

Dear Members,

The committee have now agreed that Divisional Cups will take place for Premiership Divisions. The draws have been done for U11 upwards and details will be on Mitoo in the next few days. The draw for mini soccer will be done over the Christmas holidays.

Over the last few weeks it has come to our attention that we need to remind Clubs as to some of our rules which we have listed below. We would be very grateful if this could be passed onto all managers/coaches within your clubs.

Kick Off Times

It is imperative that a kick off time is put on Mitoo as early as possible. This is easy to do you log on as if you was doing your result card but instead of your team sheet being there is a box with K.O. time simply click on the box and type in the time i.e. 10:00 or 12:00 it is as easy as that. This will greatly assist the Referee Secretary's in trying to allocate the referees which can be done up to two weeks in advance if these kick off times are shown on Mitoo.

If you have both U16 and U17/U18 teams and they are down to play at home on the same day can you please have the fixtures one after the other where possible so that one referee can do the two games. If we can we would like this applied to all age groups if possible but priority needs to be given to the older age groups.

Maximum Number of Players

A reminder to all clubs that our rules clearly state the maximum number of players are as follows:-

Mini Soccer	-	14 Players (You may only take 10 players to a match)
U11	-	16 Players
U12 - U16	-	18 Players
U17/U18	-	22 Players

If a team already has the maximum number of players registered they will be unable to register a new player until others have been de-registered. Therefore you must send the registration card of any player that you wish to be de-registered back to League Registrations in order to avoid any delay in a new player being signed.

No Cards No Play

We would like to remind Member Clubs that no player can play without a League Registration Card under any circumstances. It has been brought to our attention that on a couple of occasions Managers/Coaches have taken players along to matches with different stories why their card is not available. Please remember our rules as you are putting pressure on the opposition's Manager/Coach to agree to play them when our rules clearly

state No Card No Play this includes mini-soccer through to U18's. If this problem continues these teams will be strongly dealt with by the Leagues Disciplinary Committee.

League Cups, League Shields and Divisional Cups Results

Teams should complete their team sheet in the usual way. You will not be able to enter your score However you **must** enter your goal scorers and your team sheet will come up with a warning that goals must add up to Nil. This will be corrected once the Committee have confirmed the results.

If you do experience any problems or are unable to get into your team sheet then please e-mail your result to amandasmith65@btinternet.com

This is due to the mechanism that is in place on Mitoo for the winners to move forward onto the next round.

Allocation of Referees

Referees to be allocated to fixtures by 11am on Monday before the fixtures are due to played.

Clubs then have up to 36 hours to confirm the appointment with the referee.

If a referee is not available then the clubs are to email the referees secretary's before 10PM on the Tuesday night with the match details, age group, venue and kick off time for their fixture.

The referees secretary's will then contact all referees to find suitable replacements for the matches where the referee is unavailable, they will also update the Mitoo website and advise the managers of replacement referees if required.

If no referee can be found for your fixture by 10am on Thursday morning then responsibility to find a referee will be passed to clubs in line with the league rules as follows:-

(i) The Home Team should attempt to secure the services of an independent qualified referee.

(ii) If the Home Team has been unable to secure an independent qualified referee, they should contact the manager of the Away Team no less than 48 hrs before the scheduled kick off time for the match.

(iii) The Away Team can then have the opportunity to secure the services of an independent qualified referee.

(iv) If both Home and Away teams have been unable to secure the services of an independent qualified referee, then the Managers must agree on a qualified referee as a replacement.

(v) The Away Team Manager will have the first opportunity to secure the services of a qualified referee and if unable the Home Team Manager will seek to secure the services of a qualified referee.

(vi) If both Home and Away Team have been unable to secure the services of a qualified referee then both Managers must agree on a suitable replacement.

(vii) The Away Team Manager will have the opportunity to make the first suggestion as to who should be given the task of acting as the referee. If the Away Team Manager is unable to do so then the Home Team Manager will then make a suggestion.

Suspended Players

We would like to remind Member Clubs that all Suspended Players Cards must be sent to the General Secretary at 13 The Drive, Bengoe, Hertford, Herts. SG14 3DE immediately they are notified of the Suspension from their relevant Affiliated FA together with a stamped addressed envelope to be held whilst these players are suspended. Refer to Rule 8E as follows:-

“The registration card of a player who is suspended for more than seven days shall be surrendered to The Disciplinary Secretary together with a SAE for its return. The registration card is to be posted to The Disciplinary Secretary on the date on which the suspension commences. The player’s registration with the Competition is regarded as having been withdrawn on the date the suspension commences. The registration card shall be retained by The Disciplinary Secretary for the duration of the suspension, and will be returned to the player’s club secretary when the suspension ends. Failure to send the registration card to The Disciplinary Secretary on the occasion of the imposition of a suspension shall result in a fine of £25 being imposed on the club for whom the suspended player is registered”.

Next General Meeting

A reminder for diary the next General Meeting in on Thursday the 19th of January 2012 at the Shamrock Club, Welwyn Garden City at 8.00 pm.

We would remind you that all Member Clubs must attend if the Secretary is not available an alternative representative can be sent in their place.

Final Comment

The Committee would like to wish you and all your families a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Kind regards
Michelle Madell
General Secretary
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