



Matlock & District

FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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WILL CLUB SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE SPECIALLY:

28th February: Last date for registering or transferring players (Rule 8J).

31st March: All proposed rule alterations / additions for consideration at the AGM to have been received by the League Secretary in writing (Rule 20).

30th April: Management Committee nominations to have been received by the League Secretary in writing (Rule 4B).

30th June: Club's Annual Subscriptions to be received by this date (Rule 2B). These will be increased by 50% if not paid by due date (Rule 2E).

Acceptance of Fixtures: All fixtures will be deemed to have been accepted unless notification of a team not wishing to be allocated a match is received by the Fixture Secretary in writing **28 days before the match** Only 1 cancellation per season. No midweek matches can be postponed.

Result Sheets: To be received by the League (Registration) Secretary no later than 3 days after each match (Sundays excluded). These should include **Player's full names in BLOCK letters, scorers, written report should accompany every result sheet on which the referee has been awarded 4 marks or less.**

Match Results: Home club secretary* to telephone Barry White (Or other nominated person) on the day of the match. Results of Saturday fixtures to be advised by 5.00pm; those for evening matches to be advised by 9.30pm (Rule 11C).

* If a club plays an away fixture in a DCFA Cup against a club from another league, then the Matlock League club secretary should advise the result to Barry White (or other nominated person) in accordance with the procedure above. Also postponed matches home or away.

All registration and Transfer Forms: To be sent direct to Ian Gunter, The Registrar, with fees where appropriate. Registration forms must be received at least **24 hours** prior to kick off of a match. At the start of the season, all players must be registered a least **7 days** prior to the first scheduled match.

Transferred Players: Please ascertain whether players signed during this season from other clubs are **Cup-Tied** (Cup Rule 6).

Substitutes Names: These must be given to the referee prior to the kick-off. Referees are in order to refuse to let substitutes onto the field of play if they have not been named.

Notification of Opponents and Referee: Home team secretary to notify secretary of visiting team and referee at least **five clear days** before a match (Rule 10E).

Cup Matches: In all rounds except the final, the home club should pay for the match fees & expenses of all appointed officials (Cup Rule 9). In finals, clubs should provide prizes for the League's raffle. Note specially the requirements to advise opposing clubs and the League Registrar details of eligible players for semi-finals and finals; the information to be received **at least 7 days** prior to the tie (Cup Rule 7).

General Meetings: These are normally held at the SWSC at High Road, South Wingfield in August, October, December, February and April commencing at 8.00pm. **Management Committee Members** should be prepared to attend a meeting of that committee before each General Meeting. Any alterations to dates will be advised by the League Secretary.

Referees Should notify the League Secretary in writing of:

1. Late kick-offs.
2. Failure to provide Assistant Referees.
3. Under strength teams.
4. Lack of pitch markings.

All queries concerning referees should be directed to the Referee's Secretary.

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

- 1 This combination of clubs, shall be designated the Matlock and District Football League and shall consist of not more than 48 clubs, who shall be full member clubs. The Divisions shall be called Division One, Division Two, etc. Team names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on form 'D' to the Derbyshire County Football Association.

The League must receive the sanction of the Derbyshire Football Association (to whom it may be affiliated) and the exceeding 16 in number.

Clubs who have accepted membership of this Competition may not be members of any other League normally playing on the same day of the week (except a Youth League), nor may they enter (with the exception of F.A. and County F.A. Competitions) more than _____ Cup Competitions without consent of the League Management Committee.

ENTRANCE FEE : SUBSCRIPTIONS : DEPOSIT

- 2 (A)** Applications by clubs for admission to the League, or by clubs to another division i.e. other than the division in which such team is entitled to compete, must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an application or entrance fee of **£10.00** per team which shall be returned in the event of non election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present, applications may be received at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting, but the Application Fee shall apply.

- (B)** The Annual Subscription shall be **£70.00**, payable on or before the 30th June each year. This subscription shall include twenty Registration Forms. (see Rule 8 (D) regarding additional Registration Forms).

- (C)** Each team within 21 days of election pay a deposit of **£10.00** which shall be returnable to teams on withdrawing from the League, providing that they have fulfilled their fixtures and compiled with all orders of the Committee.
- (D)** A team shall not participate in a League match until the Entrance Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid.
- (E)** Any team failing to pay outstanding fees and subscriptions by the end of June shall have outstanding fees and subscriptions increased by 50%.
- (F)** Clubs who request books and other stationery items from the League which have to be forwarded by post shall be charged the appropriate rate of “postage and packaging”

OFFICERS

- 3** The officers of the league shall be the President, Vice-Presidents, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Registration Secretary, Fixtures, Referees Secretaries, Minute Secretary and a minimum of 3 Committee Members to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.
(N.B. Auditors are not Officers).

MANAGEMENT : NOMINATION : ELECTION

4 (A) The League shall be governed, in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, Bye-Laws and practices of the Football Association, by a Committee to be called the League Management Committee; composition of this Committee as per Rule 3. Members of the Management Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible for re-election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers or Management Committee Members shall be nominated, in writing, by two members to the Secretary, not later than 30th April in each year. Names of those nominated shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nominations in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

Excluding the President and Vice Presidents, no club shall be allowed more than 2 representatives as Officers or Management Committee members.

4 (C) The Committee shall meet as often as necessary. The Committee shall deal with business as it arises.

(D) Within 14 days of election, each club shall send its delegate to attend the Bimonthly Meetings : See Rule 5 (J).

(E) Except where otherwise mentioned, all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary, who shall conduct the correspondence of the League and keep a record of its proceedings.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

- 5 (A) The Management Committee may appoint an Emergency Committee and/or such other sub-committees as they consider necessary, and may delegate all or any of their powers to such committee.
- (B) The Committee may (subject to the permission of the Derbyshire Football Association having been obtained), order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the League and, if necessary may call upon each club (including any club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally, such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season.
- (C) Each member of the Management Committee shall be entitled to attend all Committee Meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to himself or the club he represents.

This principle shall apply to the procedure of any Committee. In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall ask prior to each case if any Committee Member has a declared interest; any member doing so shall be asked to leave the meeting while such a case is heard.

- (D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon, and enforce the Rules of the League, and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the League, including any not provided for by the Rules.

- (E) All decisions of the Committee shall be binding, subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal (in accordance with Rule 13).
- (F) Three members of the Committee shall constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business, and three members shall constitute a Quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the League. In the place of Quorum, the appointment of a Disciplinary Subcommittee to deal with all matters relating to ineligible players, registration / transfer disputes and teams breaking fixtures shall be empowered to transact the Committee's business.
- (G) The Committee as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur, including any vacancies in the constitution.
- (H) All fines and charges, shall be paid within **fourteen days** of the date of notification of imposition (unless otherwise ordered), and then the fine shall be doubled if not paid. Club officials or individuals committing a breach of this rule shall be liable to such penalties as the Committee may impose.
- (J) A team failing to be represented at a General Meeting shall be fined **£10.00** and failing to be represented at three consecutive meetings without satisfactory reasons being given, shall be further dealt with as the Committee may determine. Meetings shall be held bi-monthly, unless **seven day's** notice to the contrary is given.

- (K)** A club having failed to comply with an order or instruction of the Committee within twenty one days of receipt of notice of such order, or within twenty one days of an operative date specified in that order, shall not be allowed to play or take part in the business of the League until the order been complied with and any reason for delay has been furnished to the Secretary, who shall submit it to the Committee for their adjudication.
- (L)** A club failing to satisfactory attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the League shall be fined a sum of not less than **£10.00 but not exceeding £20.00.**
- (M)** A member appointed by the League to attend a meeting or match may have his expenses refunded by the League.
- (N)** Any member of the Management Committee failing to attend 2 consecutive meetings without apologies to the League Secretary shall be brought before the Committee.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 6 (A)** The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th June in each year. At this meeting, the following business shall be transacted:-
1. The minutes of the proceeding Annual General Meeting read and confirmed, and business arising therefrom dealt with.
 2. Adoption of Standing Orders.
 3. Presentation and adoption of the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.
 4. Constitution of League for ensuring season.
 5. Election of clubs to fill vacancies.
 6. Election of Offices, Management Committee and Auditors.
 7. Alterations to Rules, if any (of which notice has been given).
 8. Fix dates for commencement and conclusion of playing season.
 - 9 Any Other Business, of which due notice has been given.
- 6 (B)** A copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be given to each club at the AGM.
- 6 (C)** A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Derbyshire Football Association within **seven days** of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

- 6 (D) Each member team shall be empowered to send one delegate to all General Meetings. Each team shall be entitled to one vote only.
- 6 (E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the League during the season being concluded, or who are not continuing membership, must attend, but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded.
- 6 (F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands.
- 6 (G) All member clubs from previous season failing to be represented at the Annual General Meeting shall be fined **£15.00**.
- 6 (H) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all General Meetings.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED.

7 The Chairman, the Secretary and two responsible members of each club shall complete and sign the following agreement, which shall be deposited with the League together with the application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the club intends to compete.

We,
(Name of) Chairman
Address
Signature

We,
(Name of) Secretary
Address
Signature

We,
(Name of) Member
Address
Signature

We,
(Name of) Member
Address
Signature

of.....Football Club

have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the Matlock and District Football League, and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said club to, if elected or accepted into membership, conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management of the League, subject to the right to appeal in accordance with Rule 15 (N.B. The spaces above are intended for the inclusion of signatures and addresses of Officers and Members).

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

- 8 (A)** Any bona-fide member of a club shall be eligible to play for that club in this League (subject to other relevant clauses in these Rules) provided he has not, in the current season, played for another club in the League, or previously signed for, or been registered for another club in the League.

If he has so played, or remains on the League register of players, permission for his transfer must be obtained from the club to which is attached (see clauses H, J, K and L).

- 8 (B)** For purposes of this Competition, a bona-fide playing member of a club is one who, being in all other respects eligible has signed a fully and correctly completed League registration form in ink, witnessed by a second person, and who has been registered with the League (Registration) Secretary before the kick-off time of the match, and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the club prior to his playing, or confirmed with the League (Registration) Secretary by telephone.

In the case of a player transferred from another club, this period shall be increased to **24 hours**. At the start of the season all players must be registered at least **7 days** prior to the first scheduled match.

- 8 (B1)** One emergency signing can be done prior to kick-off by telephoning registration secretary to notify him or her of player to be signed on.

The completed registration form of this player must follow in the post no later than four days after the match. Failure to comply will lead to the club being charged with having played an illegible player and the club will be fined and may have points deducted.

- 8 (C)** A team shall not include any more than **2** players who have taken part in any **3** or more Senior Competitions matches during the current season, or who shall have taken part in any Senior Cup or Trophy Competition during the current season, unless he is under 18 years of age 1st September of current season. A Senior Competition shall be defined as one in which each of the competing teams is either the first team of a Senior Amateur Club registered as such with its County Football Association, or a team (other than a youth team) attached to a Professional Club. Reserve teams of member clubs shall not field at anyone time more than **2** players who have played in **3** or more games in a higher division team. Offending clubs shall have **3** points deducted.

- 8 (D)** A player having taken part in matches for any club affiliated to any County Association shall not be allowed to join, be transferred to, or sign for a club in the League without first proving to the officials of his intended club that he has discharged his reasonable financial liabilities to his previous club or clubs, and a club official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the club or clubs for which he last played. Money for registrations must accompany the form or be paid beforehand. If a player re-registers with a club, a fee is still required. Additional Registration Forms - see Rule 2 (B) - shall be obtained from the League (Registration) Secretary on payment of **£1.00** per form.

- 8 (E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes. In the event of a player signing a registration form, or having a registration submitted for more than one club, priority of registration shall decide for which club he shall be registered and the League Registration Secretary shall notify the club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.
- 8 (F) It shall be deemed misconduct for a player to:-
1. Play for more than one club in the League in the same season without first being transferred.
 2. Having signed for one club in the League, sign for another club in the League in that season, except for the purpose of transfer.
 3. Submit a signed registration form for registration that he was wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.
- 8 (G) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any player or to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player they consider guilty of registration irregularities, or of any conduct they deem undesirable, and to disqualify the player in question from participating in any or all games in the League. It may also fine the player a sum of not less than **£10.00**, but not exceeding **£20.00**. Such actions are subject to the provisions of Rule 15.
- 8 (H) In the case of all cup matches, players should have registered at least **24 hours** prior to the kick-off time and at the start of the season when they must have been registered at least **7 days** prior to the first scheduled match. Only one transfer per player to be allowed in any one season, except by permission of the Management Committee.

Should a club wish to obtain the transfer of a registration, a fully completed transfer form accompanied by a fee of **£10.00** must be sent to the Registrar, who will then effect the transfer within **24 hours** of its receipt. Club secretaries are reminded that they must observe the correct procedure, as detailed in the D.C.F.A. Rule 12. In the event of any objection to a transfer, the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision. A stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed for reply.

- 8 (J)** A player may not be registered for a club, nor transferred to another club in the League after 28th February in any year, except by special permission of the Management Committee. A player shall not be allowed to register for a club after the transfer deadline if he has, during the current season, previously been registered to play with a club in another affiliated League/Competition, except by permission of the League Management Committee.
- 8 (K)** A club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.
- 8 (L)** A register containing the names of all members registered for each club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the League (Registration) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed member club representative at all Committee Meetings, or at other times mutually arranged with the League (Registration) Secretary.
- 8 (M)** A player who has played in a Senior competition (as defined in Rule 8(C) or for a team in any higher competition in this League shall not in that season be eligible to play in a lower status competition, except by permission of the Management Committee.

- 8 (N)** Any team playing an unregistered or otherwise ineligible player(s) shall have **3** points deducted from its total (the points deducted shall not relate to the game in dispute). Records of the game in dispute shall not be included in the League tables. Should the Management Committee decide not to order the game in dispute to be replayed it may, as its discretion, award the points for the game to the team not in breach of rule. The Management Committee shall have the power to fine clubs in breach of this rule a sum of not less than **£10.00** but not exceeding **£50.00**, and also to order the offending club to pay total expenses of any replayed game.
- 8 (O)** Should the League (Registration) Secretary become aware of any irregularities, he will advise the clubs involved within 7 days of receipt of the team sheets. Any protest arising from these irregularities must be made as per League Rules by the aggrieved club. The special circumstances contained in Rule 15 (B) will apply.
- 8 (P)** A stamped addressed envelope must be supplied when registering players. No envelope = no registration.

COLOURS OF KIT : CHANGE OF TEAM NAME

- 9 (A)** Every club must register its colours with the League, who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from other players and the Referee.

No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts or jerseys.

Any team not playing in its normal registered colours shall notify its opponents at least seven days before the match of the colours in which they will play.

In the event of two clubs in the opinion of the Referee having the same or similar colours, the home team shall make the change. Any team not having a change of colours, or delaying the kick-off by not having a change, shall be fined **£10.00**.

The League Secretary may request jerseys / shirts to be submitted to him if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours, and the Management Committee may condemn any jerseys / shirts as they think fit.

- 9 (B)** Any club wishing to change its name / or colour whilst members of this Competition must seek permission from the Management Committee. Derbyshire F.A. must be notified if change of name only.

PLAYING SEASON : CONDITIONS OF PLAY :
TIMES OF KICK-OFF : POSTPONEMENTS : SUBSTITUTES

- 10 (A)** The Annual General Meeting shall decide the duration of the forth coming playing season and no club shall be compelled to play outside this season. Each month's fixtures shall be arranged by the League (Fixture) Secretary and circulated as far in advance as practicable. All fixtures will be deemed to have been accepted unless notification of a team not wishing to be allocated a fixture on a particular date is received by the League (Fixture) Secretary in writing **28 days before the fixture. Only 1 cancellation per season. No midweek matches may be cancelled.** Once fixtures have been accepted, any club failing to fulfil a fixture without sufficient reason for so doing shall be dealt with as per Rule 10 (G). This procedure also applies to cup fixtures; a club failing to fulfil a cup fixture shall be dealt with under Cup Rule 5.
- 10 (B)** All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the game, as settled by the International Football Association Board. Clubs must take the necessary precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on grounds deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If, through any fault of the home team, a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a ground is suitable for matches in the League and to order the club concerned to play its fixtures on an other ground.

The maximum time to be played in the League matches shall be 90 minutes (45 minutes each way) and the minimum shall be 70 minutes (35 minutes each way).

The half-time interval shall be a minimum of 5 minutes and a maximum of 15 minutes. The times of kick-off shall be fixed by the Management Committee. Any club failing to commence at the appointed time shall be fined a minimum sum of **£10.00**, or otherwise dealt with as the Management Committee may determine. Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time if possible and must report all late starts and advise the captain of the offending team(s) of his intention to do so. The home team must provide at least two balls fit for play and the Referee shall notify the captain if he intends to make a report as the balls being unsuitable. A **£10.00** fine shall be made per occurrence for inadequate / no corner flags, nets or balls.

- 10 (C)** Except by permission of the Management Committee, all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed, but priority shall be given to the Football Association and all County Association Competitions (some charity Competitions excepted). All other matches must be considered sub-servient. Clubs may bring forward a match with the consent of all interested parties and the League Secretary.
- 10 (D)** Before postponing a match, clubs are reminded to ensure that they take due account of the provisions of Rule 13 (D) and are not in breach of rule 10(A). **Postponements must be advised to the League (Fixture) Secretary of the opposing club and the match officials.** Clubs failing to advise any of the parties specified in the preceding sentence shall be fined a sum of **£10.00** in each case.
- 10 (E)** The secretary of the home club must give notice in writing or by telephone or e-mail of full particulars of situation of the ground, time of kick-off, and means of reaching the ground to the Referee

and the away team 5 days prior to the playing of the match, and the away club shall acknowledge receipt of such particulars. Any club failing to comply with this rule shall be liable to a fine of **£10.00**.

- 10 (F)** Every club shall play its best available qualified team or teams in all matches in the League. In the event of a club fielding less than eleven players in a match, the Management Committee shall take such action as it considers appropriate.
- 10 (G)** Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a club failing to keep its engagement, the Management Committee will inflict a fine not exceeding **£50.00**. It may also deduct the points from the offending team, may award the points to the opposition, order the club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents and instruct the League (Fixtures) Secretary to re-arrange the match. Appeals will only be entertained if backed by medical certificates or relevant documentation.
- 10 (H)** In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither club has control, it shall - subject to clause (J) - be replayed in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two clubs and approved by the Management Committee, but failing such agreement, and Notification to the League (Fixtures) Secretary within fourteen days, the matter shall be dealt with by the Management Committee, who shall have power to order the match to be played on a named date, or on or before a given date, or to deal with the matter as they may determine subject to the provision of clause (C).

- 10 (J)** The Management Committee shall review all abandoned matches, and in cases where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does not injustice to any of the clubs, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to be recorded as the result. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its club member(s), they shall be empowered to award the points for the game to its opponents and / or take what other action they may deem necessary. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their club members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate.
- 10 (K)** A club, at its discretion and in accordance with the laws of the game and the permission granted by the Football Association, name and use **three** substitute players from any 5 named in this competition. The referee shall be informed of the name(s) of the substitute(s) before the start of the match. A player who has been named as a substitute before the start of a match, but does not actually participate in the game shall **not** be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this competition and Cup Rule 6. League to provide 16 trophies in all finals and League trophies.
- 10 (L)** No team will be allowed to start a game without a minimum of eight players.
- 10 (M)** Should the Management Committee order a match to be replayed under Rule 10 (G) and expenses are claimed, these must be itemised. Claims exceeding **£10.00** must be supported by dated receipts and must be lodged with League Secretary within seven days of the match in question.

RESULTS / REPORT FORMS : FINES

- 11 (A)** Clubs must exchange team member's full names and details of scorers after each game. Failure to do this will result in a **fine of £10.00**, plus first class postage, being applied.

Each club must send to the League (Registration) Secretary - to be received no later than 3 days after each match (Sundays excluded) a result sheet showing:-

1. the full names of players of both teams in block letters.
2. the scorers and result.
3. the opponents "man of the match" denoted by an asterisk.
4. the referee's name and markings, as required by Rule 13(H).

Clubs in default of any of these requirements will be **fined £10.00** and / or be dealt with as the Management Committee decide.

- 11 (B)** The result form correctly completed shall be signed by a responsible member of the club. A fine of **£10.00** shall be imposed for an incorrect team sheet. Should a club be found guilty of deliberately falsifying a result form, the Management Committee may, at its discretion, inflict a fine not exceeding **£50.00** and deduct points from the offending club. It may also take such action as deemed suitable against the individual who falsified the result form.
- 11 (C)** Home club secretaries must telephone, e-mail or text the nominated person on the day of the match and advise their results. Results of Saturday fixtures are to be advised **by 5.00pm**; those for evening matches are to be advised **by 9.30pm**.

If a club plays an away fixture in DCFA Cup against a club from another league, the Matlock League Club Secretary must advise the result to the nominated person in accordance with the procedures above, also postponed matches home or away.

Clubs in default of this rule shall be fined **£10.00**.

POINTS TO DETERMINE CHAMPIONSHIP DECIDING MATCHES : PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

12 (A) The Competition shall be decided by points and then goals scored, the clubs gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Three points to be given for a win and one for a draw.

In the event of two or more clubs being equal on points for any position in any of the League tables at the close of the Competition, goal difference shall decide. In the event of two or more clubs being level on points of any important position at the close of the Competition, a deciding match shall be played under conditions arranged by the Management Committee.

12 (B) Automatic promotion and relegation shall be applied for the first two and last two teams in each division, except as provided for hereunder:-

1. Should more than two teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced, and their vacancies not filled during the season, no team in that Division shall be automatically relegated.

2. Additional vacancies caused by the retirement of a team or by the withdrawal of a club from the competition shall be filled by election.

The last two teams in the lowest Division shall retire, but be eligible for re-election, except as below, and the subject to the conditions of paragraph B)1.

3. When a Senior team is relegated to a lower Division of which of its reserve team is a member, or entitled to be a member, such reserve team must accept relegation to, or remain in, the next lower Division and should the Senior team be relegated to the lowest Division, its reserve team automatically retires from the Competition.
4. Should either or both of the leading teams in any of the Division have its Senior team in the next higher Division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest team or teams in the Division concerned.

12 (C) In the event of a club not completing 100% of its fixtures for the season, all points obtained by, or recorded against such defaulting club shall be expunged from the League Table.

12 (D) Any club withdrawing from the League during the season and not completing its fixtures shall be liable to a fine not exceeding **£250.00**.

REFEREE

- 13 (A)** Registered Referees and Assistant Referees for matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee.
- 13 (B)** In the event of a non-appearance of the appointed Referee, the senior appointed Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referee, the clubs must mutually agree upon a Referee and the match must be played. A Referee thus mutually agreed upon shall, for that game, have a full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. Failure to comply with this rule will result in disciplinary action and a fine.
- 13 (C)** The Management Committee may, if they consider it desirable, or upon applications by the two competing clubs, appoint registered Referees, if available as Assistant Referees to any match. With the above exceptions, each club must provide a Assistant Referee or be liable to a fine of **£10.00**.
- 13 (D)** The appointed referee, or a referee registered with the M.D.F.L., shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and his decision shall be final. Referees are to check all players / substitutes studs prior to all M.D.F.L. Cup/League matches or an independent referee registered with DFA or Notts FA.

- 13 (E)** Referee's fee to be set fee of £27.00 (eg no travelling expenses) and Assistant Referee's fee to be a set fee of £13.50 (eg no travelling expenses). Referees fees to be paid before the match commences.
- 13 (F)** In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the clubs have no control, the match officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee, but where a match is not played owing to a club being in default, that club shall pay the Officials if they reasonably attended the ground, their full fee.
- 13 (G)** A Referee not keeping his engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to his non-appearance, may have his name removed from the list of Referees and the fact reported to the Association with which he is registered.
- 13 (H)** Each club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by the Football Association, awards marks to the Referee for each match, and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the League on the Result Form provided. Clubs failing to

comply with this rule shall be fined **£10.00** and / or be dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine (See also Rule 11A). The League shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided and by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to the Football Association / County Football Association.

WITHDRAWAL OF CLUB

- 14 (A)** Every club must notify the Secretary of the League on or before **March 31st** each year, in writing, by registered letter or recorded delivery of its intention to withdraw from the League its team and / or teams for the next season. Otherwise, it will have agreed to remain a member of the League for the coming season. Its registration will not be accepted, and it will not be allowed to joining another League.
- 14 (B)** A club shall not be allowed to withdraw any or all of its teams from the League after 31st March each year. Any club infringing this rule shall be liable to a fine not exceeding **£100.00** and shall be liable for its share of any call which may be made under Rule 5(B). (See Rule 12(D) concerning the withdrawal of a club during the season).
- 14 (C)** The Constitution for the coming season, having been decided at a Special General Meeting held for that purpose not earlier than April 30th not later than June 30th, or at the Annual General Meeting held not later than June 30th, the League shall have the right, irrespective of other provisions in this rule, to refuse to permit a club to withdraw its team(s) in order to join another Competition and may hold the club to its engagements.

PROTESTS, APPEALS AND DEPOSITS

- 15 (A)** All questions of eligibility, qualifications or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee, but no objection relative to the dimensions of the ground, goal posts, bars or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of serious misconduct and shall be dealt with by the Management Committee.
- 15 (B)** Protest and complaints, which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded, must be lodged in duplicate with the League Secretary within (except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances) three days of the match, or occurrence to which they refer (Sunday not included). No objection or protest shall be withdrawn, except by permission of the Management Committee, and a member of the Management Committee being a member of either club shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his club) when such an objection or protest is being considered and decided.
- 15 (C)** Any dispute occurring between clubs in the League shall be referred to the arbitration of the Management Committee, whose decisions shall be binding upon all parties, subject to clause (F).
- 15 (D)** No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining club shall have deposited with the League Secretary a sum of **£10.00**

which may be forfeited in whole or in part to the funds of the League. In the event of the club losing its case, and the League shall have power to order the defaulting club, or a club making a losing or frivolous protest of complaint, to pay the expenses of the enquiry, or to order that the costs to be share by the two parties.

- 15 (E)** Parties to the protest or complaint shall be afforded an opportunity of making a statement when the protest is being heard and, where possible, shall receive seven day's notice of the meetings, together with a copy of the protest.

The Management Committee shall take into consideration, when dealing with the protest, the possession by the protesting club of any information which, if properly used, might have avoided the protest.

- 15 (F)** A club, within seven days of receipt by them of written notification of any decision by the Management Committee, may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate, accompanied by a fee of **£10.00**, such appeal being addressed to the Secretary of the Derbyshire Football Association, for the adjudication of the Board of Appeal, whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned. In the event of the appeal being unsuccessful, the fee shall be forfeited, or returned to the club in whole or part at the discretion of the Board of Appeal, who shall also decide by whom the cost of appeal shall be borne. A copy of the appeal must be sent to the League Secretary and the operation of the decision made by the League shall not be suspended pending the result of the appeal, unless the Board of Appeal or the Council of the Derbyshire Football Association, through its Officers, orders such suspension.

BOARD OF APPEAL

- 16** A Board of Appeal consisting of three members shall be appointed by the Derbyshire Football Association to deal with the cases as they arise.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS : MISCONDUCT : CLUBS : OFFICIALS : PLAYERS

- 17 (A)** At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, a 51% majority of the accredited delegates present shall have power to exclude from further participation in the League any club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been objectionable. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be debarred from voting.
- 17 (B)** Any Club Officer or member proved guilty of misconduct, or of including or attempting to induce a player or players of another club to join them, shall be liable to exclusion or such penalty as a General Meeting/Management Committee may decide, and their club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with provisions of clause (A) and (B) of this rule.
- 17 (C)** Any club or team failing to complete 75 per cent of its fixtures in any season shall (unless the conditions are beyond their control, or the majority of the accredited delegates present at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting decide otherwise) be debarred from membership the following season.

TROPHY : LEGAL OWNERS : CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER :
AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED : AWARDS

18 A Cup Trophy presented to a Competition shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as trustees. If a Competition be discontinued from any cause, the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the donor, if the conditions attached to it so provide, held in trust, or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide. At the close of each Competition, awards shall be made to the winners (and runners up), if the funds of the League permit. The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Trophy:-

“We,
(Name of) Chairman.....

Address.....

Signature.....

(Name of) Secretary.....

Address.....

Signature.....

(Name of) Member.....

Address.....

Signature.....

(Name of) Member.....

Address.....

Signature.....

ofFootball Club

having been declared winners of the;

.....

Trophy, and the same having been delivered to us by the League, do hereby on behalf of the said club, jointly and severally agree to return the same to the League Secretary on or before the 1st day of the month prior to its presentation, in accordance with the Rules of the League, and providing the said Trophy is lost or damage whilst under our care, we agree to refund to the League the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair”

All trophies must be returned to the League Secretary when requested in the same condition as presented at the relevant cup competition final. Any trophies returned in an unsatisfactory condition will result in that club being fined **£25.00** plus the cost of repair.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

- 19** On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the members of the Management Committee, the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee. Upon receiving a requisition signed by 51% of the clubs, the Secretary shall call a General Meeting. The Management Committee may call a General Meeting at any time, when it shall consider the same is necessary. At least seven days notice shall be given of all meetings under this rule, together with an Agenda of the business to be transacted as such meetings.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES

- 20** Alterations shall only be made to these rules at the Annual General Meeting, or at a General Meeting specially convened for the purpose, called in conformity with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the playing season to the rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following season.
1. Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the Annual General Meeting shall be submitted to the League Secretary by March 31st each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated by April 21st and any amendments thereto shall be

submitted to the League Secretary by May 7th. The proposals amendments there to shall be circulated to clubs with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. No amendments to proposals, or to proposed amendments, shall be accepted at the meeting for consideration unless the majority of those present and entitled to vote agree. A proposal to change a rule shall be carried if the majority of those present and entitled to vote are in favour.

2. A copy of the proposed alterations to rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the Derbyshire County Football Association 21 days prior to the date of the meeting. Any alterations or additions decided upon at any meeting shall not become operative until the approval of the Association issuing sanction shall have been obtained.

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

- 20** Each club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee, subject to Rule 15(F).
- 21** An award or trophy for Secretary of the Year.
- 22** Every club must have a minimum of five million pounds public liability insurance cover before playing any matches in the league.
- 23** Replacement rule books will be £6.00. New teams, first book free.
- 24** A fine of **£10.00** will be imposed for submitting an invalid cheque, a further cheque submitted from the same account will be rejected.

KNOCKOUT CUP COMPETITION RULES

- 1** The League's Cup Competitions shall be:-
 - (a) Cavendish Cup - open to all teams in League Membership.
 - (b) Manor Pharmacy Shield - at the discretion of the General League Meeting.
 - (c) John Lowe Trophy - at the discretion of the General League Meeting.
 - (d) Matlock Junior Cup - at the discretion of the General League Meeting.
 - (e) Supplementary Cup - at the discretion of the General League Meeting.
 - (f) George Smedley Invitation Shield - at Management Committees discretion.
 - (g) Jack Pugh Trophy - at Management Committee's discretion.
 - (h) Entrance fee of £15 per cup competition.

- 2** The government of these competitions shall be vested in the Management Committee of the Matlock & District Football League, hereinafter called the Committee.

- 3** The Rules of the Matlock & District League shall apply to these competitions, with such special provision or exception as shall follow hereinafter.

- 4** These competitions shall be decided on a knockout principal and the pairing clubs shall be drawn in couples, the first drawn having the choice of grounds in all rounds except those stipulated below, which will be held on neutral grounds:-

If the scores are level at the end of any cup match, extra time of fifteen minutes each way shall be played. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time, 5 penalties shall be taken alternatively by different players of each team. If the scores are still level after this has been completed, 'sudden death' penalties shall be taken, with each team taking an equal number of penalties.

If there is insufficient time for extra time, or in the event of a match being abandoned during extra time for a reason other than default by one or both teams, the match shall be replayed. In rounds other than semi-finals, matches will be replayed on the original grounds. Finals will be replayed on neutral grounds, but may not be the ones originally nominated for the fixtures.

Before the commencement of any knockout competition, a General Meeting may, on the majority vote at the delegates represented at the meeting, agree on a revised format for the competition. This may include two-leg rounds and matches wholly or partly on a League basis rather than on a strict knockout principle.

- 5 The dates and kick-off times of matches shall be decided by the Committee, as will dates and venues of the semi-final and final ties. Clubs failing to comply with these arrangements shall be expelled from these competitions and a fine not exceeding **£20.00** may be imposed by the Committee.

- 6** No player shall play for more than one team in these competitions, and shall have played at least 3 games for the team he represents in the semi-finals and final ties in the matches played under the jurisdiction of the Matlock & District Football League, including League Representative games and Derbyshire County Football Association Divisional and Junior Cup ties. This does not apply to players transferred during the current season who have not played in the above competitions. Team substitutes shall be deemed eligible to play under the 3 games qualification and shall be deemed to be “cup tied” if transferred to another team during the season. (See Rule 10(K) regarding substitutes having to participate in matches in order to qualify towards the 3 game requirements).

A player having played in the Derbyshire Senior Cup or equivalent senior competition shall not be allowed to play in any Cup competition in the Matlock & District Football League. Also if he has played more than 3 senior league games he will not be eligible for Junior Cup matches.

- 7** Prior to semi-final and final ties, clubs must send to the League Registrar in writing, a list of registered players eligible for the match, together with the colours to be worn. This information must be received at least **7 days** prior to the tie in question. The registrar will notify the respective club

secretary should he require any player to be removed from the list on the grounds of ineligibility. No other protest against the listed players shall be entertained unless with **3 days** of receipt of such list a protest against the eligibility of any player(s) shall have been lodged in writing with the League Secretary and the secretary of the opposing club. Only players whose names are on these lists may take part in the match. In addition, the two clubs shall exchange names of teams **30 minutes** before the advertised time of kick-off. Should the Registrar have not received the required list of players within the **7 days** specified, he will contact the offending club(s) by telephone, advise breach of Rule, obtain a verbal list and contact the opposing club. Clubs breaching this rule will be fined **£10.00**, plus Registrar's expenses. Protests will be governed by League Rule 15 (D), but immediate notice must be telephoned both to the League's Secretary and Registrar. Lists of players must only include those who are registered with the club and properly qualified as per Cup Rule 6.

Club Secretaries are reminded that the **7 days** required will be strictly enforced. Only a Post Office receipt clearly date stamped at least **10 days** prior to the fixture will be admissible evidence of the list's posting.

Clubs playing ineligible players after notification by the League Registrar will be expelled from the competition by the Committee. In the case of postponed or replayed matches, only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible for the original fixture. Players included on the list as eligible for the original fixture, but subsequently suspended by a County Football Association, will be eligible to participate in a postponed or replayed match providing that the period of suspension has ended.

- 8 All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players, interpretation of rules, or any other matter in dispute shall be referred to the Committee. Appeals against the decision of the Committee may be made in accordance with League Rule 16.
- 9 In all rounds except the finals, the home club should pay for the match fees and expenses of all appointed officials. The League will attend to one third of all costs associated with the grounds and pay for officials in final ties. The two clubs in the final will each pay one third of the ground costs.

Referee's fee to be set a set fee of **£27** (e.g. no travelling expenses). Assistant Referee's fee to be a set fee of **£13.50** (e.g. no travelling expenses).

- 10 When the winning club shall have been ascertained, the Committee shall deliver such effective guarantee as shall ensure the return of the trophy in proper condition. This written agreement will be in accordance with Rule 18 of the League Rules. No trophy shall become the permanent property of any club, but medals or other suitable mementoes shall be provided for both sides competing in the final, providing the funds of the competition permits.
- 11 Result/Report forms should be completed and forwarded to the League Secretary as per League Rules 11 (A) and (B).
- 12 The Committee Shall, at its discretion, appoint an Emergency Committee to decide any matters or draw for the next round, when this cannot be left until the next Committee meeting.

- 13** Derbyshire County Football Association Divisional and Junior Cup rules apply in all aspects not covered by the above rules.
- 14** The Management Committee may, at its discretion, charge a fee for participation in specific cup competitions operated by the League.
- 15** (Rule deleted at 1998 AGM)
- 16** Any team playing “cup tied”, unregistered, or otherwise ineligible player shall be expelled from the competition and the match awarded to the opponents.
- 17** D.C.F.A. Divisional, Junior and M.D.F.L. rules apply in any Cup Competitions which are played on a League basis (see League Rule 8(H)).
- 18** Clubs which win any trophy and do not have a representative side in the Matlock & District League the following season must pay a refundable deposit of **£50.00** to retain the trophy for the season.
- 19** Winners of each Competition must have their names engraved on same, before it is returned to the league secretary or will be fined £10. This is to cover costs to the league.

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