

## CUP RULES

1. At each age division there will be two cup competitions:
  - a) League Cup
  - b) Supplementary Cup (Except in divisions of 8 or less teams where there will not be a Supplementary Cup competition)

All matches will be played under the Laws of the Game.
2. The League Cup will be played on a knock out basis for divisions with eight or more teams, in divisions of 7 and less teams will be played on a league basis up to the semi-finals which will be on a knock out basis. All teams registered with the MWBFL will be entered into the League Cup competition.
3. The Supplementary Cup is played on a knock out basis and will consist of all teams knocked out of the League Cup competition in the preliminary rounds and first rounds only.
4. When a cup competition is played on a knock out basis, in all rounds, if a game is level on goals after full time then extra time will be played, if still level after extra time, the players, five (5) of both teams will take penalty kicks, if after an even number of kicks have been taken the score is still level the penalty kicks will continue until such time as one team misses after taking an equal number of kicks. Extra time will be ten minutes each way.
5. When the League Cup is played on a league basis, the four teams finishing with the highest number of points will be the semi-finalists, in the semi-finals the first team will play the third team and the second team will play the fourth team. Only this competition differs in that goal difference will determine which team goes through, a play off will be arranged if equal on goal difference.
6. All cup games will kick off at 2 pm on Sunday afternoons, except for the finals.
7. Cup finals will be played on Sunday afternoons. The Supplementary Cup will kick off at 2pm and the League Cup will follow the Supplementary Cup.
8. Any bona-fide player in the relative age group who is duly registered by this league can take part in these competitions provided that he has played one league match during the current season unless through no fault of his own the player has failed to qualify then the player who has registered with his team since the start of the season shall be eligible to play in any cup game including semi-finals and finals.

\*For semi-finals and finals see extra requirements.

9. No player can play for more than one team in either of the cup competitions, ie. if a player has played for a team in the League Cup he is ineligible to play for another team in either the League Cup or the Supplementary Cup.
10. Eligibility for Semi-Finals - A player must have played not less than 3 league games for the team with whom registered.
11. Eligibility for Finals - A player must have played not less than 3 league games and 1 cup game for the team with whom registered.
12. Any team proved guilty of falsifying a match report form and/or playing an ineligible player may be fined a maximum of £50 and will be expelled from the competition.
13. Any team refusing or failing to play the team against which they have been drawn within the time fixed will be adjudged to have lost the match and shall also be liable to pay any expenses incurred. Failure of the referee to appear will not be sufficient reason for not playing the match. The 14 day cancellation rule does not apply to cup games
14. Teams playing in semi-finals and finals must forward to their opponents and the Registration Secretary at least 7 clear days before the match is due to be played a list of players from whom their team will be selected, failure to comply will result in a fine of £10. Any objections to the qualifications of any player named on the list must be forwarded to the Registration Secretary in writing at least 3 clear days prior to the match
15. The Management Committee shall if possible arrange for the semi-finals and finals to be played on neutral grounds.
16. In rounds prior to semi-finals, each team must appoint a linesman, the Management Committee shall if possible appoint referees and linesmen for all semi-finals and finals.
17. The Management Committee shall take the receipts of all finals and after meeting expenses the balance shall be handed over to the league funds.
18. Any matters arising and not dealt with in the foregoing rules shall be decided by the Management Committee whose decision shall be final subject to the right of appeal to the BCFA.