



LEAGUE CUP

RULES FOR 2025/26

These rules apply to all competitions from Under 12
up to and including Under 18

Competitions in each age group will be structured to
ensure sufficient time to be completed
(as per SCOR / SCORY)

All normal League rules as per SCOR/SCORY apply unless specifically altered by these cup rules.

This includes matters such as kick off times, playing time, kit, player registrations, inspection of squad sheets and the number of players in a match day squad.

The format shall be on a knock out basis.

The draw for each round shall be random and made after the completion of the preceeding round.

All fixtures up to and including the semi-finals shall be played on the ground of the first drawn team.

If for any reason the home team venue is not available or unplayable, then the tie will automatically reverse to the away team ground on the original date given. In such circumstances, a minimum of 24 hours' notice must be given to club officials, league appointed match officials, and the league fixtures secretary (fixtures@lwgfl.uk).

All games shall be played on the date specified although may be brought forward with the consent of the league and both teams.

Postponements due to weather conditions/pitch conditions must follow SCORY rules. No other reasons for postponement are permitted. Any games not played due to weather conditions will be played on or before the following Sunday.

Any team deemed in default of playing shall forfeit the tie and will be fined for failing to play.

If the scores are level at the end of normal time, no extra time shall be played; the match will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark as per FA standard code of practice (not abba format).

Penalties shall be the best of 5 for 9v9 and 11v11 format. If still level, penalties continue in the sudden death format.

No player shall be allowed to play for more than one club in the competition. Any team found breaking this rule will be disqualified from the competition.

No player can play for two teams at the same club in the same age group. Any team found breaking this rule will be disqualified from the competition.

No player can play for two teams at the same club in different age groups unless approved by the League Registration Officer (LRO) 3 days before the match.

The LRO will provide written approval. Any team found breaking this rule will be disqualified.

A player must have been registered to play for a competing team a minimum of 3 clear days prior to a fixture (This would mean by 11:59pm on Wednesday for all Sunday fixtures).

To participate in the semi-final or final a player must have played in a minimum of 3 league fixtures (NB. this does not include county cup or league cup ties) for the competing team during the current season.

The referee's match fee **(for league appointed match officials)** shall be paid by the AWAY team. The normal match fees for league games apply for all cup games.

Referees' fees for finals will be covered by the league.

Where a league appointed referee is not available it is the responsibility of the home team to find a referee. Please note strictly no coaching should be carried out by the referee; he/she must always remain neutral to ensure the game is fair for both teams.

Any disputes arising from the competition will be dealt with by the league committee whose decision will be final (subject to any subsequent appeal).

Any complaints will need to be raised with the league on the day of the game to allow a decision to be made in a timely manner.

The finals will all be played at central venues. A league referee and at least one committee official will be present for each final.

Individual medals will be awarded per player taking part in the final with a trophy for the winning team.



A NOTE FROM THE COMMITTEE

Please enjoy the cup and treat it as just another grassroots game. We often have issues with cups, and these rarely stem from the players (who are the most important focus for the competition).

There will be fixtures between strong teams and newer/less developed teams in each age group. Please be conscious of this and do all you can to avoid cricket scores that benefit no-one (winners progress whether it is 2-0 or 20-0).