# COMPETITION & INTERNAL CUP RULES

# ALL LEAGUE RULES APPLY AND IN ADDITION THE FOLLOWING

**TITLE**

**These competitions shall be called Division 1 KO Cup Division 2 KO Cup Division 3 KO Cup**

**Nursing Home cup R M Smith cup Hospital Cup Foster Shield and the Alun Rees Trophy.**

**All shall be confined to clubs who are members of the Stratford Alliance.**

**FEES**

**The entrance fee shall be £20 per team per competition.**

**TEAM QUALIFICATION**

**Teams eligible to compete are 1st 2nd and 3rd divisions teams in their respective KO Cups.**

**All teams are automatically entered into the Nursing Home Cup and R M Smith Cup The Alun Rees Trophy is open to all teams who are not members of division 1. The Hospital cup is open to all teams and is played in the evening prior to commencement of league fixtures.**

**The management Council may invite two teams to compete for the Foster Shield.**

**PLAYERS QUALIFICATION**

**4. Any bona-fide player duly registered with this league can take part in these competitions subject to the following .A player may not play in the semi final of any competition unless he has played in a previous round of that competition or played in a league game for that team in the current season. The only exception to this rule is the Hospital Cup if it is played before the commencement of the league season.**

**B. No player is allowed to play in the final of a competition unless he has played in a previous round for that team, or has played a minmum of 50% of that teams league games in the current season unless special permission has been obtained from the Management Council.**

**C. No player may play for more than one team in any individual cup competition except with the Management Councils agreement.**

**i. The divisional Knockout cups count as one competition.**

**ii. A player who has played in a lower division cup may move up, but once having played for a team in a higher division, may not return to the lower team.**

**D. No player shall be eligible to take part in a competition who has during the current season played for another club in that competition .Any team proved guilty of playing an ineligible player or players will be liable to a fine of £25 and be expelled from the competition.**

**E. Teams playing in a final must forward to their opponents and the League Registration Secretary , at least seven days before the match is due to take place a list of the players from whom their team will be selected. Failure to forward this list to either the league registration secretary or their opponents according to rule will incur a fine of £5. Any objections to the qualification of any player named on the list must be forwarded to the registration secretary at least 24 hours before the commencement of the match.**

**F. Any player dismissed from the field of play for serious misconduct during a final will not receive an award.**

**MATCHES**

**5. Any team refusing or failing to play the team against which it has been drawn on the scheduled date, without sufficient reason for doing so shall be adjudged to have lost the match and also liable to a fine of a maximum £75 and any expenses incurred.**

**B. If at the end of allotted time no decision has been reached the match will be decided by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with the FIFA penalty kick procedure.**

**C. In the final of a cup competition each team is responsible for providing two match balls. These to be presented to the Referee 15 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off.**

**ii. Finalists shall be allocated 18 passes for the match. All other club members are to pay for entrance to the ground.**

**iii. A maximum of five nominated substitutes ,the team trainer and manager are allowed in the dugouts and must remain seated. Only the team manager is permitted to stand within the Technical Area.All other persons must be behind the pitch perimeter rail.**

**VENUES**

**6. In all rounds except the final, the first named team shall have the choice of ground and be responsible for ground and gate arrangments. The Management Council will arrange a neutral ground for the final and will take all receipts from the same. After meeting match expenses ,the balance will be credited to league funds. In the event of a loss, this will be met from league funds.**

**NOTES TO CLUBS.**

**Cancelled Games :Inform the Fixture Secretary and the Referees Appointments Secretary immeadiately (see rule book)**

**MEETINGS**

**Meetings are held at the THE HOME GUARD CLUB TIDDINGTON stratford upon Avon. On the first Monday of alternate months starting on AUGUST 5th. October 7th December 2nd February 3rd. April 6th The AGM is held on June 8th 2020**

**All meetings start at 7.30pm.**

**Failure of any club to be represented will incure a fine of £25**

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**UNFIT GROUNDS**

**Where there is a doubt as to a pitch being fit for play,the Fixture Secretary may insist that the HOME club seek the advise of a Referee in the vicinity.The HOME club shall notify the Fixture Secretary the appointed Referee and the visiting club if the ground is deemed unfit.**

**Please Note:**

**Tuesday and Thursday evenings will be used for outstanding league and cup matches at the end of the season.**

**Emergency first aid**

**The Stratford Alliance will provide provision for an emergency Aid course for all teams within its**

**Membership. The course will be valid for a 3 year period. All fees will be paid by the Stratford Alliance.**

**Each team must nominate a suitable person to attend the course on their behalf.It is a recommendation that this person is in attendance at matches.**

**The only exception to this rule will be if a team has a nominated person with a current FA Emergency Aid Certificate.**

**Failure to comply with this rule will result in a fine of a maximum £50.**