STANDARD CODE OF RULES (SCOR) AND STANDARD CODE OF RULES FOR MINI SOCCER AND YOUTH FOOTBALL (SCORY)

The amendments to SCOR and SCORY for the 2026/2027 season are largely the same.

Each row below shows the proposed amendments to SCOR and the equivalent proposed amendments to SCORY (the SCOR-related columns have been shaded light blue to enable them to be more easily distinguished from the SCORY columns).

Where a SCOR or SCORY cell is empty, that means there are no equivalent amendments proposed in relation to SCOR or SCORY (as applicable).

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Preamble	This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for open age football (the "Standard Code"). The Standard Code is mandatory for: (a) all Competitions at Regional NLS Feeder League level and below, and (b) all competitions at Tier 7 and below of The FA Women's Pyramid, and (c) all mixed adult football Competitions authorised by The FA.			To include mixed adult football competitions as those for which the Standard Code is mandatory (following the recent changes to FA Rules which permit mixed adult football to be played).
		1.A	"**Mini Soccer**" means those participating at ages under 7s to under ~~10s~~ 11s	As part of the changes to Future Fit.
2.H.2	This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community~~, irrespective of age, gender sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise~~.	**2.H**	This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community~~, irrespective of age, gender sex, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise~~.	Characteristics deleted as this list is not consistent with either the those listed in FA Rule E3.2 or the protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010. Given the context, we do not consider it necessary to list the characteristics.
2.K	Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing at a particular age group in the Competition in any other	**2.K**	Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing at a particular age group in the Competition in any other	For consistency with rule 20.B.

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	competition (with the exception of FA and parent County ~~FA~~ Association Cup Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. A Club must immediately inform the Competition of the details of any fixture(s) in any other competition in which the Club has entered, for which written consent of the Management Committee has been obtained.		competition (with the exception of FA and parent County ~~FA~~ Association Cup Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. A Club must immediately inform the Competition of the details of any fixture(s) in any other competition in which the Club has entered, for which written consent of the Management Committee has been obtained.	
4.A	Applications by ~~C~~clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same ~~C~~club must be made in writing to the Secretary by [ ] and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee for each Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election but not if the club withdraws its application. Applications, of which due notice has been given, will be received at the AGM or an SGM if confirmed by a majority of the accredited voting members present. When Rule 22.B is applied or a Team seeks a transfer or, is compulsorily transferred to another division, no Entry Fee shall be payable	**4.A**	Applications by ~~C~~clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same ~~C~~club must be made in writing to the Secretary by [ ] and must be accompanied by an entry fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election but not if the club withdraws its application. At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a SGM or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.	League feedback is that this will discourage frivolous applications (including where a club submits applications for multiple leagues and only decides upon acceptance at AGM which one to join), which lead to wasted costs and resources.
4.B	The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff for each [Club/Team]. It shall be payable ~~at~~ by a date ~~agreed at the AGM or set by the Competition~~ set by the Management Committee.	**4.B**	The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff for each Club/Team (where a Club has more than one Team in membership of the Competition). ~~and~~ It shall be payable ~~on or before [ ] in each year~~ by a date set by the Management Committee.	This provides greater clarity for clubs/teams as it enables the Management Committee to specify the payment date on application forms.
6.N [New Rule]	The Competition shall not cancel, postpone, or withdraw an entire programme of Competition Matches (e.g. all Competition Matches, or all Competition Matches within a single age group or	**6.M [New Rule]**	The Competition shall not cancel, postpone, or withdraw an entire programme of Competition Matches (e.g. all Competition Matches, or all Competition Matches within a single age group or	Feedback has suggested leagues are adopting an inconsistent approach when determining whether a threshold has been reached that requires an entire

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	division, taking place over a single day/week) without prior written approval from the Sanctioning Authority, except in exceptional circumstances of a serious nature (in which event, the Competition must provide notification of cancellation, postponement or withdrawal to the Sanctioning Authority at the same time as affected Teams).		division, taking place over a single day/week) without prior written approval from the Sanctioning Authority, except in exceptional circumstances of a serious nature (in which event, the Competition must provide notification of cancellation, postponement or withdrawal to the Sanctioning Authority at the same time as affected Teams).	round of fixtures to be cancelled/postponed (e.g. there have been instances where the postponement of a single fixture in one division has led to the league postponing all other fixtures in that division). The new rule clarifies that this should only occur in exceptional circumstances.
8.A	The AGM shall be held not later than [ ] in each year. At this meeting the following business (in the following order) shall be transacted provided that at least [] of members are present and entitled to vote:- 1. Confirm the minutes of the last AGM. 2. Adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts from the previous season or accounting period. 3. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies. 4. Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season. 5. Election of Competition Officers and Management Committee members. 6. Appointment of auditors/verifiers. 7. Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14). 8. Agree the date for the beginning of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the	8.A	The AGM shall be held not later than [ ] in each year. At this meeting the following business (in the following order) shall be transacted provided that at least [] of members are present and entitled to vote:- 1. To receive and confirm–the minutes of the preceding AGM. 2. To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts. 3. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies. 4. Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season. 5. Election of Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members. 6. Appointment of auditors. 7. Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14). 8. Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition. 9. Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season.	Clarification is needed on which agenda items new elected member clubs can vote.

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	Competition. 9. Agree the date for the end of the Playing Season (save for Regional NLS Feeder League which shall be determined by The FA). 10. Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted by the Chair as being relevant to an AGM. Clubs currently in membership of the Competition shall be entitled to vote on items 1 to 3 above. Those clubs set to be accepted as Clubs in accordance with item 3 above shall be entitled to attend the AGM, but cannot vote on items 1-3 above. All Clubs (i.e. those Clubs currently in membership of the Competition and those accepted as Clubs in accordance with item 3) shall be entitled to vote on items 4 to 10 above.		10. Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM. Clubs currently in membership of the Competition shall be entitled to vote on items 1 to 3 above. Those clubs set to be accepted as Clubs in accordance with item 3 above shall be entitled to attend the AGM, but cannot vote on items 1-3 above. All Clubs (i.e. those Clubs currently in membership of the Competition and those accepted as Clubs in accordance with item 3) shall be entitled to vote on items 4 to 10 above.	
10	~~AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED~~ ~~Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season,~~ ~~"We, (A) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Chair)/(Director)and (B) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Secretary)/(Director)of [ ] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [ ] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management~~	**10**	~~AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED~~ ~~Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season,~~ ~~"We, (A) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Chair)/(Director)and (B) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Secretary)/(Director)of [ ] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [ ] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management~~	Feedback from leagues is that the current process and requiring each Club to sign an agreement is very time consuming. This change adopts the approach that Clubs agree to be bound by the Rules by virtue of their participation in the relevant Competition..

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	~~Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7."~~ ~~The agreement shall be signed:~~ ~~1) where a Club is an unincorporated association, by the Club Chair and Secretary; or~~ ~~2) where a Club is an incorporated entity, by two directors of the Club.~~ ~~Any change of Chair, Secretary or Directors of the Club as named on the above agreement must be notified to the Parent County Football Association to which the Club is sanctioned and to the Secretary of this Competition.~~ ~~Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.~~ AGREEMENT TO RULES OF THE COMPETITION 10A Membership of the Competition shall constitute an agreement between the Competition and a Club to be bound by and comply with these Rules (including any decision of the Management Committee made pursuant to these Rules). 10B Any change of Chair, Secretary or Directors of the Club must be notified to the parent County Football Association to which the Club is sanctioned and to the Secretary of this Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.		~~Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7."~~ ~~The agreement shall be signed:~~ ~~1) where a Club is an unincorporated association, by the Club Chair and Secretary; or~~ ~~2) where a Club is an incorporated entity, by two directors of the Club.~~ ~~Any change of Chair, Secretary or Directors of the Club as named on the above agreement must be notified to the Parent County Football Association to which the Club is sanctioned and to the Secretary of this Competition.~~ ~~Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.~~ AGREEMENT TO RULES OF THE COMPETITION 10A Membership of the Competition shall constitute an agreement between the Competition and a Club to be bound by and comply with these Rules (including any decision of the Management Committee made pursuant to these Rules). 10B Any change of Chair, Secretary or Directors of the Club must be notified to the parent County Football Association to which the Club is sanctioned and to the Secretary of this Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
12.C	Any Officer or member of a Club found guilty of ~~either~~ a breach of Rule, other than field offences, ~~or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them~~ shall	**12.C**	Any Officer or member of a Club found ~~proved~~ guilty of ~~either~~ a breach of Rule, other than field offences, ~~or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them~~ shall	The deleted text relates to matters that the league cannot deal with as misconduct.

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	be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of 12.A and/or 12.B of this Rule.		be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of clauses (A) and/or (B) of this Rule.	Replacement of "proved" in SCORY with "found" to align with SCOR.
18.A	A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has: 1. Registered through the Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition. For any players registered on the day of a match, a Club Officer must email the Competition with details of the registration [ ] hours prior to the scheduled kick off time in order for the player to be eligible to play in that match. The Player shall not play again in any subsequent match in the Competition until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration system and is in possession of the approval from the Competition. A maximum of [ ] Players may be registered in this manner. For Clubs registering Players under this Rule 18.A.1, Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process. Or 2. signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match. The Player shall not play again in a subsequent match in the Competition until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration System and is in possession of the approval from the Competition. A maximum of [ ] Players may be registered in this manner. For Clubs registering Players under this Rule 18.A.2.	**18.A**	A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has: 1. Registered through the Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition. For any players registered on the day of a match, a Club Officer must email the Competition with details of the registration [ ] hours prior to the scheduled kick off time in order for the player to be eligible to play in that match. The Player shall not play again in any subsequent match in the Competition until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration system and is in possession of the approval from the Competition. A maximum of [ ] Players may be registered in this manner. For Clubs registering Players under this Rule 18.A.1, Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process. The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player's proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate. Or 2. signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by their parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match. The Player shall not play again in a subsequent match in the Competition day until the Club has registered the	Re-positioning of sentences to the relevant parts of the Rule to make it easier to follow.

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18.B	[To Add to Existing Rule] 5. Players aged under 18 are not permitted to			An agreed condition of mixed adult football Competitions being

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<tr><td></td><td>play in a mixed adult football Competition.</td><td></td><td></td><td>permitted is that players must be at least 18 years old in order to participate.
This condition will be implemented via the Player Registration System applicable in grassroots football, but this reinforces that condition within the standard code of rules (which must be adopted by those competitions).</td></tr>
<tr><td></td><td></td><td>18.B.3</td><td>Each Team must have the following number of Players registered [ ] days before the start of each Playing Season:
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<tr><td>18.G</td><td>1. The Management Committee shall accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rules 18.G.2 , 18.G.3 and 18.G.~~34~~ below (as applicable).
2. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player or may fine any Player, at their discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) who</td><td></td><td></td><td>To reinforce that the Competition shall not permit the registration of any player that is not aged 18 or above (where it is an authorised mixed adult football competition).</td></tr>
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	has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7). 3. The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the Player is registered or intending to be registered with. 4. In respect of a mixed adult football Competition, the Management Committee shall refuse the registration of any Player that is not aged 18 or above.			
18.H	Subject to compliance with FA Rule C, when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer notification to the Competition via the Player Registration System. A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff *[will/may]* ~~[will/may]~~ be required. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from ~~such date or [ ] days after receipt of such transfer~~ *such date or [ ] days after receipt of such transfer*.	**18.H**	*[Rule continues]* Upon receipt of the club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from ~~such date or [ ] days after receipt of such transfer~~ *such date or [ ] days after receipt of such transfer*. In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.	Changed optional rules to italics.

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	In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.			
18.L	A Team shall not include more than [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] Players who has/have played in [ ] or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 clear days has elapsed since they last played. 21 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant Player last played and the day when the Player intends to play again. For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is/are [ ]. ~~Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.~~ Where a Team fields a Player in a Competition Match or Matches in breach of this Rule, the Management Committee may determine that it has fielded an ineligible player and that the provisions of Rule 18.M shall apply.	**18.M**	A Team shall not include more than [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] Players who has/have played in [ ] or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 clear days has elapsed since they last played. 21 clear days is counted by excluding the day when the relevant Player last played and the day when the Player intends to play again. For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) is/are [ ]. ~~Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.~~ Where a Team fields a Player in a Competition Match or Matches in breach of this Rule, the Management Committee may determine that it has fielded an ineligible player and that the provisions of Rule 18.N shall apply.	Rule 18.M/N should be referenced where it is to be used by another rule to deal with sanctions for fielding an ineligible player.
18.O	A Player who has played for a Team in the [ ] division [ ] times or more shall not in that Playing Season be eligible to play in a lower division except by permission of the Management Committee. Where a Team fields a Player in a Competition Match or Matches in breach of this Rule, the Management Committee may determine that it has fielded an ineligible player and that the provisions of Rule 18.M shall apply.			Rule 18.M/N should be referenced where it is to be used by another rule to deal with sanctions for fielding an ineligible player.
18.M	1. Subject to Rule 18.M.2 any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match	**18.N**	1. Subject to Rule 18(N)2., any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition	There has been some confusion among clubs as to the meaning of

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	or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff). 2. The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18.M.1 only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status. 3. Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18.M.1 above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion, order one or more of the following ~~(if appropriate)~~: a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; and/or b) Deduct ~~Levy penalty~~ points from ~~against~~ the record of the Club in default up to a maximum of 3 points; and/or c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).		Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. 2. The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N)1. only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status. 3. Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(N)1. above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion, order one or more of the following: (a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; and/or b) Deduct ~~Levy penalty~~ points from ~~against~~ the record of the Club in default up to a maximum of 3 points; and/or (c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).	"penalty points". This has been clarified as meaning a deduction of points (and capped at a 3-point deduction).
		19	Every Team must register the colour and design of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by [date] who shall decide as to their suitability. Any Team wishing to change the colour(s) and/or design(s) of its shirt(s) and short(s) during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee in advance of making that change.	Deleted repetition.

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			Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials. No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts. Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least [ ] days before the Competition Match. If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away/ home Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick-off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Shirts must all be numbered differently, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff. ~~Youth Players names are not allowed to appear on the shirts, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.~~ Names of Youth Players shall not appear on the shirts, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
		20.A	[Rule Continues] Overhead netting is allowed for 3v3, 5v5 and 7v7 mini soccer if the overhead netting height is at a minimum of 6m. No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 affiliated matches [Rule Continues]	Adding 3v3 format to the existing rule.
		20.A	Table – see end of the document	Adding 3v3 format to the existing rule.

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<tr><td>20.E.6</td><td>~~Where~~ If a Competition Match ~~has been~~ is abandoned ~~for any reason both~~, each participating Club~~s~~ must~~, within 24 hours,~~ give notice of the abandonment to the Competition ~~[]~~ by the deadline set out in Rule 21(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</td><td>20.E.6</td><td>~~Where~~ If a Competition Match ~~has been~~ is abandoned ~~for any reason both~~, each participating Club~~s~~ must~~, within 24 hours,~~ give notice of the abandonment to the Competition ~~[]~~ by the deadline set out in Rule 21(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.</td><td>Feedback suggests that the current 24-hour deadline is too late. The suggested amendment mirrors the timeframe for submitting a result.</td></tr>
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For Mini-Soccer, with the exception of 3v3 – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to play as a substitute for another Player. A Team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its team in an age group.

For 3v3 - no substitutions are allowed.</td><td>Adding 3v3 format to the existing rule.</td></tr>
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20.F	A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match. A Club may name up to [ ] (3, 4, 5, 6, 7) substitute Players of whom not more than [ ] ((3, 4, 5, 6, 7) may be used. *A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace a Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Game.* *Where a Competition does allow return substitutes, a Team may use up to [3 from 3 substitutes Players] [4 from 4 substitute Players] [5 from 5 substitute Players] [6 from 6 substitute Players] [7 from 7 substitute Players] in a Competition Match.* The referee *[and a representative of the opposing Club]* shall be informed of the names of the Players taking part in the Match (including the substitutes) not later than [ ] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match. Where a Team fields a Player in a Competition Match or Matches in breach of this Rule, the Management Committee may determine that it has fielded an ineligible player and that the provisions of Rule 18(M) shall apply. A Player who has been named as a substitute before the start of the Competition Match but does not actually play in that game shall not be			Rule 18.M should be referenced where it is to be used by another rule to deal with an ineligible player.

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	considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.			
20.I	Where a suspension imposed in relation to (i) a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations); or (ii) The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children or Regulations for Safeguarding Adults at Risk upon a Club or Team by The FA or Affiliated Association is not lifted, and/or the Club does not provide confirmation from The FA or Affiliated Association that such suspension is lifted to the Competition Secretary by *[Time] [1 or 2]* days before a fixture, that fixture will be treated as an unfulfilled fixture and dealt with in accordance with Rule 20(E).	**20.I**	Where a suspension imposed in relation to (i) a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations); or (ii) The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children or Regulations for Safeguarding Adults at Risk upon a Club or Team by The FA or Affiliated Association is not lifted, and/or the Club does not provide confirmation from The FA or Affiliated Association that such suspension is lifted to the Competition Secretary by *[Time] [1 or 2]* days before a fixture, that fixture will be treated as an unfulfilled fixture and dealt with in accordance with Rule 20(E).	This amendment reflects the position that Teams can now be suspended for safeguarding non-compliance (Teams will be suspended for failing to maintain safeguarding compliance by e.g. replacing a non-compliant individual with a compliant individual).
23.F	In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to [*full fee only/ full fee plus expenses/half fee only/ half fee plus expenses/expenses only]*. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	**23.F**	In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to [*full fee only/ full fee plus expenses/half fee only/ half fee plus expenses/expenses only]*. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	Proposed amendment adds the option of paying half fee or full fee only, which may be appropriate where a league does not pay separate expenses.
Fees Tariff table	7 (C), ~~7(E), 7(G)~~ PROTEST~~/APPEAL~~ FEES £0.00	**Fees Tariff table**	7 (C), ~~7(E)~~ PROTEST~~/APPEAL~~ FEES £0.00	Rules 7 (E) and (G) relate to

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				expenses and appeal grounds, not protest / appeal fees, and do not refer to any fees as defined in the Fees Tariff, so should not be included here.
		Fines Tariff table	19 Youth Player names appearing on shirts	Corresponding rule refers to fine tariff but currently no provision for this in the tariff.
Fines Tariff table	~~18.L: FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES~~	**Fines Tariff table**	~~18.M: FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES~~	No longer required if amendments proposed to these rules are made – fines to be levied instead under Rule 18.M (SCOR) / 18.N (SCORY).
Fines Tariff table	10: FAILURE TO ~~SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO~~ NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	**Fines Tariff table**	10: FAILURE TO ~~SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO~~ NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	No longer required if amendments proposed to these rules are made.

18.C

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
6	Under 7	3v3	-	15 X 10	-	20 X 15	4 x 2.5	3
7	Under 8	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 9		30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	
8	Under 9	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 10	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	
9	Under 10	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 11		50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
10	Under 11	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 12	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
11	Under 12	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 13		70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	
12	Under 13	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 14	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7*	5
13	Under 14	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7*	5
	Under 15		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	24 x 8*	
14	Under 15	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	24x 8*	5
	Under 16		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	
15	Under 16	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 17		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
16	Under 17	11v11	100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Open Age		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 91.44	24 8	

* At Under 14 age group, 21x7 is recommended but 24x8 is also permitted.
* At Under 15 age group, 24x8 is recommended but 21x7 is also permitted.

20.A

Age Group	Minimum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer)	Maximum Duration of play per quarter (minutes) (Mini-Soccer only)	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events/festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 7 *Note: 3v3 matches should each last 6-10 minutes with no breaks.*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	40	60	Development focussed with no trophy events.
~~Under 7 and~~ Under 8 and Under 9	5	10	10	20	40	60	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
~~Under 9 and~~ Under 10 and Under 11	10	12.5	20	25	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
~~Under 11~~	~~N/A~~	~~N/A~~	~~20~~	~~30~~	~~80~~	~~120~~	~~Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)~~
Under 12 & Under 13	N/A	N/A	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
~~Under 13 and~~ Under 14 and Under 15	N/A	N/A	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
~~Under 15 and~~ Under 16	N/A	N/A	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table

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Under 17 and Under 18	N/A	N/A	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table