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Suffolk FA County Challenge Cup Rules

1. The Trophies shall be called The Suffolk County Football Association, Premier, Senior, Senior Reserve, Junior, Primary, Minor, Sunday U13 and Sunday Challenge Cup, Sunday Challenge Shield and Sunday Challenge Trophy, Sunday Veterans Cup, Girls U14 and Girls U16. All Clubs (excepting Sunday veterans, women's, girls and boys clubs) affiliated to this Association and competing in a registered league on Saturdays or Sundays shall enter at least their Senior team in one of these County Competitions.

Each competing team shall consist of bona-fide playing members of the club, who, unless a satisfactory reason is given or unless a Football League club, shall be the full available strength of each competing club.

2. The Management of the Competitions shall be vested in the County Challenge Competitions Committee appointed by the Council. Clubs taking part in the Semi-finals and Finals of the Premier and Senior Cups shall be entitled to be represented by its delegate at meetings when arrangements for such ties are being made. Any appeals shall be heard by a Commission appointed by the Council for that purpose whose decision shall be final and binding.

Notice of Entry and Entrance Fees

3. (a) All Clubs shall affiliate to the Association not later than the 30th June in each year and shall intimate the County Challenge Cup or Cups in which it desires to compete. The entrance fees payable in respect of such clubs are: Premier £25.00, Senior £16.00, Senior Reserve, Junior, Primary £12.00, Sunday Cup £16.00, Sunday Shield, Sunday Trophy, Sunday Minor, Sunday U13 £12.00 and Ladies Cup £12.00, Sunday Veterans Cup £12.00, Girls U14 & U16 £12.00. The County Challenge Competitions Committee shall examine the applications received for the Junior, Primary, Sunday Cups, Sunday Shield, Sunday Trophy, Sunday Minor and Sunday U13 and may reject any application or decide the Competition in which the applicant Club shall compete.
(b) All Saturday Junior Clubs playing in the first or premier division of their League shall enter the Junior Cup Competition. All other Clubs not wishing to enter the Junior Cup shall be placed in the Primary Cup, subject only to the special clauses applying to these County Challenge Trophies. All Clubs not wishing to enter the Sunday Cup shall be placed in the Sunday Shield or Sunday Trophy as decided by the May Council meeting each year subject only to the special clauses applying to the Sunday Competitions.
(c) Clubs desirous of being exempted from competing in any of the following competitions shall, in lieu of competing, contribute a sum to the funds of the Association. Premier Cup - £500.00, Senior Cup - £250.00, Junior Cup - and Sunday Cup - £100.00, Primary Cup, Sunday Shield and Sunday Trophy - £50.00.

The claim for exemption together with the required sum shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association so that it is received on or before 30th June previous to the season in which the club claims exemption.

Qualifications of Clubs and Players

4. (a) The Competitions shall be open only to Clubs affiliated to the Association by 30th June and shall be competed for annually. A player refereeing in any one of these competitions shall be ineligible to play in that Competition and a Referee playing in any one of these Competitions shall be ineligible to referee in that Competition.
(b) No individual shall be allowed to play for more than one Club in any of these competitions in any one season, unless it is in a higher grade. If, however, a player not being a bona-fide reserve of a Senior Club shall assist another Club in a higher grade competition, he shall immediately lose his qualification for all lesser grade competitions. A substitute who is not used is entitled to play for another club in the same season.
(c) The members of each competing team shall have the following qualifications:-
 - (i) Each player shall be a registered member of the Club before taking part in any Competition. A player shall be deemed to be registered and entitled to play only if he has completed a

registration form and it has been accepted by the League in which the Club is a member, prior to the match.

- (ii) In the semi-final and final ties all players must have been registered with their Club and League at least 21 clear days prior to the Competition's semi-final match in which their club is involved is played.
- (iii) Any player who for any reason is not eligible to take part in a cup tie shall not be eligible to take part in any replay, except that a player who has been suspended may play in postponed or replayed ties after the term of his suspension has expired.
- (iv) Any team found guilty of playing an unregistered player or an otherwise ineligible player will forfeit the match and be further dealt with as the Challenge Competitions Committee shall decide.

SPECIAL CLAUSES

Subject to the qualifications as to players referred to in the preceding rules, the Premier Cup and the Senior Cup shall be restricted to :-

Premier Cup - Senior Clubs with players under written contract and such other Senior Clubs as the Council shall determine. Finalists in the Senior Cup of the preceding season being eligible to apply if they so desire.

Senior Cup - All Senior Clubs not competing in the Premier Cup. A player, who in the season then current, has taken part in the Premier Cup Competition shall not be eligible to take part in the Senior Cup Competition.

Senior Reserve Cup - The competition shall be open only to all RESERVE teams of clubs entering the Premier and Senior Cups who are not competing in a Senior Competition. For the purpose of interpretation the Competitions regarded as 'Senior' are as listed within the Junior Cup 'Special Clauses'. Teams competing in the Eastern Counties Reserve Division are only permitted to enter this competition. A player who in the current season has played in the Premier or Senior Cup shall not be eligible to play in this competition.

Junior Cup - A player is disqualified from playing in this competition if he has played in more than a total of five senior competition matches in the current season. For the purposes of this competition the following are all considered as Senior Leagues/Competitions - FA Cup, FA Vase, FA Trophy, Eastern Counties Premier and Division One, Suffolk and Ipswich Senior Division, Anglian Combination Premier and Division One, Essex and Suffolk Border Premier Division, Cambridgeshire Premier League and other senior leagues within the pyramid system.

Primary Cup - the following players are not eligible to take part in this Competition:-

- (a) Those who have taken part in any Senior Competition match in the preceding and current seasons. Senior Competitions are those given in the Junior Cup special clauses.
- (b) Those who appeared in the winning side of the Junior Cup or the Primary Cup in the previous season.
- (c) Those who have played in more than a total of two Junior Cup matches in the previous or current seasons.
- (d) Players under F.A. contract may not play in this Competition.
- (e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Council may, in its absolute discretion, grant Primary Cup status to any player for the current season, provided application be made not later than 1st September in the season then current. Application should be to the appropriate Regional Committee Secretary, giving full details of the player's age, previous Clubs played for and the number of senior matches played in the preceding and current seasons.

Minor Cup - The Competition is restricted to players who, at midnight on the 31st August in the current season, have attained the age of 13 years but are still under the age of 15 years. All matches in this competition will be played on Sundays.

Sunday U13 Cup - The Competition is restricted to players who, at midnight on the 31st August in the current season, have attained the age of 11 years but are still under the age of 13 years. All matches in this competition will be played on Sundays. In all matches a size four football shall be used.

Sunday Cup, Sunday Challenge Shield and Sunday Trophy - The following rules apply to the Suffolk County Football Association Sunday Cup, Sunday Challenge Shield and Sunday Trophy only - The Competitions shall be open to clubs affiliated to the Suffolk County Football Association playing in recognised Sunday competitions.

- (a) The Sunday Cup is open to any qualified player taking part in recognised Sunday Football.
- (b) The Sunday Challenge Shield is open to any qualified player, taking part in recognised Sunday Football, who has not played in the Sunday Cup Competition in the current season, subject to the

provisions of Rule 3 (b). A player is disqualified from playing in this competition if he has played in more than a total of five Saturday Senior Competition matches in the current season. (Senior Competitions are those given in the Junior Cup Special Clauses).

Notwithstanding, the Council may grant Sunday Challenge Shield status to any player for the current season provided application is made not later than 1st September. Applications should be to the appropriate Regional Committee Secretary, giving full details of the player's age, previous clubs played for and the number of senior matches played in the current and previous seasons.

- (c) The Sunday Trophy is open to any qualified player taking part in recognised Sunday Football, who has not played in the Sunday Cup or the Sunday Challenge Shield competition in the current season, subject to the provisions of Rule 3(b) A player is disqualified from taking part in this competition if he has played in any senior competition match in the preceding and current seasons (Senior competitions are those given in the Junior Cup special clauses).

Notwithstanding, the Council may grant Sunday Trophy status to any player for the current season, provided application is made not later than 1st September. Application should be to the appropriate Regional Committee Secretary giving full details of the players age, previous clubs played for and the number of senior matches played in the preceding and current seasons.

- (d) Players under F.A. Contract may not play in the competitions.

Sunday Veterans Cup - the following rules apply to the Suffolk County Football Association.

- (a) Only registered playing members of a club who are 35 years of age or older may play in this competition.
- (b) Players under FA contract may not play in this competition
- (c) A team shall not include any more than two senior players in any match. For the purposes of this competition the following are all considered as Senior Leagues/Competitions - FA Cup, FA Vase, FA Trophy, Eastern Counties Premier and Division One, Suffolk and Ipswich Senior Division, Anglian Combination Premier and Division One, Essex and Suffolk Border Premier Division, Cambridgeshire Premier League and other senior leagues within the pyramid system.

Sunday Girls U16 Cup - the following rules apply to the Suffolk County Football Association.

- (a) The competition is restricted to players who, at midnight on the 31st August in the current season, have attained the age of 14 years but are still under the age of 16 years.
- (b) A size 5 football will be used in all matches.
- (c) All matches will be played on Sundays

Sunday Girls U14 Cup - the following rules apply to the Suffolk County Football Association

- (a) The competition is restricted to players who, at midnight on the 31st August in the current season, have attained the age of 12 years but are still under the age of 14 years.
- (b) A size 4 football will be used in all matches.
- (c) All matches will be played on Sundays

Clubs entering teams for the County Challenge Competitions

5. No club shall place any recognised member of a superior team into a reserve or third team, as the case may be. In the event of any club so offending, the County Challenge Competitions Committee may order such club to be struck out of all the County Challenge Competitions in which it is competing and be otherwise dealt with as they determine.

Subject to the restrictions contained in other rules of these competitions and for the purposes of this rule a recognised member of a superior team will be one who has played in 50% or more of the superior team's games for which he has been available in the current season.

General

6. All County Challenge games must be played solely for the Competition in question and only the F.A. Challenge Cups, the Football League and Football League Cup shall take precedence.

Drawing the ties - No Clubs may have more than one bye - Ties to be played on the day intimated by the Secretary - Exemption of Clubs

7. In drawing the ties for the Junior, Primary and Sunday Cup, Sunday Shield and Sunday Trophy, the clubs shall be drawn geographically until only thirty-two remain. The County Challenge Competitions Committee shall have the power to grant byes in any rounds of the Challenge Cup Competitions so as to ensure four

Clubs being in the semi-final round, in which round the ties shall be drawn in one lot. No Club shall have more than one bye in the same season. After each drawing the Secretary shall intimate the result to the Clubs drawn and the date on which the tie must be played

Extra Time in Drawn Games - Council power to order match in mid-week

8. Unless the County Challenge Competitions Committee shall otherwise direct all Ties shall be played on, or if the participating clubs agree, before the dates fixed therefore, subject to the following. Where two clubs, drawn together both compete in a league which stipulates the clubs must have flood-lights then, upon request from both clubs, permission will be given to play mid-week. Such matches must be played before the published County date and any abandoned or postponed match must be on or before the Saturday following the original published date. Permission will be given for alteration of date in cases of Junior and Primary Cup ties where the ground of the Club entitled to the home fixture is engaged for a Senior Competition match. Extra time must be played in all matches including the Finals, which result in a draw at full time in all the County Challenge Competitions.

The duration of extra time is thirty minutes, but in the case of the Minor, Sunday U13, Girls U16 and Girls U14 Cups only, extra time will be 20 minutes.

All matches, including the Finals, in each competition resulting in a draw after extra time, will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in the manner determined by FIFA and set out in the F.A. Handbook.

The official time for commencing County Competition Ties played on Saturday or Sunday afternoons shall be as follows:- September, October 2.15.p.m., November 1.30.p.m., December 1.30.p.m., January 1.30.p.m., February to May 2.15.p.m. Sunday Cup, Sunday Shield and Sunday Trophy matches shall be played in the morning and shall commence not later than 10.30 am. Where the home club normally plays its matches in the afternoon, or when the number of Clubs has reached 32 or below and both Clubs agree, the Competition Secretary may give permission for Sunday Cup, Sunday Shield, Minor or Trophy ties to be played at times no later than as provided for Saturday Competition ties. In the event of a match being played to a conclusion the match must be regarded as a cup tie. The Referee will report to the County Secretary concerning any instance in which it is not possible to commence the match at the official time. Matches that take place under floodlights may kick off no later than 3.00 pm. for afternoon matches and 7.45 pm. for evening matches.

Clubs shall be fined for late starts in County Competitions unless a satisfactory explanation is given. The County Secretary shall have power to impose a fine of £10 or refer the matter to a Disciplinary Commission

Choice of Ground - Ground unfit for Cup-tie - Appeal to Council within seven days of the Draw

9. General. Providing grounds comply with Rule 10 each game shall be played on the ground of the club first drawn in the ballot. Except with the approval of the County Challenge Competitions Committee, no tie shall be played on any ground other than the registered home ground of one of the contesting clubs.

In the event of a match being abandoned, neither club being at fault, and the full ninety minutes have not been played, the game shall be replayed on the ground on which it was abandoned.

If when playing extra time the match is abandoned, neither club being at fault, the replay shall be on the ground of the visitors.

If ninety minutes or extra time is not completed through some fault of either club, the County Challenge Competitions Committee shall decide the venue for the replay.

Provided another similar game is being played in the same town and upon joint application from both clubs concerned the County Challenge Competitions Committee shall have the power to sanction the playing of a tie on the ground of the club drawn second in the ballot.

The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and his decision shall be final.

In severe weather the home club may if necessary call in the services of a local Senior Referee or a local member of the County Challenge Competitions Committee, not being a member of the Club concerned, to decide on the fitness of the ground and if considered unfit, it shall be the duty of the home Club to forthwith advise the visiting Club and the appointed Officials of such decision. Such action shall be taken not later than 10.am.on the day of an afternoon game or two hours prior to the time arranged for commencement of a morning game. All postponed matches MUST be played not later than seven days after the original date.

Size of Ground - Touch and goal lines to be clearly defined

10. The dimensions of the field of play for the Premier and Senior Cups shall be a maximum length of 130 yards (120m), minimum of 110 yards (100m), maximum breadth 100 yards (90m), minimum 70 yards (64m) and for the Senior Reserve, Junior, Primary, Sunday, and Minor Cups, Sunday Challenge Shield and the Sunday Trophy, minimum length 100 yards (90m) and minimum breadth 50 yards (44m). The lines must be clearly defined according to Law 1 of the game.

For Premier & Senior Cup-ties the ground must be efficiently roped in and goal nets must be used. Each club shall provide separate areas adjacent to the pitch for the sole use of team officials, medical staff and

substitutes. Such designated areas shall be clearly marked 'home' and 'away', have direct access to the pitch and be located as near as possible equidistant from the halfway line and be under cover.

In all matches the number of the club's players and officials seated on the team benches in the technical area must not exceed eleven. With the exception of the team manager, the team coach and any substitutes that are warming up all other personal are to remain seated. The team manager or team coach is allowed to move to the edge of the technical area to issue instructions to his team.

A technical area is to be provided. The technical area extends one metre on either side of the designated seated area and extends forward up to a distance of one metre from the touch-line. Markings are to be used to define this area. These arrangements are strongly recommended for all county cup ties.

Club Colours - Secretary may order one of competing clubs wearing the same colours to change

11. In all Cup-ties the competing teams must wear their club colours, but where the colours of two competing clubs are similar the visiting team must change. Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from the other players and spectators. In the semi-finals and finals where competing club colours are similar the County Competitions Secretary shall order both teams to change their colours, or one team to change its colours. A written list of actual players (with full Christian names and surnames) shall be exchanged by the respective Secretaries prior to the commencement of each match.

In all semi-final and finals both competing teams must wear football shirts with numbers on and these numbers must correspond with the numbers and names of players shown on the team/result sheet handed to the referee prior to the match.

Semi-final or Final dates and Grounds

12. It shall be the duty of any Club to release its ground for a County Competition Semi-final or Final Tie to be played.

Grounds and Results

13. It shall be the duty of the Home Club to give details, in writing, of full particulars and situation of the ground to its opponents and the referee and assistant referee (where appointed) not later than six days prior to the match.

Each Club shall give notice of the result with the full names of the players of its own team together with the marks awarded to the Referee to the County Headquarters within two days (excluding Sunday) of the date on which the match has been played. Clubs failing to comply with this rule are subject to a fine of £10. Each Club, in the event of a postponed or abandoned match, shall telephone the Referee's Appointment Secretary between 7.00 p.m. and 8.00.p.m or in the case of evening matches, between 7.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. the day following, with reasons for the match not being played. Clubs failing to comply with this rule are subject to a fine of £10.

The home or staging Club shall telephone or e-mail result of each County Cup Competition match to County Headquarters on the telephone number/e-mail address given on the information sheets sent out with the competition draw and details, within three hours of the match finishing. Clubs that fail to do this will be fined £10.00.

Team Sheets

14. Teams taking part in County Competition matches MUST hand to the appointed match Referee a copy of the team sheet, prior to the commencement of the match, which shall also include the names of any substitutes.

For Premier and Senior Cup matches a Club Official from each side must together present team sheets naming the players and substitutes to the Referee at least 30 minutes prior to kick-off. In the Premier and Senior Cup matches the team sheets shall record the full names of the players, substitutes, colour the teams are playing in and also the colour of the goalkeepers jersey. Clubs that fail to hand a copy of the properly completed team sheet to the match referee PRIOR to the commencement of the match must be reported to the County Secretary by the match Referee. The County Secretary shall have the power to impose a fine of £10.00 upon the Club or refer the matter to the County Challenge Competitions Committee. (In the event of the match Referee not being given any team sheet he should still allow the match to continue but ensure that the matter is reported to the County Secretary).

Appointment of Referees

15. The Referees in all Cup-ties and the Referees and Assistant Referees in the Premier and Senior Cups and in the Semi-final and Final ties, shall be appointed by the Referees Committee or the Council. All Clubs entering the Senior Reserve, Junior, Primary, Sunday, Minor, Sunday U13, Girls U16 and U14 Cups, Sunday Shield and Sunday Trophy must supply a linesman equipped with a proper flag for all matches prior to the semi-finals. A reserve official will be appointed for the final ties of all County Competitions.

Travelling Expenses - The following maximum charges may be made. Second class rail fare or bus fare or its equivalent if other means of transport are used, but in the event of none of these facilities being available a charge of 30 pence per mile.

Fees shall be payable as follows:-

	Referee	Assistant
Premier Cup	£45.00	£25.00
Senior Cup	£30.00	£18.00
Senior Reserve Cup	£25.00	£16.00
Junior Cup	£22.00	£14.00
Primary Cup	£20.00	£14.00
Sunday Cup	£24.00	£16.00
Sunday Shield	£20.00	£14.00
Sunday Trophy	£20.00	£14.00
Sunday Veterans Cup	£20.00	£14.00
Minor Cup	£15.00	£10.00
U13 Boys Cup	£15.00	£10.00
Norfolk & Suffolk Womens Cup	£20.00	£14.00
U16 Girls Cup	£15.00	£10.00
U14 Girls Cup	£15.00	£10.00

Note: The above fees include Semi-finals and Finals. Officials in the Finals will also receive a Trophy

The 4th official (where appointed) will receive the appropriate assistant referee's fee plus a trophy.

If the match is not commenced and the Official has made the journey, he shall receive from the home club, or the club staging the match, half the fee and his travelling expenses; such payment to be charged to the match expenses when actually played.

The home or staging Club shall be responsible for the payment of fees and travelling expenses of the Officials.

In the event of the non appearance of the appointed Referee, the senior Assistant Referee shall replace him and receive the Referee's fee and expenses. Clubs must agree an assistant referee to replace the appointee. When Assistant Referees are not appointed, each club shall provide an assistant who shall report to the Referee at least five minutes before the appointed time for kick off.

In the event of the non arrival of the appointed Referee, clubs must agree upon a replacement to Referee the match. Failure to do so may result in one or both clubs being eliminated from the Competition.

In all cases where an appointed Referee or Assistant fails to appear, or is late for the kick-off, the matter must be reported to the Honorary Secretary of the Referee's Committee by the home or staging club.

Referees' decision to be final

16. On all questions of fact the decision of the Referee shall be final. On the questions of interpretation of rules or laws of the game an appeal may be made to the Council, but the Referees' decision must be acted upon on the field.

The Duration of Matches

17. In the Premier and Senior Cups the duration of a match will be ninety minutes (two halves of forty-five minutes).

In the Senior Reserve, Junior, Primary and Sunday Cup, Sunday Challenge Shield, Sunday Trophy and Sunday Veterans Cup the duration shall be the same as that for the Premier and Senior Cups, but should special circumstances render it desirable and both Clubs mutually agree and acquaint the Referee thereof, prior to the match, the duration may be reduced to two halves of forty minutes. In the Minor Cup and Girls U16 Cup, the duration of the match shall be eighty minutes (two equal halves of forty minutes). In the Sunday U13 Cup and Girls U14 Cup, the duration of the match shall be seventy minutes (two equal halves of thirty five minutes). The half time interval shall not exceed 10 minutes except with the permission of the Referee.

Non Fulfilment of Cup Ties

18. Any club withdrawing or not fulfilling the fixture in any tie in a County Competition shall be deemed to have conceded the tie to its opponents (unless exceptional circumstances as decided by the Competitions Committee prevail).

A club intending to withdraw must give notice of its intention to do so to the County Office, the secretary of the opposing club, and the match official/s where appointed.

A club withdrawing or failing to fulfil any County Competition may be charged by the Committee with serious misconduct. If found guilty the club may be fined an amount not exceeding £500.00.

Questions to be referred to Council - Protests - Protests against Players must be lodged within five days of the match being played

19. All questions relating to matches, the qualifications of players or interpretation of the Rules, or any dispute, protest or complaint whatever, shall be referred to the County Challenge Competitions Committee or to a Subcommittee appointed for that purpose, whose decision shall be final and binding on both Clubs (subject to rule two (2) of these rules of the County Challenge Competitions). Every protest or complaint of whatever kind must be made in writing to the County Challenge Competitions Committee and must contain particulars upon which it is founded. Two copies of the protest or complaint must be lodged with the County Secretary, accompanied by a fee of £25.00, within five days (excluding Sunday) of the match to which it relates. The fee may be forfeited to the Association in the event of the protest not being sustained or the complaint considered to be unreasonable. The County Challenge Competitions Committee may order any Club engaged in a dispute, protest or complaint, to pay such sum as may be considered necessary towards defraying the expenses incurred. Any protest relating to the ground, goal posts or bars, or any other appurtenances of the game, shall not be entertained by the County Challenge Competitions Committee unless notice with particulars has been given to the Referee before the commencement of the match. The Referee shall require the responsible Club to remove the cause of the objection, if this is possible without unduly delaying the progress of the match. When an objection has been lodged with the Referee, a protest must be made to the Association and no objections or protests shall be withdrawn except by leave of the County Challenge Competitions Committee. In dealing with any protest the County Challenge Competitions Committee may take into consideration the possession by the protesting Club of any knowledge which, if properly used, might have obviated the protest.

Clubs Protesting to have no Representative sitting on the Council

20. The County Secretary shall send a copy of the protest and particulars to the Club protested against. Each Club may support its case by witnesses. If a member of the County Challenge Competitions Committee is connected with the Club concerned in a dispute or protest, he shall not sit on the County Challenge Competitions Committee while the dispute or protest is being considered. Neither Barrister nor Solicitor shall represent a Club at the hearing of the dispute or protest, unless he was a member of the Club concerned at the time when the reason for the dispute occurred.

Gate Money

21. The proceeds of all matches prior to the Semi-final ties shall be equally divided between the competing Clubs, after payment of the cost (a) reasonable travelling costs for 20 members of the visiting Club. (b) ground expenses incidental to the match, such expenses to include the Referee's fee and expenses, printing, posting and police charges. In the event of the proceeds of any match not being sufficient to cover the expenses referred to above, the first charge on the gate or collection taken shall be the visitor's travelling expenses to the extent of the gate or collection taken. The ground and other expenses to be the liability of the home Club. A full statement of gate or collection and expenses of the match shall be submitted to the visiting Club within 7 days after the match and settlement effected. Each spectator must pay at least £4.00 to witness a Premier Cup match, £2.00 for a Senior Cup match and £1.00 for all other matches. All members and ticket holders shall pay admission charges to the grounds and stands. In cases where it is not customary to take a gate, a collection may be taken, which shall be treated as gate receipts, but where it is not permissible to take a gate or collection in the latter matches the responsibility of ground expenses is to be met by the home club who shall not be entitled to share in the gate receipts in case of drawn games replayed on a ground where a gate is charged or collection made.

The arrangements for Semi-final and Final ties shall be under the control of the Council or County Challenge Competitions Committee. The gross receipts shall be the property of the Association who will be responsible for paying the expenses of the matches, including those of the appointed officials, ground expenses, printing, advertising and any other incidentals.

All claims must be rendered to the Honorary County Treasurer within 14 days of the match, failing which they may not be entertained.

Substitutes in matches for County Challenge Competitions

22. A Club may, at its discretion, use three substitute players at any time in a County Challenge Competition match except to replace a player or players who have been suspended from the game by the Referee.

In the case of the Veterans, Girls U16, Girls U14, Minor & Sunday U13 Cups only, five substitute players may be used except to replace a player or players who have been suspended from the game by the Referee. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time.

All substitutions must be carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football. The substitutions can only be made when the play is stopped for any reason, and the referee has given permission. The names of up to five substitutes must be given to the Referee prior to the commencement of the match. Substitutes not so named, may not take part in the match

Division of gates in Premier and Senior Cup Semi-final and Final Ties

23. The surplus arising from these ties shall be made into a pool, one third of which shall be taken by the Association. The other two thirds shall be divided among the four clubs taking part in the following proportions - one sixth to each losing semi-finalist and one third to each finalist.

Grants to Semi-finalists in County Challenge Competitions

24. The Council may, at its discretion, make grants to Clubs competing in the above matches.

County Challenge Trophy Winners

25. Clubs winning a County Competition will be presented with the competition trophy following the match. Following the presentation ceremony the trophy will be returned to the County FA Official in charge.

Clubs will be permitted to retain the trophy providing that proof of a stipulated level of insurance cover is received by the County Secretary not later than seven days prior to match. The trophy must then be returned to County Headquarters within 48 hours and at a time to be mutually agreed between the winning club and County FA at the conclusion of the final.

All winning clubs will receive a trophy they can retain.

Mementoes

26. In addition to the Trophy the Association may present Mementoes to all players and match officials in the Final ties, and the cost shall be met by the Association.

Council may alter Rules

27. The Council shall meet in the month of May in each year to revise the Rules of the County Challenge Trophies if necessary. All alterations of Rules recommended by the Council shall be submitted to the Annual General Meeting for confirmation, amendment or rejection.