



Cup Competitions 23/24

FORMAT WJFL and WJSFL

- For the U9s, U10s & U11s teams of each individual age group will be split into 2 groups consisting of the top half of the age group divisions going into the Champions Cup and the bottom half of the age group divisions going into the Europa Cup competitions.
- For the U12s to U18s teams of each individual age group will be split into 2 groups consisting of the top half of the age group divisions going into the Presidents Cup and the bottom half of the age group divisions going into the Alf Holt Cup competitions. This will be dependent on the numbers of teams per division and the League Management Committee reserves the right to merge divisions into one Cup competition.
- For any age groups that have only 1 division they will be split into group stages consisting of 4 teams in each of the 4 groups with the top 2 teams from each group going through to the Presidents cup quarter final.
- The FA Fulltime system will be set to randomly progress the winners of each round to the next round where the league will then set the fixture date.
- All fixtures MUST be completed on the date assigned and all age groups will go straight to penalties if a draw at full time. There will be NO extra time.
- The remaining teams in each group that are eliminated from the cup competitions will have League fixtures run for them during the next block of cup games.
- Semi-finals will be played at the home teams' ground so the first team drawn will be the home team.
- The finals will be played at a venue set by the league.

FORMAT WGFL

- For the u9s, U10s & U11s teams of each age group will go into the Champions Cup Competition.
- For the competitive age groups:
 - U13s age group will be split into the President's Cup and the Alf Holt Cup
 - U14s age group will be entered into the President's Cup
 - U15s age group will be entered into the President's Cup
- The FA Fulltime system will be set to randomly progress the winners of each round to the next round where the league will then set the fixture date.
- All fixtures MUST be completed on the date assigned and all age groups will go straight to penalties if a draw at full time. There will be NO extra time.
- The remaining teams in each group that are eliminated from the cup competitions will have League fixtures run for them during the next block of cup games.
- Semi-finals will be played at the home teams' ground so the first team drawn will be the home team.
- The finals will be played at a venue set by the league.

RULES

1. If a team is unable to fulfill a fixture, then a win result will be awarded to their opponents.
2. All fixtures including the final will be played on the date set by the league.
3. Once the date and times for the finals are fixed, these will be non-negotiable, but the League Management Committee reserves the right to make reasonable adjustments, should they so wish.
4. The match ball is supplied by the home team.
5. The home team will set the KO time between 9am and 2pm
6. Fixtures may be postponed for pitch unplayable but after 7 days the League Management Committee have the right to reverse the fixture if the pitch conditions are still an issue.
7. If possible, the league will avoid school holidays, but this is not guaranteed.
8. Should a team fold, leave or unable to play in the competition after the Semi Finals stage, then the losing opposition from the Semi Final match will be awarded retrospectively the win and invited to take that place in the final.
9. All games will be played at the home team's venue, apart from the final which will be at a neutral venue arranged by the League Management Committee.
10. All knock out games that draw at full-time will be decided by a penalty shoot-out with a maximum of 5 players from each team eligible for penalty taking. There will be NO extra time. Penalties can be taken by any player participating in the cup fixture and on the field at fulltime.
11. Postponements will be allowed for the following reasons: Death, pitch conditions (see below rules 12), County Cup clashes and school activities which must be sent in 72 hours prior to the fixture and with evidence.
12. If the home team's pitch is unplayable, (in any round of the cup competition) then the home can postpone the game for 7 days. If the pitch is still unplayable then the League Management Committee reserves the right to reverse the fixture regardless of agreement from the two Clubs.
13. Apart from where pitches are unplayable, School activities and County Cups, postponements will not be allowed for any other League cup competitions. Where there is a County Cup fixture clash then the County Cup will take precedent over the WJFL, WGFL or WJSFL cup fixture. Clashes of cup competitions in any other leagues out with the WJFL, WGFL or WJSFL will not be permitted.
14. If a team plays a player that is suspended, or not registered to the team they will be removed from the competition. If a transferred player has played for their previous club in an earlier round of either the President's Cup or the Alf Holt Trophy or the Europa or Champions League Cup, the player shall not be allowed to play in the same competition for their new club **for the first time** in the quarter-final, semi-final or final round of games. They can, however, play in all other earlier rounds for their new Club.
15. If a player receives a red card, the week before a cup game they are suspended from playing in the cup until such time that their ban is served.
16. Referees will be appointed by the league for the semifinals and will appoint linesmen at age groups where offsides are applicable.
17. Each team must produce player IDs and a team sheet which will be signed by both coaches and the referee. Failure to produce such documents will result in removal from the Cup competition.
18. Where team officials cannot be in attendance at a Cup fixture, the Club must provide a qualified coach with an up-to-date DBS and safeguarding certificate to officiate. Failure to do so will result in removal from the Cup competition.

19. The referee and match officials officiating the Cup fixtures will be paid before the match.

20. ALL other rules/laws are the same as per the relevant age group FA Laws of the Game.