

LEAGUE CUP RULES

1. The competition shall be named by the management committee on an annual basis and shall be entered by all applicable clubs competing in the appropriate League/Division.
2. All matches shall be played as decided by the Management Committee.
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4. The fixtures will be determined by the Management Committee who shall decide the venue for the final.
5. The qualifications of players will be as per the Dorset Football League Rules.
6. For the purposes of the competition, a bona fide playing member of a club is one who being in all other aspects eligible has signed a fully and correctly completed League Registration Form.
7. No player shall be eligible to play for more than one team in any one season's League Cup Competition.
8. Any club playing ineligible player/s will have the match awarded to their opponents by the score of 2-0.
9. In all the stages, including group matches, if the match is level at full time, the match shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with International Board decisions, from the players on the pitch at the end of fulltime.
Both teams shall take up to five (5) kicks. If after both teams have taken five (5) kicks there is no clear winner, then the competition becomes "sudden death"
Where games are decided by Penalty Kicks in the group stages, the points awarded to the teams will be 1 point for a draw and a bonus 1 point for the winner of the Penalty Kicks.
10. At the conclusion of the final the winners shall be presented with the trophy which shall be returned in accordance with Rule 13A.
11. Trophies remain the property of the Dorset Football League.
12. Appropriate medals shall be presented to both teams and match officials.
13. A player dismissed from the field of play for misconduct during the final tie may only receive a medal if sanctioned by the management committee.
14. Protests must be lodged with the General Secretary within 3 days of a match and include payment of £50 deposit forfeited if the protest is not sustained or is unsuccessful.
15. League Rule 21 applies in respect of reporting results etc.
16. Matches will be scheduled by the Fixtures Secretary but can be brought forward by mutual agreement of the clubs concerned and with permission of the Fixtures Secretary.

17. Failure to play matches will be dealt with by forfeiting of the fixture.
Additionally, the offending club will be reported for non-fulfilment of fixture and dealt with by due process.
18. Any team playing with less than 11 players will be dealt with as per Rule 20D.
19. Referees for matches up to the final shall be appointed in accordance with Rule 23.
20. Match officials for the final ties shall be appointed by the Management Committee.
21. In all matches prior to the final, the home club are responsible for all the match expenses.
22. Unless varied by these Rules, all Rules of the Dorset Football League shall apply and any matters occurring not covered will be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.