**AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE OF RULES YOUTH (SCORY) FOR THE 2024/2025 SEASON**

The Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for Mini Soccer and Youth Football Competitions (the “Standard Code”).

The Standard Code is mandatory for all Mini Soccer and Youth Football Competitions.

| **SCORY RULE** | **AMENDMENTS FOR THE 2024/2025 SEASON** | **RATIONALE** |
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| **1.(A)** | “**Club Portal**” means the system used by Clubs to affiliate teams as determined by The FA from time to time; | To define Club Portal as referred to in 4.(E) below. |
| **2.(G)** | All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association. ~~and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.~~  This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding [ ] in number. | The content of the first paragraph is to be largely removed as Clubs now provide this information via the Club Portal.  The Leagues will have access to the Competition Portal, which shows the information inputted by clubs on the Club Portal. |
| **2.(K)** | Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing at a particular age group in the Competition in any other competition (with the exception of FA and County FA 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. | To ensure clubs keep the Competition informed of external fixtures to support them with planning and operating the Competition. |
| **4.(E)** | ~~If requested by the Competition,~~ Clubs must ~~advise annually to the Secretary in writing by [ ] of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition~~  ensure that all its teams participating in the Competition are recorded as affiliated on the Club Portal for the forthcoming Playing Season by the following date [ ]. Clubs must advise the Competition Secretary in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. | Affiliation numbers are no longer available and competitions can see the affiliation status of each team in the Competition Portal. |
| **8.(H)** | (i) Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.  (ii) Any club that has submitted a valid application to join the Competition for the forthcoming season must have the opportunity to be put forward for membership and to have a vote taken on their membership application. | A number of leagues have lost appeals for what has been referred to as unconstitutional conduct at an AGM/SGM, as they were not allowing clubs to be considered for membership by existing members.  By adding this rule, it is hoped to avoid any such further issues by providing leagues with a process to follow (which requires a vote to take place). |
| **15.(B)** | All expenditure in excess of £[] shall be approved by the Management Committee. ~~Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.~~ | To update to reflect current payment methods, which do not include payment by cheque. |
| **18.(B)(i)** | Contract Players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps1 to 6 of the National League System, or Tiers 1-4 of the Women’s Pyramid System.  It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland. | To be consistent with SCOR |

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| **18.E.(ii)** | In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club in the Competition, ~~priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered~~ the valid registration submitted first shall take precedence. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below. | The existing wording is unclear as to the order of priority and should be clarified by date of registration submitted. |
| **18.(G)** | (i) The Management Committee shall ~~have the power to~~ accept the registration of any Player  subject to the provisions of Rule 18(G)(ii) and (iii) below.  (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player, the exercise of such power being without prejudice to the Management Committee’s ability to fine a Club at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).  (iii) The Management Committee shall have the power 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 or The FA. Where the Management Committee does not have enough information to enable it to make a decision pursuant to the above power, it may apply, in its absolute discretion, to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA for further information.  Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter  a Participant from being involved in this Competition. | To clarify that the only basis for refusing a registration of a Player is pursuant to the grounds set out in 18G2 or 18G3. |

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| **18.(M)** | A Team shall not include more than [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11] Players who has/have ~~taken part~~ 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 | To clarify that it is 21 clear days, as some Leagues were counting the day a game was played as day 1 and others were not.  This was leading to situations whereby a club was playing across two Leagues and the two Leagues were counting 21 days differently. |
| **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. | To align with change to 19.B below. |
| **19.** | Any team wishing to change ~~its~~ 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. | To align the position regarding mid-season kit changes with the position regarding pre-season Competition approval set out in 19A above (i.e. that Competition pre-approval is required). |
| **20.(C)** | An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground, ~~and~~ time of kick-off and kit colours (including goalkeeper) to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least [ ] clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. The opposing Club must confirm receipt and give notice of its kit colours (including goalkeeper) at least [ ] days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If either is not ~~so~~ provided, the ~~away~~ relevant Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. | To improve the likelihood of a clash being resolved prior to the day of a match. |
| **20.(E)(i)** | In competitions where points are awarded, home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall ~~have the power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals.~~ *~~Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent’s Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.~~* decide whether it should either:   1. award the points from the Competition Match in question to the Club’s opponent (without the awarding of goals)   OR   1. order the Competition Match to be rescheduled. The Management Committee shall also have the power to order the rescheduled Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent Club’s Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.   In addition, the Management Committee may at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate):   1. impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), 2. deduct points from the defaulting Club, 3. order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents. | To reformat/redraft this rule to make it easier to understand. |
| **New Rule 20.(I)** | Where a suspension imposed in relation to a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) upon a Club 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)(i). | The proposed amendment gives a clear timeline for when a competition can postpone a fixture due to an active club suspension in relation to a football debt. |
| **SCH A FINES TARIFF** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | … | … | … | | 4 (E) | FAILURE TO ~~PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM~~ ENSURE TEAMS ARE RECORDED AS AFFILIATED IN THE CLUB PORTAL | £100.00 | | To update cross-referencing to reflect the proposed amendments to 4.(E) above. |
| **SCH A FINES TARIFF** | ….   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 21 (B) | FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT | £20.00 | | 21~~(D)~~ (C) | PUBLISHING RESULTS/GRADING TABLES FOR FIXTURES INVOLVING U7S, U8S, U9S, U10S OR U11S | £50.00 | | 23 (C) | FAILURE TO PROVIDE CLUB ASSISTANT REFEREE | £25.00 |   …. | To update cross-referencing of rules in the Schedule containing the fines tariff. |