the Association Secretary and copied to the Association Chairman at least seventy-two hours before the appointed kick-off time of a match. Both Teams shall be given at least forty-eight hours notice of a change of match venue.
- (iii)** Teams may also play on an alternative pitch provided that agreement has been obtained from their Opponents and permission has been granted by the Association Secretary.

PLAYERS (DISCIPLINE)

- 11(a)** Players sent off the field of play or cautioned by the Referee shall be punished according to the IFA Scales of Punishment drawn up by the IFA Disciplinary Committee.
- (b)** A suspended Player shall not play or take part in any match under the jurisdiction of the IFA during the period of his suspension.
- (c)** A Club, Official, Player or Match Official may submit a Disciplinary Challenge to the Association Disciplinary Secretary in accordance with the relevant Article(s) of the IFA Disciplinary Code. The Association Disciplinary Secretary shall set a date to hear a Disciplinary Challenge within six weeks of receipt of the Disciplinary Challenge.

PLAYERS (GENERAL)

- 12** The Association can claim the use of Players of any Club under its jurisdiction for at least three matches in each Season. Any Player failing or refusing to play may be fined, suspended or otherwise dealt with as the Council sees fit.

REFEREES

- 13(a)** Referees must affiliate to the IFA each Season. The Affiliation Fee is £15.00. Affiliation Fees fall due on 31st July each Season.
- (b)** Appointment of Referees for matches in all Competitions will be made by the Referees Committee or any agent it designates from the list of affiliated Referees except in Semi-Final and Final Ties when the appointment of Referees and Assistant Referees will be made by the Management Committee
- (c)** Referees must upload completed reports including disciplinary sanctions, to the COMET system within twenty-four hours of competition of the match.

- (d)(i)** In the event of a match being postponed by the Referee at kick-off time the Referee must submit a Report to the Association Secretary within three days of the match.
- (d)(ii)** In the event of a match having to be abandoned as a result of a serious injury to a Player or adverse weather conditions the Referee must submit a Report to the Association Secretary within three days of the match.
- (d)(iii)** In the event of a match having to be abandoned as a result of the misconduct / indiscipline of either or both Teams the Referee must immediately submit a Report to the Association Secretary.
- (e)(i)** In the event of the appointed Referee not attending the match and the two Teams mutually agree to a Referee at the ground, such a Referee will be considered the Official Referee.
- (e)(ii)** When Teams fail to agree on a Referee when the appointed Referee does not attend, each Team shall nominate a person to referee and the toss of a coin will determine who shall referee the match. He / she shall be considered the Official Referee.
- (e)(iii)** In all cases where one or both Teams nominate an individual who is a qualified Referee and that person is an affiliated to the Referees' Association he / she will take precedence over any nominee.
- (e)(iv)** Once chosen the person appointed as the Official Referee should officiate for the duration of the match and should only be replaced in the event of an injury preventing him / her from completing the match.
- (f)** All complaints against the Referee must be made in writing and sent to the Association Secretary within four days after the cause of the complaint by Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed, Royal Mail Signed For or e-mail.
- (g)** An appointed Referee who does not attend a match without satisfactory reason being given shall be dealt with by the Management Committee as it deems fit.
- (h)** Referees' charges will be as laid down by the IFA.
- (i)** Match Officials shall be entitled to claim Travelling Expenses or Motoring Expenses actually and necessarily incurred on a scale to be decided by the IFA. Where two or more Match Officials travel together by car only one shall be entitled to claim Motoring Expenses.
- (j)** The Home Team shall pay the Referee's Charges. Referees shall submit a written claim for expenses to the Home Team before each match.
- (k)** When a match is postponed by the Referee at kick-off time or abandoned before completion, the Referee's Fee shall be half Match Fee plus Travelling Expenses or Motoring Expenses actually and necessarily incurred.
- (l)** An Assistant Referee, when appointed by the Association, will be paid half Match Fee plus Travelling Expenses or Motoring Expenses actually and necessarily incurred.
- (m)** Each competing Team shall provide an Assistant Referee in all matches unless otherwise arranged by the Association

GENERAL

- 14** Any objections to field of play or goal posts, which must include adequate netting, or ball must be lodged with the Referee before the match is started and the Referee shall have power to put such objections made right before the match starts.
- 15** Any notice sent by post from the Association shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which the letter containing same was posted and in proving such service it shall be sufficient to produce a certificate that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put into the Post Office.
- 16** Entries for any Competition / Affiliations received after the closing date shall be subject to a £30.00 extra charge.

PROTESTS & CLAIMS

- 17(a)** All Protests or Claims must be signed by the Secretary (or in his / her absence by the Chairman) of the Club lodging the Protest or Claim.
- (b)** Protests and Claims must be received by the Association Secretary by Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed bearing postmark within four days after the cause of the Protest or Claim accompanied by a deposit of £75.00 which will be forfeited in all cases where the Protest or Claim is not upheld.
- (c)** An identically worded copy of the Protest or Claim must also be sent by Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed by the appellant Club to the Secretary of the Club or Individual protested or claimed against if appropriate bearing postmark within four days after the cause of the Protest or Claim.
- (d)** In lodging a Protest or Claim the appellant shall state fully, in writing, the grounds for the Protest or Claim.
- (e)** Protests or Claims in respect of ineligible Players must bear the names of the ineligible Players and the cause of the Protest or Claim.
- (f)** A Protest or Claim shall be declared “out of order” if the above conditions are not fulfilled. However, the Management Committee shall have the right to investigate the subject and content of any Protest or Claim declared “out of order” and shall take any action it deems necessary.
- (g)** In the case of a Protest or Claim regarding the eligibility of any Player in any Competition the Association shall have power to call upon such Player, or the Club to which he belongs or for which he played, to prove that he was qualified according to the Rules of the Association and failing satisfactory proof the Association may suspend such Player and expel, fine or otherwise deal with the offending Club as it deems fit.
- (h)** In the case of a Protest or Claim being upheld against a Team that has won a match by any violation of Rule the match shall be awarded to its opponents and a score-line of 3-0 recorded in its favour.
- (i)** A Team may be represented at the hearing of an Appeal or Claim by a maximum of three of its Members at any one time.
- (j)** Any person summoned to attend at the hearing of an Appeal or Claim must attend personally.

TROPHIES

- 18(a)** Cups and Trophies are the property of the Association and must be returned in good condition when requested by the Association but not later than 1st April of the following Season.
- (b)** No person, other than the Association Secretary, shall be authorised to have engraving carried out on or repairs made to any Cup or Trophy the property of the Association.
- (c)** A Club returning a Cup or Trophy in a damaged condition shall be liable to furnish the cost of repair and / or replacement of the Cup or Trophy to the Association. No repair shall be effected by any Club. A Club may be fined if it fails to return a Cup or Trophy in a sound, cleaned and polished condition by the due date.
- (d)** The Association shall award eighteen medals to the Winners and Runners-Up in each Challenge Cup Competition. Additional medals may be purchased by the Teams concerned if so warranted and the Emergency Committee shall consider all such requests.

MATCHES

- 19(a)** All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game and under the Rules and Regulations of the IFA and of the Association.
- (b)** All matches shall be of ninety minutes duration (i.e. two equal periods of forty-five minutes) unless otherwise mutually agreed between the Referee and the two participating Teams and in any event shall be of equal halves. Any agreement must be made prior to the commencement of the match. No match shall be of less than seventy minutes duration.
- (c)** Teams must get notice of a match at least forty-eight hours before the match.
- (d)** A match must be played on the date fixed except as in (f), (h), (i), (j), (k), (p), (r) and (z). A Team failing to fulfil a match shall be adjudged to have lost the match, be fined in the sum of £75.00 and a score-line of 3-0 shall be recorded in favour of its Opponents.
- (e)** A Team failing to fulfil a match shall be liable to pay any expenses incurred by their Opponents provided the Opponents lodge a Claim for Expenses, in writing, to the Association Secretary within fourteen days of the match. Such Claims will be assessed by the Management Committee.
- (f)** The appointed Referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of ground for play in all matches except in the case of a ground of a local District Council or other Authority whose decision as to the fitness of ground for play must be accepted.
- (g)** A Club which has sole control of its own ground cannot decide as to the fitness of ground for play and must request an inspection by a Referee appointed by the Association or any Agent it designates.
- (h)** A Referee who, under direction from the Association, inspects the pitch of a Club that has sole control of its own ground shall take due cognisance of local advice and his / her decision shall be final. Such Referee shall be paid a £10.00 Inspection Fee plus Travelling Expenses by the Club requesting the pitch inspection. The Inspection Fee and Travelling Expenses will initially be paid by the Association who will recoup same from the Club requesting the pitch inspection.
- (i)** In the event of extreme weather conditions, the Association Secretary may, in consultation with the Association Chairman, declare any match or matches postponed without a formal pitch inspection.
- (j)** Nothing but stress of weather such as frost, snow, fog or ground being waterlogged and declared unplayable by an Official Referee can annul a match.
- (k)** A match may be postponed in the event of the death of a Player, Senior Club Official (i.e. Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or Team Manager) or an Immediate Family Member of a Player or Senior Club Official (i.e. father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son or daughter).
- (l)** In the event of a Team not being on the field, ready to commence the match at the appointed time or within fifteen minutes thereafter, the match may be awarded to the opposing Team.
- (m)** The hour of kick-off for all Saturday matches shall be 2.00pm unless otherwise mutually agreed by both Teams and sanctioned by the Secretary of the Association.
- (n)** Referees must report all late starts to the Association Secretary. When a late start is reported a Club or Clubs being responsible without reasonable excuse shall be fined a minimum of £10.00.
- (o)** The Association Secretary shall have the power to rearrange matches provided at least forty-eight hours-notice is given to the Teams involved.
- (p)** IFA Competition matches will take preference over any Association Competition matches.

- (q)** The half time interval shall be of at least five minutes but it shall not exceed ten minutes.
- (r)** The Management Committee / Association Secretary shall have the power to postpone or cancel any match.
- (s)** Approved dressing accommodation, including adequate shower facilities, must be provided for the Away Team and Match Official/s by the Home Team
- (t)** Any Team not providing approved changing accommodation may have a levy imposed on them for each Home match in which the approved changing accommodation has not been provided.
- (u)** Teams must enter the details of their starting eleven players, identifying goalkeeper and captain, along with substitutes, on the COMET system a minimum of fifteen minutes prior to the appointed kick-off time. Should a team require to change the details of the team once submitted, due to injury or withdrawal, this must be done directly with the Official Referee prior to kick-off. The players' shirts must be clearly numbered on the back and the players' names must correspond exactly to the numbers assigned on the COMET system.
- (v)** In the event of a match being abandoned by the Referee before the completion of the specified time due to the behaviour of a Team or Teams the Management Committee shall have the power to:
 - (w)(i)** award a forfeiture or
 - (w)(ii)** order the match to be replayed in full at a venue of its choice.
- (x)** Should the abandonment of a match take place due to circumstances beyond the control of the competing Teams the result at the time of termination shall stand provided more than seventy minutes have elapsed.
- (y)** The Match Footballs must be provided by the Home Team and the Match Referee shall make a report to the Association Secretary if the Footballs are not provided.
- (z)** Goal nets must be used at all matches.
- (aa)** Teams may, with the agreement of their opponents and sanctioned by the Association Secretary, alter the scheduled kick-off time of any match by forty-eight hours.
- (bb)** Matches may be played on natural turf or artificial turf provided that such artificial turf meets FIFA Recommended Standards.

MULHERN CUP

- 1** The Competition will be called the Fermanagh and Western Football Association Challenge Cup and the Trophy shall be called the Mulhern Cup. The Competition shall be administered by the Association.
- 2** The Competition will be open to all Clubs Members of the Association and to such other Clubs as the Council may decide to accept.
- 3** The Entry Fee shall be £30.00
- 4** In all matches, with the exception of the Semi-Final and Final Ties, the Team on whose ground the match is played will take the entire gate receipts and (i) shall pay the Referee his / her Charges and (ii) pay all Ground Expenses if applicable.
- 5** In Semi-Final and Final Ties, and replays thereof, the Council will decide the ground and take the entire gate receipts and (i) shall pay the Match Officials their Charges and (ii) pay all Ground Expenses.
- 6** No team may play more than three recognised Senior or Intermediate Players in any one match. A recognised Senior or Intermediate Player is one who played more than six matches for an acknowledged Senior or Intermediate Club in that Season.
- 7** Any Player who has taken part in any Cup Tie match for any Senior or Intermediate status Cup Competition may not again compete for the Mulhern Cup in the same

Season, except in the case of Junior Teams, three Members of which may play for the Senior or Intermediate Teams of the same Club. No Player shall play in more than two matches. Any Player who has competed in any National Cup Tie Matches under any other National Association shall be ineligible to compete during the same Season in the Competition.

- 8** In addition to the Players mentioned in Rule 7, the following shall be ineligible to compete in the Mulhern Cup:
- (a) Any Player who has played in a Senior International or Senior Inter-League match.
 - (b) Any Player who in the current or previous Season has played in the Final Tie of any Senior Competition.
 - (c) Any Player who in the current or previous Season has played in the Final Tie of any Intermediate Status Competition, except a Player who has played in such a Final Tie as a Member of a Junior Club.
 - (d) Any Player who has taken part in more than twelve competitive matches for Irish League Senior Clubs during the current and previous Seasons collectively.
 - (e) Any Player who has taken part in more than four competitive matches for Senior or Intermediate Clubs collectively during the current Season.
 - (f) A professional shall not be allowed to take part in the Mulhern Cup Competition.
- 9** No Player may play for more than one Team in this Competition.
- 10** A Team may at its discretion use three Substitute Players at any time in any match except to replace a Player who has been dismissed from the match by the Referee. Teams may nominate up to a maximum of five Substitute Players prior to the commencement of any match.
- 11** A Substitute Player shall be construed as taking part in a match for which he was nominated only if he has actually played in such match.
- 12** All eligible Players shall be bona fide members of the Club which they represent and shall be registered with the Fermanagh and Western Football League in accordance with its Rules.
- 13** In the event of a Tie not taking place on the second date fixed, the Team originally drawn away shall have the choice of venue. In the event of a Tie not taking place on the third date fixed the Team first drawn at home will have choice of venue. Subsequently the Tie will alternate between the two Teams' venues until completed.
- 14** A Team failing to fulfil a Tie shall be fined £75.00
- 15** The Council / Management Committee shall, except as to returns by Clubs, have power to alter these Rules but in no case shall they do so until after the Final Tie in any year shall have been played.
- 16** All Rules of the Association, where appropriate, apply to this Competition.

JOHN REIHILL MEMORIAL CUP

- 1** The Competition shall be called the Fermanagh and Western Football Association Reserve Challenge Cup and the Trophy shall be called the John Reihill Memorial Cup. The Competition will be administered by the Association.
- 2** The Competition shall be restricted to Reserve Teams excepting the Reserve Teams of Irish League Clubs or Intermediate League Clubs. Any Player who has taken part in any Cup Tie match for the IFA Challenge Cup, IFA Intermediate Cup, IFA Junior Challenge Cup, Divisional Challenge Cups or Mulhern Cup may not again compete for the Reihill Cup in the same Season.
- 3** Any Club which has not entered the Mulhern Cup in the current Season shall be ineligible to enter the Reihill Cup.

- 4** All Rules of the Association and the Mulhern Cup, where appropriate, apply to this Competition.

LOWRY-CORRY CUP

- 1** The Competition shall be called the Fermanagh and Western Football Association Youth Challenge Cup and the Trophy shall be called the Lowry-Corry Cup. The Competition will be administered by the Association.
- 2** The Competition will be open to all Clubs Members of the Association and to such other Clubs as the Council may decide to accept.
- 3** The Entry Fee shall be £30.00
- 4** In all matches, with the exception of the Semi-Final and Final Ties, the Team on whose ground the match is played will take the entire gate receipts and (i) shall pay the Referee his / her Charges and (ii) pay all Ground Expenses if applicable.
- 5** In Semi-Final and Final Ties, and replays thereof, the Council will decide the ground and take the entire gate receipts and (i) shall pay the Referee his / her Charges and (ii) pay all Ground Expenses if applicable.
- 6** No Player shall be eligible to take part who is 18 years of age or older before the 1st day of January in the Season in which the Competition commences.
- 7** A Professional shall not be allowed to take part in the Competition.
- 8** All eligible Players shall be bona fide members of the Club which they represent and shall be registered with the Fermanagh and Western Football League in accordance with its Rules.
- 9** No Player may play for more than one Team in this Competition.
- 10** A Team may at its discretion use five Substitute Players at any time in any match except to replace a Player who has been dismissed from the match by the Referee. Substitute Players must be nominated prior to the commencement of any match.
- 11** A Substitute Player shall be construed as taking part in a match for which he was nominated only if he has actually played in such match.
- 12** In the event of a Tie not taking place on the second date fixed, the Team originally drawn away shall have the choice of venue. In the event of a Tie not taking place on the third date fixed the Team first drawn at home will have choice of venue. Subsequently the Tie will alternate between the two Teams' venues until completed.
- 13** A Team failing to fulfil a Tie shall be fined £75.00.
- 14** All Rules of the Association, where appropriate, apply to this Competition.

SCALES OF PUNISHMENTS FOR FIELD OFFENCES

Scales of Punishment for on and off field offences committed by Players and / or Officials of a Club shall be dealt with according to the Irish Football Association's Disciplinary Code for Season 2018-19 as drawn up by the Disciplinary Committee of the Irish Football Association.