TROPHY EVENTS

GENERIC RULES – Part II

(Spring Competitions)

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**ADDITIONAL RULES applicable to the SECOND PHASE of the various Competitions. These Additional Rules should be read in conjunction with the previously issued ‘Spring 2024 Rules’ to which please refer as appropriate.**

However, this document starts with a reminder that the Trophy Events follow FA guidelines and offer players the opportunity to experience playing a fixed number of competitive matches over a specified number of match days.

**Team managers and especially parents, need to keep a sense of proportion over the significance of these games and not be influenced by the change from ‘development’ fixtures to competition matches.** This is enshrined in Rule 1.

**Rule 1:** All our Trophy Event matches are for the fun and enjoyment of the children who take part. They are NOT to boost the ego of the adults who run the teams and nor are they an excuse for over excitable parents to become too vocal or disruptive. **It is essential that team Officials manage the expectations and the behavior of their ‘adult supporters’**. Just because these games involve an element of competition, it does not provide any excuse or justification for offensive and unsporting comments from the touchlines.

**Rule 2:** All matches shall be played in accordance with the FA Laws for 7v7 or 9v9 football as applicable to each Age Group. The following competition (Trophy Event) Rules will also apply, as too do League Rule 5 (Powers of Management) and League Rule 8.L (eligibility for a Semi Final or Final).

Matters arising which are not covered by these rules will be determined by the Management Committee.

**Second Phase: scheduled to begin in late March or early April**

Rules 3 & 4 are described in the previously issued rules.

**Rule 5: Normal Time** for the U9 & U10 age groups is 25 minutes each way.

**Normal Time** for the U11 age group is 30 minutes each way.

**Rule 6: Extra Time** – if scores level after normal time.

**Under 9’s - Extra Time of 5 minutes each way will be played i**f scores are level at the end of normal time. If still level after extra time, then a Penalty shoot-out must follow as described below.

**Under 10’s - Extra Time of 5 minutes each way will be played** if scores are level at the end of normal time. If still level after extra time, then a Penalty shoot-out must follow as described below.

**Under 11’s -** **Extra Time of 5 minutes each way will be played** if scores are level at the end of normal time. If still level after extra time, then a Penalty shoot-out must follow as described below.

**Rule 7: Penalty shoot-out -** A penalty shoot-out is compulsory for games which are drawn as per Rule 6 and is to be based on the **‘best of five’** **penalties** **taken alternately;** and if still even. then ‘sudden death’. The procedures for the Penalty Kicks shall be as described in Law 10 of the ‘The Laws of The Game’ as authorised by IFAB.

Rules 8 to 12 inclusive are described in the previously issued rules.

**Allocation to the Second Phase Groups**

**Rule 13.1** Applicable to those Competitions **consisting of 16 or 20 teams - with 4 Groups of 4 or 4 Groups of 5**.

The **4 teams** which are determined by the League (**as described in Rule 8: Rankings**) to be **in** **first place** in their First Phase Group will go forward to the **Gold second phase** group where they will be paired (by a pre-determined allocation) with another team which also came ‘first’ in their initial group. These four teams then play a normal length Second Phase match or “semi-final” played in accordance with normal FA Rules for their age group.

Teams finishing **2nd** will go forward to the **Silver** second phase,

Teams finishing **3rd** will go forward to the **Bronze** second phase,

Teams finishing **4th** will go forward to the **Copper** second phase,

Teams finishing **5th** will go forward to the **Tin** Second please.

The allocation for the first Second Phase match will pair Group One v Group Four and Group Two v Group Three, **BUT** the Home team for each game will be determined individually by the League.

**Rule 13.2** Applicable only to the **Under 9 CHALICE Competition** where there are 5 groups of 5 teams.

1. The 4 ‘best’ teams determined by the League to be in **first place** in their First Phase Group will go forward to the **Gold** Second Phase Group where they will be paired with another team. These four teams then play a normal length Semi Final match.
2. The team determined by the League to be the best **5th first place** team together with the best **1st, 2nd & 3rd second placed teams** in their First Phase Group will go forward to the **Silver** Second Phase Group where they will be paired with another team. These four teams then play a normal length Semi Final match.
3. The teams determined by the League to be the best **4th & 5th second place teams** together with the best **1st & 2nd third placed teams** in their First Phase Group will go forward to the **Bronze** Second Phase Group where they will be paired with another team. These four teams then play a normal length Semi Final match.
4. The teams determined by the League to be the best **3rd, 4th & 5th third place teams** together with the best **1st best fourth placed team** in their First Phase Group will go forward to the **Copper** Second Phase Group where they will be paired with another team. These four teams then play a normal length Semi Final match.
5. The teams determined by the League to be the best **2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th fourth place teams** in their First Phase Group will go forward to the **Tin** Second Phase Group where they will be paired with another team. These four teams then play a normal length Semi Final match.
6. The teams determined by the League to be the best **1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th of the fifth placed teams** in their First Phase Groups, will go forward to the **Zinc** second phase group where they will be paired with another team. These four teams then play a normal length Semi Final match.
7. Regrettably the team determined by the League to be the **5th of the fifth placed teams** in their First Phase Group, **will not** go forward to the **Zinc** second phase group, one team will not proceed to the second phase group.
8. The allocation for the first Second Phase match will look to pair teams from different groups and the Home team for each game will be determined individually by the League.

**Rule 13.3** Applicable only to **the U10 Chalice Competition** where there are 3 groups of 4

Teams.

1. The three teams determined to be in **1st place and the best 2nd placed team** in their First Phase Groups will go forward to the **Gold** Second Phase group where they will be paired with another team. These four teams then play a normal length Semi Final match.
2. The **2nd & 3rd placed second teams** and the **best 1st & 2nd third placed teams** in their First Phase Groups will go forward to the **Silver** second phase group where they will be paired with another team. These four teams then play a normal length Semi Final match.
3. The **3rd placed third team** and the **1st, 2nd & 3rd placed fourth teams** in their First Phase Groups will go forward to the **Bronze** second phase group where they will be paired with another team. These four teams then play a normal length Semi Final match.
4. The allocation for the first Second Phase match will pair the 1st place team with the 2nd place team in the other Group – and the 3rd place team with the 4th placed team in the other group. **BUT** the Home team for each game will be determined individually by the League.

**Rule 14** In all competitions, the **winners of their Semi Final** ties will proceed to play in the **Final** of their competition on the last Match-day, whilst the losing semi-finalists will play a match for 3rd/4th place. In all games, **Penalty kicks** will **determine the winners** if scores are level (as described in Rule 6).

Due to the sheer number of **GOLD** finals, the dates will vary and be played over the weekends of the **4th/5th, 11th/12th and 18th/19th of May 2024** and will be played at Greenacres Sports Club, 282 Limpsfield Road, Warlingham Surrey CR6 9RL**. NB** Some Gold Finals will be held on a Saturday.

The date for **ALL other** finals and play-offs will be **Sunday 12th of May 2024** and will be played at the home team’s ground.

**Rule 15** **WINNERS**

The winner of the **GOLD Final** will be declared to be **Spring Trophy Champions in the competition they are competing in.**

In the other Groups (Silver, Copper etc.) the winner will be declared to be **Group Winners.**

**NOTES**

As explained in Rule 8, team rankings in the first phase groups, will be determined by reference to (in this order)

1. Points (or Points per Game where applicable – see 13.4.b)
2. Any bonus points - and if still equal by
3. Their ‘head-to-head’ result.
4. Average Goals Conceded. If three teams are equal on points (and a three-way Head-to-Head comparison does not work) the ranking will be decided by reference to the average number of goals conceded (AGC) (we use an average to reduce the effect of un-played games). However, if two of these three teams are still equal, then the Head to Head result between those two teams will determine the final ranking. The same principles apply to determine 'best' 2nd place etc. where that is necessary.
5. Toss of a coin.

This format is designed to give **EVERY TEAM** a continuing interest in their Trophy Event even if previous results have not gone in their favour. This could mean that teams participating in (for example) the Copper second phase, may not have won a single game, but the second phase will pair them with an opponent in roughly the same situation to hopefully enjoy and learn from the continuing experience of ‘competition’.

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