

**MEMBERSHIP RULES OF THE  
LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LIMITED  
("the Association")**

1. That each affiliated Club, League or Cup Competition shall for the purpose of these Rules be considered a Club
2. The annual subscription shall be as follows: Leagues and other Combinations with 17 Clubs or more £15.00, 16 Clubs and less £15.00. Intermediate and Youth Competitions £10.00. The annual subscription for each Club shall be as follows:
  - (a) All full or Associate Member Clubs of the Football Association and Clubs eligible to take part in the FA Challenge Cup, FA Challenge Trophy and FA Challenge Vase, or in the Senior Cup Competition of a County Association – Affiliation Fee £50.00.
  - (b) All other open age group Clubs – Affiliation Fee £30.00.
  - (c) All Clubs playing in organised Youth Competitions whose Players have not attained the age of 18 years as at midnight on 31st August in the relevant playing season – Affiliation Fee £10.00.
  - (d) All Clubs playing in small-sided Competitions and who are not affiliated to the County Association – Affiliation Fee £10.00. Intermediate and Youth Clubs shall have no voting power, but Intermediate Competitions comprising not less than six Clubs (directly affiliated as such) shall have voting powers. School Leagues and Clubs in membership shall be affiliated free of charge, without voting power. No Club shall be eligible to have a representative at the Annual General Meeting whose subscription is unpaid for the ensuing season. All Clubs (School Clubs excepted) and Referees in the County must be affiliated direct to this Association
  - (e) Any Member whose subscription or affiliation fee for the year commencing from 1st July has not been paid in full by the day before, ie 30th June each year, shall immediately be deemed to have resigned as a Member of the Association.
  - (f) The forms for nomination as District Representatives should be submitted to the Company Secretary between 1st and 31st May in each year.
  - (g) Voting papers for the Election of District Representatives shall be invalid if the Member returning the voting paper has not paid its subscriptions for the year commencing 1st July, prior to the date of the AGM, at which the proposed candidate shall stand for election as a District Representative.
  - (h) In the case of two or more candidates (for the same position) polling an equal number of votes, a postal ballot of members will take place. The procedure for the Ballot will be conducted as follows:
    - (i) Within 10 days of the Annual General Meeting, the members eligible to vote within the relevant District shall receive a voting paper with the names of the nominees.
    - (ii) Such voting papers must then be returned to the Company Secretary within 17 days of the Annual General Meeting.
    - (iii) Voting papers must be completed in accordance with the Articles of the Lincolnshire Football Association Limited.
    - (iv) The examination of the voting papers and the count of the votes cast must be in accordance with the Articles of the Lincolnshire Football Association Limited.

3. That each affiliated Club shall forward annually to the Secretary of the Association, together with the affiliation fee of the Club, the name and address of the Secretary of such affiliated Club, with the club colours.

No Club will be allowed to change its name once it has affiliated to the County Football Association.

4. Each affiliated League or Competition shall forward annually before 1st August to the Secretary of the Association, the following particulars:

- (i) List of Clubs forming the League or Competition along with the name and address of the Club Secretary and Affiliation Number along with its list of dates of rounds under Code A, B, C and D. The Council may refuse to sanction any Competition which does not observe this rule.
- (ii) Two copies of Rules.
- (iii) One copy of a Balance Sheet, as supplied by the Association, for each Competition for the past season. Receipts for amounts paid over to charity must accompany each Balance Sheet. Sanction may be refused if the particulars are not sent in by the date named.

5. Each Club is responsible to the Council for the action of its Players, Officials and Spectators, and Clubs are further required to take all necessary precautions to prevent Spectators threatening or assaulting Officials and Players during or at the conclusion of matches. Neither Referee, Assistant Referees, nor Players shall make bets on any football match in which they are officiating or playing. The Council shall have power to call upon any Club, Competition or Player to produce or forward, at the discretion of the Council, any books, letters or documents and other evidence the Council may desire, for inspection.

6. Players who are not under written contract to a Club may be registered with a number of Clubs at any time, subject to the following provisions and those of the Competitions in which they play:

- (i) Competitions sanctioned by The Association under Regulation 3 of the 'Regulations for the Sanction and Control of Leagues and Competitions' may make their own regulations for the approach of Players between Clubs of the Competition.
- (ii) During the current season \* any Club wishing to approach a Player known to be registered with and having played for any other Club must give to the Secretary of each such Club seven (7) days formal written notice of the intention to approach the Player. Formal written notice of approach need be given by:
  - (A) a Saturday Club only to all Saturday Clubs
  - (B) a Sunday Club only to all Sunday Clubs
  - (C) a midweek Club only to all midweek Club
- (iii) The written notice must be sent by Special Delivery or Recorded Post, or a written acknowledgment otherwise obtained from the Secretary or Chairman of the Club approached. Facsimile or e-mail transmission may be used provided a receipt of an acknowledgment is also obtained.
- (iv) Following the date of posting of the written notice of approach, or receipt of an acknowledgment:
  - (A) the Player may be registered on or after the eighth (8th) day
  - (B) the Player must have been registered on or before the twenty-first (21st) day
- (v) The approaching Club:
  - (A) may not approach the same Player a second time in the same season;
  - (B) may approach only one (1) Player at a Club at any time subject to (ix) below;
  - (C) may not approach another Player at the same Club within twenty-eight (28) days of an earlier notice of approach or acknowledgment.
- (vi) If an approach is made by a Player to another Club during the current season \* that Club

shall give the Club(s) for which the Player is known to be registered and has played seven (7) days notice of approach as set out at (i) to (iv) above before registering the Player.

(vii) A Club which is the subject of a complaint alleging failure to give notice in accordance with this Rule may be subject to a charge of misconduct under FA Rule G.2(2).

(viii) A Club proved to have breached the provisions of this Rule may have its current registration of the Player cancelled and be subject to such other penalty as The Association or Affiliated Association deems appropriate, in accordance with Regulation 6.1 of the 'Regulations for FA Disciplinary Action'.

(ix) During the current season \* a maximum of two (2) Players may be approached in the manner described above if invited to trial at a licensed Football Association/FA Premier League/Football League Academy or Centre of Excellence.

(b) Conditions

(i) A currently registered Player shall not be allowed to register with another Club without first satisfying the Club Officials of the intended Club that all reasonable financial and other liabilities have been discharged to the Club or Clubs with which the Player is or was known to be registered in the current \* and previous season.

(ii) A Player approached on or after first (1st) May in the current season \* may not play in competitive football for the Club making the approach until the commencement of the following season.

(c) Services Players

(i) While serving in any branch of Her Majesty's Regular Forces a Player may not hold a contract of employment with any Club under the jurisdiction of The Association or an Affiliated Association.

(ii) Neither a Club nor any person may attempt to induce a Player of a Club of any branch of Her Majesty's Regular Forces to play for another Club during the current season \* without at least fourteen (14) days written notice of approach – in the case of the Army to the Secretary of The Army Football Association, the Royal Navy to the Secretary of the Royal Navy Football Association, and the Royal Air Force to the Player's Commanding Officer. The notice must be forwarded by Special Delivery or Recorded Post, or a written acknowledgment otherwise obtained. Facsimile or e-mail transmission may be used provided a receipt of written acknowledgment is also obtained.

(iii) Players are required to inform Civilian Clubs of their rank and service number which information must be stated on League or other registration forms. \* a current season runs from 1st July to the following 31st May.

7. No League or Cup Competition shall be formed within the County of Lincolnshire or comprising any Clubs affiliated to this Association, without the consent of this Association. All Clubs comprising such League or Cup Competition shall be Members of their respective County Association and may be required to compete for one of the Cup Competitions of such County Association. Clubs wishing to enter any Competitions outside the County must make application for sanction to the Secretary of this Association. All Leagues and Cup Competitions shall observe the rules of the Association. Appeals against the decision of a League or Cup Competition made by Clubs or Players to the Appeals Committee of the Association, whose decision shall be final. Such appeals must be made within 14 days of notification in writing of the decision and each appeal must be sent in duplicate, and shall be accompanied by a deposit of £35 which may be forfeited. Upon receiving an appeal against a decision of a League or Cup Competition the Association shall appoint or cause to be appointed a Board of Appeal consisting of not less than three nor more than five Members to hear and adjudicate upon the appeal. The Board of Appeal will make an order for payment of costs if the appeal fails.

8. In the event of the Club, Player, Official, Member or Referee being proved to the satisfaction of the Council to have been guilty of any breach of rules or misconduct, the Council shall have the power to order the name of the offending Club, Player, Official, Member or Referee to be removed from this Association, suspended for stated period, or dealt with in such manner as the Council may think fit, and any Club or Player, playing with or against the offending Club or Player after such removal, or during such time of suspension, shall also be dealt with in such manner as the Council may think fit. No suspended Player or Member of any Club so suspended or removed from this Association shall be eligible for Membership of any Club belonging to this Association without the special permission of the Council. The Council may also order the offending Club, Player, Official, Member or Referee to pay all expenses incurred in hearing the case. Where a Director or Member of a Committee of a Club is suspended or removed from the Association, his office as such is automatically vacated. He shall not be eligible to sit on the Board of Directors or Committee of any Club and he shall not be allowed to take part in football or football management until he has obtained the consent of the Football Association, or the County Association which imposed the suspension or removal from the Association.

9. All Administration Fees, Fines and Costs imposed by the Council shall be paid by Competitions, Clubs, Players or Referees in accordance with Disciplinary Procedures issued by The Football Association.

10. Clubs having arranged fixtures with each other shall not withdraw unless seven clear days notice be given to their opponents. Any Club breaking this rule shall be deemed guilty of misconduct, and fined or otherwise penalised as the Council may think fit, and any Club having been so fined for breach of the fixture or similar part in any match until such fine is paid.

11. That any Club affiliated with this Association playing a Club not affiliated with this or any other affiliated Association, shall be deemed guilty of misconduct, and shall be dealt with as the Council may determine.

12. The Association shall have the right for Inter-County matches, semi-finals and finals of its Competitions to the use of any ground belonging to a Club affiliated to this Association, providing the same be not engaged for a match played in connection with the Premier League, Football League or the Football Association Cup Competitions. Any Player selected to attend any match arranged by this Association shall not play for his Club/Clubs during the previous 24 hours. Any Player refusing to comply with the arrangements of the Council for playing the match or failing to attend such match, may be adjudged by the Council to have been guilty of misconduct and any Club or Official who may be deemed to have encouraged or instigated such Player to commit a breach of instruction or rule, shall be deemed guilty of a similar offence. Any Club or team having two or more Players appointed or selected for any Association County team will be allowed to cancel any fixture under the jurisdiction of this Association.

13. The standard national Referee's registration fee is £10.00 for all levels and must be paid not later than the 1st July. No examination fee will be charged. Match Officials are reminded that they shall receive a memento instead of a match fee in all County Cup Competition final ties. An administration fee of £5.00 will be charged to a referee who affiliates after the 1st July.

14. Any Member or Player competing in any match or Competition, the proceeds of which are not devoted to a recognised Football Club or Football Association, or some institution approved by this Association, shall be liable to such suspension or penalty as the Council may think fit. Small sided and similar irregular Competitions at which gate money is taken are forbidden unless the consent of this Association has been obtained.

15. After 30th June and prior to the commencement of the season matches may be played

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between teams of the same Club or between teams of different Clubs.

16. All Members and Officials of the Council shall be furnished with a ticket (which shall not be transferable) and all Clubs belonging to this Association, or an affiliated Association, shall admit the holder to their grounds and stands\* upon production of such ticket without requiring any other authority. \*Council Decision: The interpretation of this rule means reasonable seating accommodation.

17. Long Service Medals, or other suitable inscribed selected mementoes, shall be presented to Members of the Council, League Secretaries and Secretaries of competitive Clubs whose period of office has been not less than ten consecutive years. Secretaries of other Competitions and Clubs shall only qualify at the discretion of the Council for this award. Meritorious awards and Valued Service awards may be presented to any individual who has, in the opinion of the Council, rendered outstanding service to Lincolnshire Football over, a period of not less than 20 years. Referees who have completed a minimum of 20 years consecutive and active service shall be presented with suitable inscribed mementoes. Closing date for such applications to be 31st December annually. For the purpose of this Rule, consecutive years are defined as from the Annual Meeting in one year to the Annual Meeting in the following year. These presentations shall be made immediately following the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

18. That no alterations shall be made in these Rules except in accordance with the Articles of Association.

19. This Association is authorised by the Football Association to call for the books of at least two Clubs each season, the selection of the Clubs are to be determined by the County Association.

20. All Clubs have a right of appeal from decisions of this Association to the Football Association. (This does not apply to any Lincolnshire Football Association County Cup Competitions).

21. Clubs wishing to report Players or Officials who have failed to reimburse them for monies paid on their behalf must do so to the Secretary of the Association within a period of six (6) weeks from the time when fines have been paid to the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association. Reports received outside of this period will not be entertained. This Association will impose a levy on registered Players of any Club which ceases to exist owing money, together with expenses incurred, either to the Association, any League or any Competition to clear the amount outstanding.

22. In all Youth Leagues and Youth Competitions affiliated to the Lincolnshire Football Association a Player shall not play in a match including Players who are more than two years older than himself. Football for Players in these age groups shall be arranged within the following age bands:

- (a) Over 10 years of age and under 12 years of age.
- (b) Over 11 years of age and under 13 years of age.
- (c) Over 12 years of age and under 14 years of age.
- (d) Over 13 years of age and under 15 years of age.
- (e) Over 14 years of age and under 16 years of age.

23. Artificial grass pitches may be used in competitions provided the pitch is listed on the Football Associations register of artificial grass pitches and with the prior consent of the Lincolnshire Football Association. Consent must be requested at the time of entry into the competition in each season.

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

The Council very specially remind all Clubs that they will be held responsible for the conduct of their Officials, Players and Spectators. Every Officer, Member of Club and Player is required by the Football Association Limited Laws to take every precaution necessary to prevent Spectators insulting, threatening or assaulting Officials or Players either during or at the conclusion of matches.

Misconduct towards a Referee away from the field of play will be dealt with just as if the offence had been committed on the field of play. Matches must not be arranged with Clubs not included in the Handbook lists, unless proof of registration has been obtained from the Association Secretary. This rule will also apply to Cup Competitions under the jurisdiction of the Lincolnshire Football Association Limited.

## **Rules of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Senior County Cup Competition**

1. This Competition shall be called "THE LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD SENIOR COUNTY CUP COMPETITION", and shall be conducted on the knock-out system, but the Council may at its discretion introduce a series of qualifying matches, split into sections if required, to decide which teams shall pass through to the knock-out stages of the Competition. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Byelaws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game.
2. The Honorary Treasurer and Secretary for the time being of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall be, for all intents and purposes, the legal owners of the Cup in trust for the Association.
3. The Cup shall be competed for annually between the three Senior Clubs of the County: Grimsby Town, Lincoln City and Scunthorpe United. Entrance fee for each Club: £100.00. All matches shall be completed before 31st May each year otherwise a fine of £1000.00 (per club) will be imposed.
4. No individual shall be allowed to play for more than one competing Club, but the members of each representative team may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary. No player shall be allowed to play in more than one Lincolnshire FA Cup Competition during the same season (Intermediate, Youth and Sunday Cups excepted). A playing member is one who is a proper registered player of that club thus making him eligible to play in one or other of their respective League Competitions. Every Club in the Competition shall play their strongest team. Any Club proved to be playing an understrength team shall be dealt with by the Council. Any objection to the qualification of any player or substitute of the opposing club shall be made within three days after the match with a protest fee of £200. No protests will be accepted from any participant after this date.
5. Any club wishing to opt out of the Competition may do so on making an annual payment as decided by the Council. In the qualifying matches the duration of the game shall be ninety minutes. If the qualifying matches end in a tie, the winner will be decided on the team scoring most goals and that team will pass through to the knock-out stage of the Competition.
6. In the knock-out stage of the Competition the Club which is in each instance drawn first in the ballot shall have choice of ground. A fine of £500 will be imposed if clubs do not agree a date for the semifinal matches and notify the Registered Office of the Lincolnshire Football Association by 1st June annually. In the event of Club colours being similar the visiting team shall change. The duration of the game shall be ninety minutes. Half time interval shall be 15 minutes duration which may be altered only with the permission of the Referee. In the event of a draw, the match to be decided on the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with instructions in The Football Association Handbook. The Referee shall allow for time wasted or lost through accident or other cause. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and his/her decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. If the ground of a Club having choice is considered unsuitable for a Cup-tie, its opponents may appeal to the Council within four days of the receipt of the official intimation of the draw. The Council may order the match to be played on the ground of the appealing Club, or on a neutral ground. If such appeal is not sustained, the complaining Club may be called upon to pay the expenses incurred in deciding the appeal. Each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in playing condition. Clubs shall not mutually agree to play a match in lieu of a Cup-tie. In the event of a match being abandoned, the Council may order it to be re-played upon such terms as they may consider fit

and expedient, or when the abandonment has been caused through the gross misconduct of any player of one side, the Council may award the match to the opposing side. In both qualifying and knock-out stages of the Competition the home team shall notify in writing the visiting Club and the match officials of the date of the match, situation of ground, and time of kick-off not later than seven days prior to the match taking place. Failure to notify, a fine of £50.00 shall be imposed in each case. The Secretary of each Club shall send notice of the result in writing, along with a list of players and substitutes taking part, along with their numbers, to the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd within three days after the match is played (Sundays not included), failing which a fine of £50.00 shall be imposed.

7. 15% of the gross gate in the semi-finals and 20% of the gross gate of the final shall go to the funds of the Lincolnshire Football Association Limited, and must be paid within fourteen (14) days of playing the matches. The gate receipts shall be shared by the competing clubs after all expenses have been paid. A statement of the gate receipts and expenses in each match must be forwarded to the Lincolnshire Football Association Limited within fourteen (14) days. The Council shall select the ground on which the Final Tie is to be played, and may order extra time, and/or may order that the winner be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as in Rule 6.

8. The dimensions of the field of play shall be in accordance with Football Association Laws of the Game. Expenses of preparing the ground must be borne by the home club. The Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches.

9. Referees, Assistant Referees and a Fourth Official for all matches shall be appointed by the Council. Referees' fees for all matches up to the Final shall be £50. Assistant Referee's fees for all matches up to the Final shall be £25. Fourth Officials' fees for all matches up to the final shall be £15. In the Final, Referee, Assistant Referees and a Fourth Official shall receive trophies in lieu of fee, and in all games shall be allowed travelling expenses of 25p per mile. Referees, Assistant Referees and Fourth Official shall be entitled to their travelling expenses and half their fees, if for any reason the match for which they travelled to officiate in is not played.

10. All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Council of the Association, whose decisions shall be final. Any club deemed guilty of playing an ineligible player shall be struck out of the Competition and dealt with as the Council deem fit. No objection to the arrangement of the ground, or the goalposts, bar and ball shall be entertained by the Council unless a protest is lodged with the Referee in writing before the commencement of the match, nor shall any reference or protest of whatever kind be entertained by the Council, unless the Club lodging the protest shall have deposited with the Secretary of the Association a sum of £200.00, which shall be forfeited to the fund of the Association if the protest fails. If the Council deem fit they may also order the protesting Club to pay such sum as they may think necessary towards defraying the expenses of the Club protested against. All protests must be confirmed in writing to the Secretary of the Association within three days after the match. (Sundays not included.) Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of players taking part in the game (including the names of the nominated substitutes, along with their numbers) to the referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the referee at least thirty minutes before the advertised time of kick-off. Any club failing to carry out these provisions will be fined a sum not exceeding £50.00.

11. When the winners of the Cup shall have been ascertained by such match or matches as aforesaid, the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall hand over the Cup to such winners in exchange for a document to the following effect, and signed by two persons approved by the Council and Secretary. "We, A.B. and C.D., representing the ..... Club, having been declared the winners of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Senior County Cup and the same having been delivered to us by J.K. and L.M. the Hon Treasurer and Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd, do hereby, on behalf of the said Club, individually and collectively, agree to return the same to the said J.K. and L.M. on request of the Council, in like

good order and condition or shall be fined the sum of £100.00, and if the same should be lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed whilst in our possession we agree to refund to the said Association the amount of its present value.

12. The entire control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Council of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd whose decisions shall be final. The Council shall have power, for breach of rule, or other misconduct, to impose fines upon Clubs, to suspend or expel any Player or Club from taking part in the Competition and to order matches to be re-played on such terms as they may decide. The Council shall have power to alter or add to the Rules as they from time to time deem expedient.

13. Substitution of Players. A Club may at its discretion, use three substitute Players from the five named to the Referee prior to the commencement of the match at any time except to replace a Player who has been dismissed from the field of play by the Referee. The substitution can only be made when play has been stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. Only three substitutes by each side will be permitted and a Player who has already been substituted may not return to the field of play as substitute in the second or third substitution. A Player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of a match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that game within the meaning of Rule 4 of this Competition.

14. No Club shall be allowed to withdraw without the consent of the Council. Any Club failing to play in any tie without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play, may be judged to have been guilty of serious misconduct, and shall be dealt with by the Council.

15. In all matches Players' shirts shall be numbered or a fine of £20 .00 will be imposed.

16. In the Final the Association shall present trophies to the Players, Substitutes, Manager and one Official of each club.

## **Rules of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Senior County Shield Competition**

1. This Competition shall be called "THE LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD SENIOR COUNTY SHIELD COMPETITION, and shall be conducted on the knock-out system, but the Council may at its discretion introduce a series of qualifying matches, split into sections if required, to decide which teams shall pass through to the knock-out stages of the Competition. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Byelaws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game.
2. The Hon Treasurer and Secretary for the time being of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall be, for all intents and purposes, the legal owners of the Cup in trust for the Association.
3. The Cup shall be competed for annually. The Council shall select the Clubs to compete which shall play off as drawn. The date of the various rounds for the succeeding season shall be fixed by the Council. A fine of £300 will be imposed if clubs do not agree dates for the first round and semi-final matches and notify the registered offices of the Lincolnshire Football Association by 1st June annually. Entrance fee for each competing Club: £50.00.
4. No individual shall be allowed to play for more than one competing Club, but the members of each representative team may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary. A playing member is one who is a properly registered player of that Club thus making him eligible to play in one or other of their respective League Competitions. No player shall be allowed to play in more than one Lincolnshire FA County Cup Competition during the same season. (Lincolnshire Intermediate, Youth and Sunday Challenge Competitions excepted.)
5. Postponed matches shall be played upon dates to be mutually agreed between the Clubs concerned at the conclusion of the match, and notification to be sent to the Secretary of this Association for the approval of the Lincolnshire Football Association Limited, or in default of agreement to be fixed by the Council.
6. Every Club in the Competition shall play their strongest team. Any Club proved to be playing an understrength team shall be dealt with by the Council. Each Club shall send within three days after the match to the Secretary of the Association, in writing, notice of the result, together with a list of its players and substitutes taking part, along with their numbers, failing which a fine of £30.00 shall be imposed. Any objection to the qualification of any player or substitute of the opposing Club shall be made within three days after the match with a protest fee of £150.00. No protests will be accepted from any participant after this date. Any team short of complement at the commencement of the game shall be fined up to a maximum of £100.00 at the discretion of the Council. Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of players taking part in the game (including the names of nominated substitutes) , along with their numbers to the referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the referee at least thirty minutes before the advertised time of kick-off. Any Club failing to carry out these provisions will be fined a sum not exceeding £30.00.
7. In all rounds up to the final, the Club drawn first in the ballot shall have choice of ground, and the duration of the game being ninety minutes. Half-time interval shall be 15 minutes duration, which may be altered only with the permission of the referee. In the event of a draw, the match will be decided on the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with instructions in the Football Association Handbook. The Referee shall allow for time wasted or lost through accident or other cause. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and his/her decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. In all matches the Home Team shall notify in writing the Visiting Club and match officials the date of the match, situation of ground, playing colours and time of kick-off not less than seven days prior to the

match taking place. Failure to notify, a fine of £30.00 shall be imposed in each case. The visiting team to acknowledge this notification in writing and to give details of their playing colours. In the event of the Club colours liable to clash the visiting team shall change.

If the ground of a Club having choice is considered unsuitable for a cup-tie, its opponents may appeal to the Council within four days of the receipt of the official intimation of the draw. The Council may order the match to be played on the ground of the appealing club, or on a neutral ground. If such appeal is not sustained, the complaining Club may be called upon to pay the expenses incurred in deciding the appeal. Each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in playing condition. Clubs shall not mutually agree to play a match in lieu of a cup-tie. In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes which neither Club has control it shall (subject to the following relevant clauses) be replayed in its entirety on a date to be fixed by the Council. The Council shall review all abandoned matches and in cases where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does not injustice to either Club, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of abandonment to be recorded as the result. In all cases where the Council is satisfied that the game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member or members, it shall be empowered to award the game to its opponents and/or take whatever other action is deemed necessary. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, the Council shall take such action as it considers appropriate.

8. The Council shall select the ground on which the Final Tie is to be played. The gate money for such match after expenses are paid, go to the funds of the Association, or as the Council may determine. A sum considered reasonable by the Council to cover expenses for travelling actually paid by the visiting team or teams may be paid out of the gate money for the match providing such match receipts are sufficient to cover such claim(s) and said claim is submitted within fourteen days of playing the match.

9. The dimensions of the field of play shall be in accordance with Football Association Laws of the Game. The ground must be marked out by the Home Club, and goal nets must be used. The playing area MUST be enclosed by rope or other barrier.

10. In all matches prior to the final the home club shall take its own receipts, but pay its own expenses, including that incurred in preparation of the ground and will be responsible for payment of Referee and Assistant Referee's expenses. The visiting club will be responsible for its own travelling expenses.

11. Referees, Assistant Referees and Fourth Officials for all matches shall be appointed by the Council. Referees' fees for all matches up to the Final shall be £40.00, Assistant Referee's fees for all matches up to the Final shall be £25.00. Fourth Officials fees for all matches up to the Final shall be £15.00. In the Final, Referee, Assistant Referees and Fourth Official shall receive trophies in lieu of fee, and in all games shall be allowed travelling expenses of 25p per mile. In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control the match officials, if present shall be entitled to half fee plus allowed expenses. Where a match is not played owing to one being in default, that Club shall pay the officials, if they attend at the ground, full fee plus allowed expenses.

12. All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Council of the Association, whose decisions shall be final. No objection to the arrangement of the ground, or the goalposts, bar and ball shall be entertained by the Council unless a protest is lodged with the Referee in writing before the commencement of the match, nor shall any reference or protest of whatever kind be entertained by the Council, unless the Club lodging the protest shall have deposited with the Secretary of the Association a sum of £150.00, which shall be forfeited to the fund of the Association if the protest fails. If the Council deem fit they may also order the protesting Club to pay such sum as they may think necessary towards

defraying the expenses of the Club protested against. All protests must be confirmed in writing to the Secretary of the Association within three days after the match. (Sundays not included.) Any club deemed guilty of playing an ineligible player shall be struck out of the competition and dealt with as the Council deems fit.

13. When the winners of the Cup shall have been ascertained by such match or matches as aforesaid, the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall hand over the Cup to such winners in exchange for a document to the following effect, and signed by two persons approved by the Council and Secretary. "We, A.B. and C.D., representing the.....Club, having been declared the winners of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Senior Shield Competition and the same having been delivered to us by J.K. and L.M. the Hon Treasurer and Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd do hereby, on behalf of the said Club, individually and collectively, agree to return the same to the said J.K. and L.M. on or before the first day of March next, in like good order and condition or shall be fined the sum of £50.00, and if the same should be lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed whilst in our possession we agree to refund to the said Association the amount of its present value.

14. The entire control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Council of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd whose decisions shall be final. The Council shall have power for breach of rule, or other misconduct, to impose fines upon Clubs, to suspend or expel any player or Club from taking part in the Competition. The Council shall have power to alter or add to the Rules as they from time to time deem expedient.

15. Kick-off time shall be fixed or agreed with the Council. Any Club turning out later than the specified time, failing a satisfactory explanation being given, shall be fined according to the severity of the offence. In the event of any late start preventing the completion of the match, the defaulting Club shall be liable to forfeit the match. Both Clubs and Referees must within three days of playing the match, report to the Association Secretary in writing the time of kick-off, in case of late starts, any shortage in complement of players at the commencement of the game, and in cases of matches not started or not completed, stating the reason.

16. Substitution of Players. A Club may at its discretion, use three substitute players from the five named to the Referee before the commencement of the match at any time except to replace a player who has been suspended from the field of play by the Referee. The substitutions can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. A player who has already been substituted may not return to the field of play as substitute in the second or third substitution. A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of a match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player within the meaning of Rule 4 of this Competition.

17. No Club shall be allowed to withdraw without the consent of the Council. Any Club failing to play in any tie without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play, may be judged to have been guilty of serious misconduct, and shall be dealt with by the Council.

18. In all matches players' shirts shall be clearly numbered or a fine of £20.00 will be imposed.

19. In the Final the Association shall present trophies to the players, substitutes, and one official of each Club.

20. Artificial grass pitches may be used in competitions provided the pitch is listed on the Football Associations register of artificial grass pitches and with prior consent of the Lincolnshire Football Association. Consent must be requested at the time of entry into the competition in each season.

## Rules of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Senior Trophy

1. This Competition shall be called "THE LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD SENIOR TROPHY, and shall be conducted on the knock-out system, but the Council may at its discretion introduce a series of qualifying matches, split into sections if required, to decide which teams shall pass through to the knock-out stages of the Competition. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Byelaws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game.
2. The Hon Treasurer and Secretary for the time being of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall be, for all intents and purposes, the legal owners of the Cup in trust for the Association.
3. The Cup shall be competed for annually. Only Clubs whose ground has floodlights to the approved standard shall be allowed to play in the Competition. The Council shall select the Clubs to compete which shall play off as drawn. The date of the various rounds for the succeeding season shall be fixed by the Council.  
Entrance fee for each competing Club: £40.00.
4. No individual shall be allowed to play for more than one competing Club, but the members of each representative team may be changed during the series of matches if thought necessary. Each individual must have been a playing member of the Club for which he proposes to compete at least 7 clear calendar days previous to the time fixed for playing the match.  
A playing member is one who is a properly registered player of that Club thus making him eligible to play in one or other of their respective League Competitions. Only players who are eligible to play in any rounds up to and including the Semi-finals shall be allowed to play in the Final. No player shall be allowed to play in more than one Lincolnshire FA County Cup Competition during the same season. (Lincolnshire Intermediate, Youth and Sunday Challenge Competitions excepted.)
5. Matches brought forward from the original week ending date of any Cup Round must be notified to the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Limited by both clubs at least fourteen (14) days prior to playing the game. Postponed matches shall be played upon dates to be mutually agreed between the Clubs concerned at the conclusion of the match, and notification to be sent to the Secretary of this Association for the approval of the Lincolnshire Football Association Limited, or in default of agreement to be fixed by the Council. In cases of postponed matches, only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible to play on the original date fixed for playing the first match. A player who has been suspended may, if otherwise qualified, play in the postponed tie after the term of his suspension has expired.  
A Club not having an enclosed ground where gate money can be taken shall play on its opponents' ground.
6. Every Club in the Competition shall play their strongest team. Any Club proved to be playing an understrength team shall be dealt with by the Council. Each Club shall send within three days after the match to the Secretary of the Association, in writing, notice of the result, together with a list of its players and substitutes taking part, along with their numbers, failing which a fine of £30.00 shall be imposed. Any objection to the qualification of any player or substitute of the opposing Club shall be made within three days after the match with a protest fee of £100.00. No protests will be accepted from any participants after this date.  
Any team short of complement at the commencement of the game shall be fined up to a maximum of £100.00 at the discretion of the Council. Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of players taking part in the game (including the names of nominated substitutes), along with their numbers to the referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the referee at least thirty minutes before the advertised time of kick-off. Any Club failing to carry out

these provisions will be fined a sum not exceeding £30.00.

7. In all rounds up to the final, the Club drawn first in the ballot shall have choice of ground, and the duration of the game being ninety minutes. Half-time interval shall be ten minutes duration which may be altered only with the permission of the Referee. If a draw at full time, extra time of fifteen minutes each way will be played, and if still a draw after extra time has been played, then the game shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with instructions in the Football Association handbook. The Referee shall allow for time wasted or lost through accident or other cause. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and his/her decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. In all matches the Home Team shall notify in writing the Visiting Club and match officials the date of the match, situation of ground, playing colours and time of kick-off not less than seven days prior to the match taking place. Failure to notify, a fine of £30.00 shall be imposed in each case. The visiting team to acknowledge this notification in writing and to give details of their playing colours.

In the event of the Club colours liable to clash the visiting team shall change.

If the ground of a Club having choice is considered unsuitable for a cup-tie, its opponents may appeal to the Council within four days of the receipt of the official intimation of the draw. The Council may order the match to be played on the ground of the appealing club, or on a neutral ground. If such appeal is not sustained, the complaining Club may be called upon to pay the expenses incurred in deciding the appeal. Each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in playing condition. Clubs shall not mutually agree to play a match in lieu of a cup-tie. In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes which neither Club has control it shall (subject to the following relevant clauses) be replayed in its entirety on a date to be fixed by the Council. The Council shall review all abandoned matches and in cases where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of abandonment to be recorded as the result. In all cases where the Council is satisfied that the game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member or members, it shall be empowered to award the game to its opponents and/or take whatever other action is deemed necessary. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, the Council shall take such action as it considers appropriate.

8. The Council shall select the ground on which the Final Tie is to be played. The gate money for such match after expenses are paid, go to the funds of the Association, or as the Council may determine. A sum considered reasonable by the Council to cover expenses for travelling actually paid by the visiting team or teams may be paid out of the gate money for the match providing such match receipts are sufficient to cover such claim(s) and said claim is submitted within fourteen days of playing the match.

9. The dimensions of the field of play shall be in accordance with Football Association Laws of the Game. The ground must be marked out by the Home Club, and goal nets must be used. The playing area MUST be enclosed by rope or other barrier.

10. In all matches prior to the final the home club shall take its own receipts, but pay its own expenses, including that incurred in preparation of the ground and will be responsible for payment of Referee and Assistant Referee's expenses. The visiting club will be responsible for its own travelling expenses.

11. Referees and Assistant Referees for all matches shall be appointed by the Council. Referees' fees for all matches up to the Final shall be £25.00, Assistant Referee's fees for all matches up to the Final shall be £15.00. Fourth Officials will be appointed in the Semi-Finals at a fee of £15.00. In the Final, Referee, Assistant Referees and Fourth Official shall receive trophies in lieu of fee, and in all games shall be allowed travelling expenses of 25p per mile.

In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have

no control the match officials, if present shall be entitled to half fee plus allowed expenses. Where a match is not played owing to one being in default, that Club shall pay the officials, if they attend at the ground, full fee plus allowed expenses.

12. All questions of eligibility, qualification of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Council of the Association, whose decisions shall be final. No objection to the arrangement of the ground, or the goalposts, bar and ball shall be entertained by the Council unless a protest is lodged with the Referee in writing before the commencement of the match, nor shall any reference or protest of whatever kind be entertained by the Council, unless the Club lodging the protest shall have deposited with the Secretary of the Association a sum of £100.00, which shall be forfeited to the fund of the Association if the protest fails. If the Council deem fit they may also order the protesting Club to pay such sum as they may think necessary towards defraying the expenses of the Club protested against. All protests must be confirmed in writing to the Secretary of the Association within three days after the match. (Sundays not included.) Any club deemed guilty of playing an ineligible player shall be struck out of the competition and dealt with as the Council deems fit.

13. When the winners of the Cup shall have been ascertained by such match or matches as aforesaid, the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall hand over the Cup to such winners in exchange for a document to the following effect, and signed by two persons approved by the Council and Secretary. "We, A.B. and C.D., representing the.....Club, having been declared the winners of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Senior Trophy and the same having been delivered to us by J.K. and L.M. the Hon Treasurer and Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd do hereby, on behalf of the said Club, individually and collectively, agree to return the same to the said J.K. and L.M. on or before the first day of March next, in like good order and condition or shall be fined the sum of £50.00, and if the same should be lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed whilst in our possession we agree to refund to the said Association the amount of its present value.

14. The entire control and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Council of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd whose decisions shall be final. The Council shall have power for breach of rule, or other misconduct, to impose fines upon Clubs, to suspend or expel any player or Club from taking part in the Competition. The Council shall have power to alter or add to the Rules as they from time to time deem expedient.

15. Kick-off time shall be fixed or agreed with the Council. Any Club turning out later than the specified time, failing a satisfactory explanation being given, shall be fined according to the severity of the offence. In the event of any late start preventing the completion of the match, the defaulting Club shall be liable to forfeit the match. Both Clubs and Referees must within three days of playing the match, report to the Association Secretary in writing the time of kick-off, in case of late starts, any shortage in complement of players at the commencement of the game, and in cases of matches not started or not completed, stating the reason.

16. Substitution of Players. A Club may at its discretion, use three substitute players from the five named to the Referee before the commencement of the match at any time except to replace a player who has been suspended from the field of play by the Referee. The substitutions can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. A player who has already been substituted may not return to the field of play as substitute in the second or third substitution. A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of a match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player within the meaning of Rule 4 of this Competition.

17. No Club shall be allowed to withdraw without the consent of the Council. Any Club failing to play in any tie without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play, may be judged to have been guilty of serious misconduct, and shall be dealt with by the Council.

18. In all matches players' shirts shall be clearly numbered or a fine of £20.00 will be imposed.

19. In the Final the Association shall present trophies to the players, substitutes, and one official of each Club.

20. Artificial grass pitches may be used in competitions provided the pitch is listed on the Football Associations register of artificial grass pitches and with the prior consent of the Lincolnshire Football Association. Consent must be requested at the time of entry into the competition in each season.

## **Rules of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Junior, Sunday and Women's County Cup Competitions**

1. These Competitions shall be called "THE LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD JUNIOR, SUNDAY AND WOMEN'S COUNTY CUP COMPETITIONS", and shall be conducted on the knock-out system. All matches shall be played in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Byelaws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game.
2. The Hon Treasurer and Secretary for the time being of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall be, for all intents and purposes, the legal owners of the Cups in trust for the Association.
3. The Competitions shall be open to all Clubs acceptable to the Council, and affiliated to the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd, entering the appropriate competition. The annual subscription for each competing Club: £20.00. All Clubs (where applicable) in the top division of any League must enter the Junior, Sunday and Women's Cup Competitions.
4. The Cups shall not be won outright but shall be competed for annually. The entire control and management of the Competitions shall be vested in the Council of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd whose decisions shall be final. The Council shall have power, for breach of rule, or other misconduct, to impose fines upon Clubs, to suspend or expel any player or Club from taking part in the Competitions. The Council shall have power to alter or add to the Rules as they from time to time deem expedient.
5. In the Sunday and Women's Competitions, all matches prior to the Final shall be played on a Sunday. Only in exceptional circumstances will permission be granted to play on any other day. In the semi-finals the playing pitch shall be duly roped off.
6. Each Club playing in the Competitions shall play their strongest team. No individual shall be allowed to play for more than one competing club, but the members of each representative team may be changed during the series of matches. Each individual must have been a playing member of the Club for which he/she proposes to compete at least 7 clear calendar days previous to the time fixed for playing the match. A playing member is one who is a properly registered player of that Club thus making him/her eligible to play in one or other of their respective League Competitions. Only players who are eligible to play in any rounds up to and including the quarter-finals shall be allowed to play in the semi-finals and final. No player shall be allowed to play in more than one Lincolnshire FA County Cup Competition during the same season. (Lincolnshire Intermediate, Youth and Sunday Challenge Competitions excepted.) In the Women's Competition all players must be females. Contract players shall not be eligible to play in any of the competitions.  
Any objection to the qualification of any player or substitute of the opposing club shall be made within three days after the match with a protest fee of £50. No protests will be accepted from any participant after this date.
7. In cases of postponed matches, only those players shall be allowed to play who were eligible to play on the original date fixed for playing the match. A player who has been suspended may, if otherwise qualified, play in a postponed tie after the term of his/her suspension has expired. Such matches shall be played on the following Saturday or Sunday, unless the Clubs mutually agree to an earlier date, and at once intimate their decision to the Secretary of the Association, or obtain consent of the Council to another date mutually agreed upon.

8. Any team short of complement at the commencement of the game shall be fined up to a maximum of £20.00 at the discretion of the Council. Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of players taking part in the game (including the names of nominated substitutes), along with their numbers, to the referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the referee at least thirty minutes before the advertised time of kick-off. Any Club failing to carry out these provisions will be fined a sum not exceeding £20.00.

9. In all rounds up to the final the Club drawn first in the ballot shall have choice of ground and the duration of the game being ninety minutes. Half-time interval shall be of ten minutes' duration which may be altered only with the permission of the Referee. If a draw at full time, extra time of fifteen minutes each way will be played, and if still a draw after extra time has been played, then the game shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with instructions in the Football Association handbook. The Referee shall allow for time wasted or lost through accident or other cause. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and his/her decision on this matter is not subject to appeal. In all matches the Home team shall notify in writing the Visiting club and match official(s) the date of the match, situation of ground, playing colours and time of kick-off not less than seven days prior to the match taking place. Failure to notify, a fine of £20.00 shall be imposed in each case. The visiting team to acknowledge this notification in writing and to give details of the playing colours. In the event of the club colours liable to clash the visiting team shall change. In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control it shall (subject to the following relevant clauses) be replayed in its entirety on a date to be fixed by the Council. The Council shall review all abandoned matches and in cases where it is to the advantage of the Competitions and does no injustice to either Club, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of abandonment to be recorded as the result. In all cases where the Council is satisfied that the game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member or members, it shall be empowered to award the game to its opponents and/or take whatever other action is deemed necessary. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, the Council shall take such action as it considers appropriate.

10. The Council shall select the ground on which the Final Tie is to be played. The gate money for such match after expenses are paid, go to the funds of the Association, or as the Council may determine. A sum considered reasonable by the Council for travelling actually paid by the visiting team or teams may be paid out of the gate receipts for the match providing such match receipts are sufficient to cover such claim(s) and said claim is submitted within fourteen days of playing the match.

11. Referees and Assistant Referees (where applicable) for matches shall be appointed by the Council. Referees fees for all matches up to the Final shall be £20.00, Assistant Referees fees for all matches up to the Final shall be £15.00. The Council shall appoint Assistant Referees in the semi-finals and final. In the Final, Referee, Assistant Referees and Fourth Official shall receive trophies in lieu of fee, and in all games officials shall be allowed travelling expenses of 25p per mile. The competing Clubs shall appoint an Assistant Referee in all rounds prior to the semi-finals. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20.00.

In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the clubs have no control the match officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus allowed expenses. Where a match is not played owing to one team being in default, that Club shall pay the officials, if they attend at the ground, full fee plus allowed expenses.

12. No Club shall be allowed to withdraw without the consent of the Council. Any Club failing to play in any tie without showing a good and sufficient cause for such failure to play, may be judged to have been guilty of serious misconduct, and shall be dealt with by the Council.

13. The dimensions of the field of play shall be in accordance with Football Association Laws of the Game. The ground must be marked out by the Home club, and goal nets must be used in all matches.

14. The Secretary of each Club shall send notice of the result in writing to the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd within three days of the match being played, together with a list of his/her players and substitutes, along with their numbers, taking part, failing which a fine of £20.00 shall be imposed.

15. All Clubs shall take their own receipts and pay their own expenses. The Referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches except where publicly owned pitches are declared unfit by the groundsman, The home club will be responsible for payment of Referee's and Assistant Referees' charges and for those incurred in the preparation of the ground. The visiting team will pay its own travelling expenses.

16. All questions of eligibility, qualification of competitors or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Council of the Association, whose decisions shall be final. No objection to the arrangement of the ground, or the goalposts, bar and ball shall be entertained by the Council unless a protest is lodged with the Referee in writing before the commencement of the match, nor shall any reference or protest of whatever kind be entertained by the Council, unless the Club lodging the protest shall have deposited with the Secretary of the Association a sum of £20.00, which shall be forfeited to the fund of the Association if the protest fails. If the Council deem fit they may also order the protesting Club to pay such sum as they may think necessary towards defraying the expenses of the Club protested against. All protests must be confirmed in writing to the Secretary of the Association within three days after the match. (Sundays not included.) Any club deemed guilty of playing an ineligible players shall be struck out of the competition and dealt with as the Council deems fit.

17. When the winners of the Cups shall have been ascertained by such match or matches as aforesaid, the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall hand over the Cup to such winners in exchange for a document to the following effect, and signed by two persons approved by the Council and Secretary. "We, A.B. and C.D., representing the ..... Club, having been declared the winners of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Junior, Sunday and Women's Challenge Cup and the same having been delivered to us by J.K. and L.M. the Hon Treasurer and Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd do hereby, on behalf of the said Club, individually and collectively, agree to return the same to the said J.K. and L.M. on or before the first day of March next, in like good order and condition or shall be fined the sum of £20.00, and if the same should be lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed whilst in our possession we agree to refund to the said Association the amount of its present value.

18. In the Junior Cup kick-off time shall be fixed by the Council. In the Sunday and Women's Cup the Home team shall fix the time of kick-off. The Council shall fix the date on which the various rounds shall be played. Any team turning out later than the specified time, failing a satisfactory explanation being given, shall be fined according to the severity of the offence. In the event of any late start preventing the completion of the match, the defaulting Club shall be liable to forfeit the match. Both Clubs and Referees must within three days of playing the match, report to the

Association Secretary in writing the time of kick-off, in case of late starts, any shortage in complement of players at the commencement of the game, and in cases of matches not started or not completed, stating the reason.

19. Substitution of Players. A Club may at its discretion, use three substitute players from the five named to the Referee before the commencement of the match at any time except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. The substitutions can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. A player who has already been substituted may not return to the field of play as substitute in the second or third substitution. A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of a match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 6 of this Competition.

20. In all matches players' shirts shall be clearly numbered or a fine of £10.00 will be imposed.

21. In the Final the Association shall present trophies to the players, substitutes, and one official of each Club.

22. Artificial grass pitches may be used in competitions provided the pitch is listed on the Football Associations register of artificial grass pitches and with the prior consent of the Lincolnshire Football Association. Consent must be requested at the time of entry into the competition in each season.

23. The home club is responsible for providing suitable dressing room and washing facilities in all matches in these competitions. (The Rule applies to all clubs entering the competitions – including compulsory entries.)

## **Rules of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Male Intermediate and Male Youth Cup Competitions**

1. These Competitions shall be called "THE LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD INTERMEDIATE AND YOUTH CUP COMPETITION(S)", and shall be conducted on the knock-out system. All matches shall be played and carried out in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Byelaws of the Football Association, the Laws of the Game and the guidance notes issued.

2. The Hon Treasurer and Secretary for the time being of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall be, for all intents and purposes, the legal owners of the Cups or Trophies in trust for the Association.

3. The Competition(s) may be split into age groups at the Council's discretion, each group formed shall play to those parts of the rules applicable to its own age group, and shall play for the appropriate trophy which shall be competed for annually. The Intermediate Cup Competition shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd and any Club invited by the Association Ltd but play in a recognised affiliated League outside the County boundary. The Youth Cup Competitions shall be open to all clubs which are playing members of any Youth League affiliated to the Lincolnshire Football Association or one affiliated to the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd but play in a recognised affiliated League outside the County boundary. The entrance fee shall be £10.00 per team in every Competition, and the closing date for entry for each age group shall be decided from time to time by the Council.

4. The entire control and management of the Competition(s) shall be entirely vested in the Council of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd whose decisions shall be final. The Council shall have power for breach of rule, or other misconduct, to impose fines upon Clubs, to suspend or expel any player or Club from taking part in the Competition. The Council shall have power to alter or add to the Rules as they from time to time deem expedient.

5. In all matches prior to the Final the Home club shall take its own receipts, but will be responsible for payment of Referee's and Assistant Referees' charges and for those incurred in the preparation of the ground. The Visiting club will play its own travelling expenses. In the semi-finals the playing pitch shall be duly roped off.

6. Players must be male and:

- (a) Over 10 years of age on 31st August and under 12 years of age on 31st August.
- (b) Over 12 years of age on 31st August and under 14 years of age on 31st August.
- (c) Over 14 years of age on 31st August and under 16 years of age on 31st August.
- (d) Over 16 years of age on 31st August and under 18 years of age on 31st August.

in the current season to play in their appropriate age group Competition. Contract players, as defined in Football League Rules, are not permitted to play in these competitions. No player with an F.A. Premier League or Football League Academy will be permitted to play in these competitions. A player registered with a Centre of Excellence may only play subject to the Regulations of the Programme for Excellence. A player must be a recognised playing member of his Club at least 7 clear calendar days previous to the time fixed for playing the match. In the case of postponed matches, only those players who were eligible for the first match shall be allowed to play. A player who has been suspended may, if otherwise eligible, play in a postponed tie after the term of his suspension has expired.

No individual shall be allowed to play for more than one competing club but members of each representative team may be changed during the series of matches.

A playing member is one who is a properly registered player of that Club thus making him eligible

to play in one or other of their respective League Competitions during the current season. (Subject to Contract, Trainee/Scholarship players or those registered at Academies or Centres of Excellence as above.) Only players who are eligible to play in any rounds up to and including the quarter-finals shall be allowed to play in the semi-finals and final. Any objection to the qualification of any player or substitute of the opposing club shall be made within three days after the match with a protest fee of £25. No protests will be accepted from any participant after this date. Any team short of complement at the commencement of the game shall be fined up to a maximum of £20.00 at the discretion of the Council. Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of players taking part in the game (including the names of nominated substitutes), along with their numbers, to the referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the referee prior to the commencement of the game. Any club failing to carry out these provisions will be fined a sum not exceeding £20.00.

7. Dates for completion of each stage of the Competitions shall be laid down by the Council, any extension is subject to the approval of the Council. Matches in the Intermediate and Youth Competitions shall normally be played on Sundays. These may be varied only if both clubs agree. Notice of agreed dates on which matches are to be played must be given to the Secretary of the Association at least fourteen days in advance by both clubs.

In all matches the Home club shall notify in writing the Visiting club and match official(s) the date of the match, situation of ground, playing colours and time of kick-off (in the months of November, December and January the time of kick-off shall be not later than 1.30pm), not less than seven days prior to the match taking place. Failure to notify, a fine of £20.00 shall be imposed in each case. The Visiting team to acknowledge this notification in writing and to give details of the playing colours. In the event of Club colours liable to clash the Visiting club shall change.

8. The duration of the game shall be ninety minutes for the Intermediate Competition, eighty minutes for the Under-16 Competition, seventy minutes for the Under-14 Competition, and sixty minutes for the Under-12 Competition, but if circumstances demand, a minimum of sixty minutes may be played in all games providing it is agreed in advance by both Clubs and the Referee is informed. Half-time interval shall be of ten minutes' duration which may be altered only with the permission of the Referee. In all rounds up to the final the Club drawn first in the ballot shall have choice of ground. If a draw at full-time, extra time of ten minutes each way shall be played in the Intermediate, Under-16 and Under-14 Competitions, and five minutes each way in the Under-12 Competition. If still a draw after extra time has been played, the game shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with instructions in the Football Association handbook. The Referee shall allow for time wasted or lost through accident or other cause. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and his/her decision on this matter is not subject to appeal.

In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control it shall (subject to the following relevant clauses) be replayed in its entirety on a date to be fixed by the Council. The Council shall review all abandoned matches and in cases where it is to the advantage of the Competitions and does no injustice to either Club, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of abandonment to be recorded as the result. In all cases where the Council is satisfied that the game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member or members, it shall be empowered to award the game to its opponents and/or take whatever other action is deemed necessary. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club members, the Council shall take such action as it considers appropriate.

9. The Council shall select the ground on which the Final Tie is to be played. The proceeds shall go to the Youth Account, or as the Council may determine, after expenses have been paid. A sum considered reasonable by the Council for travelling expenses actually paid by the visiting team or teams may be paid out of the gate receipts for the match providing such match receipts

are sufficient to cover such claim(s) and said claim is submitted within fourteen days of playing the match.

10. Referees for all matches shall be appointed by the Council. Referees' and Assistant Referees' fees (where appointed) shall be: Referees in all rounds up to the Final £15.00; Assistant Referees (where appointed) £10.00. The Council shall appoint Assistant Referees in all age group Semi-Finals. In the Final the Referee and Assistant Referees shall receive trophies in lieu of fee, and in all games Officials may charge travelling expenses of 25p per mile.

The Council shall appoint Assistant Referees in the Semi-Finals and Final. The competing clubs shall appoint a competent assistant referee in each of their matches prior to the Semi-Finals. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20.00.

In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control the match officials, if present, shall be entitled to half fee plus allowed expenses. Where a match is not played owing to one club being in default, that Club shall pay the officials, if they attend at the ground, full fee plus allowed expenses.

11. Any Club prior to the Semi-Finals intending to withdraw must give information in writing to the Secretary of the Association and to their opponents, not less than seven days before the date of the match, or shall be reported to the Council who shall have the power to compel the offending club to pay the expenses incurred by their opponents, or take such action as they deem expedient. Any club failing to comply with this rule shall be considered guilty of serious misconduct, and shall be dealt with accordingly. No Club shall be allowed to withdraw in the Semi-Finals and/or Final.

12. The Secretary of each Club shall send notice of the result in writing to the Secretary of the Association within three days of the match being played, together with a list of his players and substitutes, along with their numbers, taking part, failing which a fine of £20.00 shall be imposed. Each club playing in the Competition shall play its best available team.

13. Any Club failing to play in a match without showing good and sufficient cause for such failure to play may be judged to have been guilty of serious misconduct, and shall be dealt with by the Council.

14. All questions of eligibility, qualification of competitors or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Council of the Association, whose decisions shall be final. No objection to the arrangement of the ground, or the goalposts, bar and ball shall be entertained by the Council unless a protest is lodged with the Referee in writing before the commencement of the match; nor shall any reference or protest of whatever kind be entertained by the Council, unless the Club lodging the protest shall have deposited with the Secretary of the Association a sum of £20.00, which shall be forfeited to the fund of the Youth Account. If the Council deem fit they may also order the protesting Club to pay such sum as they may think necessary towards defraying the expenses of the Club protested against. All protests must be confirmed in writing to the Secretary of the Association within three days after the match (Sundays not included). Any club deemed guilty of playing an ineligible player shall be struck out of the competition and dealt with as the Council deems fit.

15. The Cup(s)/Trophies shall not be won outright. When the winners of each Cup or Trophy have been ascertained, the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall hand over the Cup/Trophy to such winners in exchange for a document to the following effect, and signed by two persons approved by the Council and Secretary. "We, A.B. and C.D., representing the ..... Club, having been declared the winners of the appropriate Cup or Trophy and the same having been delivered to us by J.K. and I.M. the Hon Treasurer and Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd do hereby, on behalf of the said Club, individually and

collectively, agree to return the same to the said J.K. and L.M. on or before the first day of March next, in like good order and condition or shall be fined the sum of £20.00, and if the same should be lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed whilst in our possession we agree to refund to the said Association the amount of its present value.

16. The Home team shall fix the time of kick-off. Any club turning out later than the specified time, failing a satisfactory explanation being given, shall be fined according to the severity of the offence. In the event of any late start preventing the completion of the match, the defaulting Club shall be liable to forfeit the match. Both Clubs and Referees must within three days of playing the match, report to the Association Secretary in writing the exact time of kick-off, in case of late starts, any shortage in complement of players at the commencement of the game, and in cases of matches not started or not completed, stating the reason.

17. Substitution of Players. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use up to three substitutes from the five named to the Referee before the commencement of the game at any time except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. The substitutions can only be made when play has stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. **For Youth Football (over 10 years of age and under 16 years of age)** For teams in the Under-16 age group and below, a Player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of Association Football. A Player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of a match but does NOT actually play in the game shall NOT be considered to have been a Player in that game within the meaning of Rule 6 of this Competition.

18. In all matches players' shirts shall be clearly numbered or a fine of £10.00 will be imposed.

19. In the Final the Association shall present trophies to the players, substitutes, and one official of each Club.

20. In the Under-12 and Under-14 Competitions a size 4 football will be used; with the Under-16 and Under-18 Competition using a size 5 football.

21. Artificial grass pitches may be used in competitions provided the pitch is listed on the Football Association register of artificial grass pitches and with the prior consent of the Lincolnshire Football Association. Consent must be requested at the time of entry into the competition in each season.

22. The home club is responsible for providing suitable dressing room and washing facilities in all matches in these competitions. (The Rule applies to all clubs entering the competitions – including compulsory entries.)

## **Rules of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Female Under-14 and Under-16 Cup Competitions**

1. This Competition shall be called "THE LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD FEMALE UNDER-14 AND UNDER-16 CUP COMPETITIONS", and shall be conducted on the knock-out system. All matches shall be played and carried out in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Byelaws of the Football Association, the Laws of the Game and the guidance notes issued.
2. The Hon Treasurer and Secretary for the time being of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall be, for all intents and purposes, the legal owners of the Cup/Trophy in trust for the Association.
3. The Competition shall be open to all clubs which are playing members of any Girls League affiliated to the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd or one affiliated to the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd but playing in a recognised affiliated League outside the County boundary. The entrance fee shall be £10.00 per team, and the closing date for entry shall be decided from time to time by the Council.
4. The entire control and management of the Competition shall be entirely vested in the Council of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd whose decisions shall be final. The Council shall have power for breach of rule, or other misconduct, to impose fines upon Clubs, to suspend or expel any player or Club from taking part in the Competition. The Council shall have power to add or alter the Rules as they from time to time deem expedient.
5. In all matches prior to the Final the Home club shall take its own receipts, but will be responsible for payment of Referee's and Assistant Referees' charges and for those incurred in the preparation of the ground. The Visiting club will pay its own travelling expenses. In the semi-finals the playing pitch shall be duly roped off.
6. Players must be female and over 12 years of age on 31st August and under 14 years of age on 31st August; and over 14 years of age on 31st August and under 16 years of age on 31st August in the current season to play in the competitions.  
A player must be a recognised playing member of her Club at least 7 clear calendar days previous to the time fixed for playing the match. In the case of postponed matches, only those players who were eligible for the first match shall be allowed to play. A player who has been suspended may, if otherwise eligible, play in a postponed tie after the term of her suspension has expired. No individual shall be allowed to play for more than one competing club but members of each representative team may be changed during the series of matches.  
A playing member is one who is a properly registered player of that Club thus making her eligible to play in one or other of their respective League Competitions during the current season. Only players who are eligible to play in any rounds up to and including the quarter-finals shall be allowed to play in the semi-finals and final. Any objection to the qualification of any player or substitute of the opposing club shall be made within three days after the match with a protest fee of £25. No protests will be accepted from any participant after this date. Any team short of complement at the commencement of the game shall be fined up to a maximum of £10.00 at the discretion of the Council.  
Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of players taking part in the game (including the names of the nominated substitutes), along with their numbers, to the referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the referee prior to the commencement of the game. Any club failing to carry out these provisions will be fined a sum not exceeding £20.00.
7. Dates for completion of each stage of the Competition shall be laid down by the Council; any

extension is subject to the approval of the Council. Matches shall normally be played on Sundays. These may be varied if both sides agree. Notice of agreed dates on which these matches are to be played must be given to the Secretary of the Association at least 14 days in advance by both clubs. In all matches the **Home** club shall notify in writing the visiting club and match official(s) of the date of the match, situation of ground, colours and time of kick-off (in the months of November, December and January the time of kick-off shall be no later than 1.30pm), not less than seven days prior to the match taking place. Failure to notify, a fine of £20.00 shall be imposed in each case. The Visiting team to acknowledge this notification in writing and to give details of their playing colours. In the event of a clash of colours the Visiting club shall change.

8. The duration of the game shall be seventy minutes for the Under-14 Girls Competition and eighty minutes for the Under-16 Girls Competition, but if circumstances demand, a minimum of sixty minutes may be played in all games providing it is agreed in advance by both Clubs and the Referee is informed. Half-time interval shall be of ten minutes' duration which may be altered only with the permission of the Referee.

In all rounds up to the final the Club drawn first in the ballot shall have choice of ground. If a draw at full-time, extra time of ten minutes each way shall be played. If still a draw after extra time has been played, the game shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with instructions in the Football Association handbook. The Referee shall allow for time wasted or lost through accident or other cause. The Referee is the sole judge of allowance of time whether lost through accident or other cause and his/her decision on this matter is not subject to appeal.

In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control it shall (subject to the following relevant clauses) be replayed on a date to be fixed by the Council. The Council shall review all abandoned matches and in cases where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to be recorded as the result. In all cases where the Council is satisfied that the game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one Club or its Club member or members, it shall be empowered to award the game to its opponents and/or take whatever action is deemed necessary. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of both Clubs or their Club members, the Council shall take such action as it considers appropriate

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the match, or shall be reported to the Council who shall have the power to compel the offending club to pay the expenses incurred by their opponents, or take such action as they deem expedient.

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the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of Association Football.

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