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LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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MATCH REPORTS

Match reports for all games including League, Challenge Cup, Supplementary Cup and County Cup should be forwarded to the League Media Officer,

To be advised

Match Results Both Clubs shall text the result (to include their teams goal scorers) of each match to the Results Collator within 5 hours of the match finishing. Teams involved in other senior games must also telephone or text their result into the results collator as above within the specified time limits, and must also notify the results collator of any postponements

LINCS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION NOTES

Suspension Start Dates – Any automatic suspension will commence 7 days from the day of the dismissal or 5th/10th/15th caution. If a player is cautioned/dismissed it is the Clubs/Teams responsibility to contact the Association within 4 days of the game to ensure we have received the report.

Late payments/ responses – If payment for any disciplinary action is not received within 14 days of the date of the Invoice, the full amount on the invoice issued will be increased by 25% and if that amount is not paid within a further 7 days the Club/Team will be suspended.

Appeals regarding discipline – any disciplinary committee decisions regarding misconduct charges commence 3 days after the date of the hearing and should a Club/Player wish to appeal that decision this must be submitted within the same 3 day period to the FA.

Note all alterations to the League Handbook affecting Club Directory (Especially colours & telephone numbers), Referees & Assistant Referees. They may affect your club later. All correspondence should be sent by Email.

When ground conditions are doubtful, a Referee should inspect the ground in sufficient time to prevent unnecessary travelling expenses when a match is postponed or cancelled.

MATCH REPORTS

When a match is postponed or cancelled for any reason, it is the Home club's responsibility to notify the Referees & Fixtures Secretary, Match Officials & their Opponents, at the earliest possible moment. This will facilitate the rearrangement of fixtures and the re-appointment of officials.

If a match day signing is to be made, you may complete up to 3 match day signings. Registration forms (downloaded from website), indicate these on the team sheet and forward both on match day.

Team sheets must be filled in correctly, give 1 copy to the referee, the opposing team and send a copy of your team sheet (with any match day registrations signified and after officials have signed for their expenses, if applicable) within

5 hours of your match completion. Before playing any player make sure that he is correctly registered in accordance with league rules.

The marking for the Referees are for their promotion or retention.

Where a mark of 60 or less is awarded a written report must be submitted to the League Secretary. Careful consideration should be given to these markings, which should not be based on any one decision.

Remember it is your League and strict adherence to the Rules not only lightens the work of the secretaries but upholds the prestige of the League.

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REFEREES MARKING GUIDE

The mark awarded by a club must be based on the referee's overall performance. It is most important that the mark is awarded fairly and not based upon isolated incidents or previous games. The referee's performance should be determined by the table below which should act as a guide for the overall mark which should fall within the mark range for each standard of performance.

Mark Range	Comment
91-100	The referee was extremely accurate in decision making and very successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play, adding real value to the game
81-90	The referee was very accurate in decision making and successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play.
71-80	The referee was accurate in decision making and controlled the game well, communicating with the players, making a positive contribution towards fair play.
61-70	The referee was reasonably accurate in decision making, controlled the game quite well and communicated with players, establishing a reasonable degree of fair play.
51-60	The referee had some shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision making and control, with only limited success in communication with the players resulting in variable fair play.
50 and below	The referee had significant shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision making and control with poor communication with players which resulted in low levels of fair play.

REFEREES MARKING GUIDE

NOTES

- Using a scale of up to 100 allows greater flexibility for clubs to distinguish between different refereeing performances more accurately.
- A mark within each mark range can be given to reflect the referee's performance e.g. a mark of 79 indicates a somewhat better performance than a mark of 71.
- A mark between 71 and 80 represents the standard of refereeing expected.
- When a mark of 60 or less is awarded, an explanation must be provided to the League or Competition. It must include comments which could help improve the referee's future performances. Even where a referee has significant shortcomings there will have been some positive aspects which should be given credit; extremely low marks (below 20) should be very rare.

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GROUNDGRADING REQUIREMENTS

Step 7 Min Guidelines /H grade

- 1.4 Boundary of Ground - The ground must be enclosed, maybe temporary. The minimum height, must be 1.83 metres.**
- 1.5 Clubhouse - There must be a clubhouse facility.**
- 1.7 Pitch Perimeter Barrier As a minimum, there must be post and rope surrounding the pitch on all those sides that may be occupied by spectators. **Must be permanent.**
- 1.9 Playing Area - must be a minimum of 100 metres x 64 metres.
- 1.10 Technical Area Portable trainers' boxes are permitted and must be securely fixed when in use.
- 1.11 There must be a safe, unimpeded passage for players and match officials between their dressing rooms and the pitch.**
- 1.12 Floodlighting - Floodlights must be provided to an average lux reading of at least 120.**
- 1.14 Entrances - There must be at least a pay box for entry a grille or similar for the payment window and a lock that can be operated from inside must be incorporated.**
- 1.15 Exits - All exits must be clearly signed, ideally with "running man" signs, and are to be kept clear and free from obstructions. There must be access via a bound surface to all exits.**
- 2.1 Spectator Accommodation - The minimum covered accommodation must be 50.**
- 2.5.1 Refreshments must be made available for visiting Directors/officials and guests.**
- 2.3 Toilets - Provision should be made for adequate toilet facilities.
- 3.1 Players Separate dressing rooms must be provided for both teams and officials. Dressing room dimensions must be a minimum of 12 square metres and 3 showers/ 4 Square metres and a shower
- 4. MEDICAL There must be a suitable qualified person (minimum F.A. Save a Life) in attendance. All clubs must provide first aid equipment at their ground, also complete and display a Medical Emergency Action Plan.

ADVICE TO OFFICIALS

Your first contact with the league will be receipt of an invitation to join the list of officials. On your acceptance you will have given certain details concerning yourself. Should any of these change, you **MUST** inform both the league, as well as the Lincolnshire Football Association **IMMEDIATELY**.

On receipt of your monthly appointments you **MUST** acknowledge the same by return either on the postcard provided or by e-mail.

You should always turn out for your matches in a clean & smart condition. Your uniform & footwear should be such that you are taking pride in your appearance. Your uniform must be black as per League rule 13(J).

The league will inform you of any changes, except for postponed fixtures, which is the responsibility of the Home club. The league handbook contains the time of kick-off, please ensure that you are at the ground at least 1 hour before the specified kick-off time. The clubs will ensure that their venues are available 1 hour before kick-off. Please be aware that you could be fined for any late arrival that causes a delay to the specified kick-off time.

You will receive a handbook containing the League & Cup Rules. Please ensure that you are familiar with all the competition rules. Any infringements to these rules must be reported direct to the League Secretary **IMMEDIATELY**. Other matters that should be reported include:- late starts, teams short of compliment, no availability of club assistants, grounds not roped off, incorrect team colours, shirts not numbered, no corner flags & any other infringement of league rules.

This responsibility lies with the Referee, who **MUST** include the name of the club official who he has informed of the infringement, who can be the captain of the offending team. For this purpose it is imperative that your copy of the league handbook is kept up to date with any amendments.

All officials are expected to travel together to fixtures. It is the responsibility of the Referee to organise transport arrangements. Expenses incurred will be reimbursed in accordance with Rule (13) e, which also specifies match fees.

The only matters to be considered when deciding whether to play a match due to and/or pitch conditions, should primarily be the safety of the players & officials, & secondly visibility. Should a match be postponed, then the official making the postponement **MUST** report the facts to the League Secretary **IMMEDIATELY**.

All correspondence with the League **MUST** be 1st class mail or e-mail.

The League expects the match officials to take action relating to obscene language. Where an official is found to have used obscene language, the League Management Committee will take action.

Finally, enjoy your time on the Lincolnshire Football League & good luck for the season.

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1 DEFINITIONS

(A) In these Rules

"Affiliated Association" means an Association accorded the status of an affiliated association under the Rules of the F.A.

"AGM" shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Club" means a club for the time being in membership of the competition and "Team" means a side from a club especially where a club provides more than one team in a division in accordance with the rules.

"Competition" shall mean The Lincolnshire Football League.

"Competition Match" means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the competition

"Contract Player" means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

"Deposit" means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

"Fees Tariff" means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules

"Fines Tariff" means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules.

"Full-Time" means FA Full-Time and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by the FA from time to time

"Ground" means the ground on which

the Club's team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

"Management Committee" means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of the association of that company.

"Match Officials" means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

"Non Contract Player" means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

"Officer" means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition, which requires that individual to make day to-day decisions.

"Participant" shall have the same meaning as set out in the Rules of The FA from time to time

"Player" means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other Player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

"Playing Season" means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

"Rules" means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

"Sanctioning Authority" means the (F.A.) the Competition) the (Lincolnshire County Football Association Limited).

"Scholarship" means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the Rules of the F.A.

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"Season" means the period of time between AGM and the subsequent AGM

"Secretary" means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

"SGM" means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition

"Team" means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in a Competition in accordance with the Rules

"The F.A." means the Football Association Limited.

"W G S" means the Whole Game System and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by the F A from time to time.

"Written" or "in writing" means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

- (B) Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders, any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

GOVERNANCE RULES

2 COMPETITION NAME, CONSTITUTION

- (A) The Competition will be known as the Lincolnshire Football League and known as the Balcan Lighting Supplies League. The clubs participating in the competition must be members of the competition. A club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon, automatically cease to be a member of the competition.

- (B) The Competition shall consist of not more than 60 clubs or teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (C) The geographical area covered by the competition membership shall be a 65 mile radius from Lincoln Cathedral
- (D) The administration of the competition under these rules will be carried out by the competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of the FA
- (E) All clubs shall adhere to the rules. Every club shall be deemed as a member of the competition to have accepted the rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.
- (F) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules (the "Standard Code") determined from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.
- (G) All Clubs must be Affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

The Competition shall apply annually for sanction by the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in Divisions each not exceeding 18 in number.

- (H) Inclusivity and Non Discrimination
- (i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to the FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).

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- (ii) This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise.
- (iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
- (I) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. .
- (J) All participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children determined by The FA from time to time
- (K) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee.
- (L) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have the power to decide or adjust the constitutions of the Divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22
- (M) Only one Team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same Division as another Team from the same Club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a Division comprising

of more than one Team from the same Club. The competition will ensure that, where permission is given, Teams from a Club operating in the same Division are run as separate entities with no interchange of Players other than via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

3 CLUB NAME

Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee.

4 ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

- (A) Application by Clubs for admission to this Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) must be made in writing to the Secretary by May 31st and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee set out in the Fees Tariff per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting member's present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or SGM.

When Rule 22(B) is applied and a team seeks to transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division no Entry Fee shall be payable.

- (B) The Annual Subscription shall be as per the Fees Tariff per Team payable on or before the AGM each year
- (C) In the event of any issues concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit.
- (D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit have been paid

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(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by the AGM of its appropriate County Football Association affiliation number for the forthcoming Season, failing which they shall be fined as per the Fines Tariff Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

(F) Each Club shall within 7 days of election pay a deposit as set out in the Fees Tariff which shall be returnable to Clubs on leaving the Competition provided they have fulfilled their fixtures and complied with all orders of the Management Committee.

5 MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

(A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and 5 members who shall be elected at the AGM.

(B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination providing the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than May 1st in each year. All other candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs. Not later than June 1st in each Year. Names of the candidates shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet on the first Wednesday of the month or as often as is necessary to deal with business as it arises. On receiving a requisition signed by two thirds of the members of the Management

Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

6 POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

(A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers, as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of the Football Association or any affiliated Association.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Lincolnshire County Football Association having been obtained The Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season.

(C) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote thereat, But no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest (This shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

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In the event of the voting been equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

- (D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified. With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H), and 9, for all alleged breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued. The respondent shall be given 7 days from the date of notice to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to:-
- (i) Accept the charge and submit in writing a plea for mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
 - (ii) Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case for mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or
 - (iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
 - (iv) Deny the charge and notify it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee.

Where the Club fails to respond within the 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such a manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply from the Club as more fully set out above. The maximum fine permitted for a breach of a Rule by a Team playing at step 7 of the National League System is £500

No participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of the FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.

- (E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.
Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days
- (F) Fifty percent 50% of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Management Committee or any sub- committee thereof.
- (G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.
- (H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee.
- (I) Subject to a Clubs right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges are payable forthwith and must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid
- (J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.
- (K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the

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Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

- (L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

7 PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS

- (A)
- (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a Sub-Committee, duly appointed by the Management Committee
- (ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities at the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.
- (B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within 3 days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative for his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.
- (C) No protest of any kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club
- shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have the power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order the costs to be shared by the parties.
- (D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.
- (i) All parties must have received 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
- (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response.
- (E) The Management Committee shall have the power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.
- (F) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to)
- (i) Invite submissions by the parties involved
- (ii) Convene a hearing to hear the appeal
- (iii) Permit new evidence, or
- (iv) Impose deadlines as are appropriate

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Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee

(G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct

(H) All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Club or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) and shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee.

All such protests, claims, complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days of the event of the decision causing any of these to be submitted.

8 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

(A) The AGM shall be held not later than the 1st August in each year. At this Meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 60% members are present and entitled to vote: -

- (i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding AGM.
- (ii) To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts.
- (iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies
- (iv) Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing season.

(v) Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members

(vi) Appointment of auditors

(vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14)

(viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.

(ix) Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season (Save step 7 which shall be determined by The FA)

(x) Any other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.

(B) A copy of the duly audited verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 Days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed change of Rules.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the Lincolnshire County Football Association within 14 Days of its adoption by the AGM.

(D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the season concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.

(F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

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- (G) No Individual shall be entitled to vote on or behalf of more than one member club.
- (H) Any continuing club must be represented at the AGM.
- (I) Officers of the competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM
- (J) Where a competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules

9 SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Upon receiving a requisition signed by 2/3 of the Clubs in Membership, the Secretary shall call an SGM. The Management Committee may call an SGM at any time. At least 7 days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an Agenda of the business to be transacted at such a meeting.

Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an SGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.

10 AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, _____ of _____
(Chairman) and _____
of _____
(Secretary) of the

Football Club have been provided with a copy of the Rules and regulations of the Lincolnshire Football League Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club to conform to those Rules and Regulations, to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7

The agreement shall be signed by

- (i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club Chairman and Secretary; or
- (ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two directors of the Club

Any alteration of the Chairman and Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the County, which the Club is affiliated, and to the Secretary of the Competition. .

11 CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

- (A) Any Club intending or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each season. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B).
- (B) The Management Committee shall have discretion to deal with a team unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including but not limited to issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (C) Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6 (I) in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt to the FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

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12. EXCLUSION OF CLUBS, TEAMS, MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(A) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to:

- (i) Remove a member of the Management Committee from office ;
- (ii) Exclude any Club or Team from membership,

Both of which must be supported by more than two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(B) At the AGM or at an SGM called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable upon a majority of 2/3 of the votes cast. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any Officer or Member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clauses (A) and (B) of this Rule.

13 TROPHY

(A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy

WE (A and (B the Chairman and Secretary of FC,

members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before the 1st of December each year. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.

A Cup/Trophy must be returned in the condition it was presented or a fine as set out in the Fines Tariff will be imposed. A fine as set out in the Fines Tariff will be imposed on any Club failing to return the Cup/ Trophy by the prescribed date.

Any Team who are winners of a Trophy and resign from the League must return the Trophy at the time of their resignation to the League Secretary.

(B) At the close of each Competition awards may be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

14 ALTERATION TO RULES

Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Association, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at an SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the playing season to the Rule relating to the qualification of players shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

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Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 1st May in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee shall be circulated to the Clubs by the 15th May and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the secretary within 10 days of circulatory date. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to the Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if 75% a majority of those present and entitled to vote and voting are in favour. A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or an SGM shall be submitted to the sanctioning Association at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

15 FINANCE

- (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
- (B) All expenditure in excess of £250 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques/Bank transfers shall be signed/Authorised by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee
- (C) The Financial Year of the Competition will end on 30th April in each year.
- (D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be audited annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

16 INSURANCE

- (A) All Clubs must have valid public liability, insurance cover of at least £10 million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times
- (B) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The

Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority, in instances where the FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

17 DISSOLUTION

- (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at an SGM by a majority of $\frac{3}{4}$ of the Members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.
- (B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.
- (C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:
 - (i) Any surplus assets, save for a Trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or the Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by the resolution at or before the time of the winding up, and approved in writing by the sanctioning Association.
 - (ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide.

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18 MATCH RELATED RULES - QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(A) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible has: -

(i) Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition Registration Form in ink, countersigned by an Officer of the club which is submitted to the Competition/Registered through WGS prior to the player playing and whose registration has been confirmed by the Competition prior to that player playing in a Competition match Or

(ii) Signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition/WGS on Matchday. The Player shall not play again until the Club is in possession of his registration number (via WGS)

Any registration form which is sent by the means set out in Rule 18(A) but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via WGS the registration will not be processed. For Clubs registering Players under Rule 18 (A) (i) (ii) registration forms will be provided in a format determined by the Competition and downloaded from the website. Clubs must then access WGS to complete the Registration process

(B)

(i) Contract players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a team operating at higher level at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(ii) Each Club must have a minimum of 16 players signed on for the Team they wish to play for by the start of each playing season. .

(C) A player that owes a football debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) to any Club(s) shall be permitted to register and play for a Club in the Competition, save that the Player may be liable to be suspended from playing for that Club should the Player fail to comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt.

(D) A Fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each player registered

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of Registration shall decide for which Club the player shall be registered. The Registration Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(F) It shall be a breach of Rule for a player to: -

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred

(ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS for registration that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

(G)

(i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions of Rule 18(G) (ii) and (iii) below.

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- (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (Subject to Rule 7)
 - (iii) The Management Committee shall have the power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) Subject to the right of appeal to the F.A. or the relevant County Football Association. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in the Competition.
 - (iv) For a player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G)(iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.
(Note: Action under Rule 18(G) (iii) shall not be taken against a player for misconduct on the Field of play until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of bringing the Competition into dispute and will in any case be subject to an appeal to the Football Association. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule bringing the game into disrepute can only be considered where the player has received in excess of 112 Days suspension or 10 matches in match based discipline in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition), in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.
- (H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2 (a) when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another Club it shall submit a transfer form in a format determined by the Competition to the Competition accompanied by the fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the Club for which the Player is registered. Should the Club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the Player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Clubs consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Competition Secretary may on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the Player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 3 days after receipt of such transfer. In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.
 - (I) a player may not Register for a club, or transfer to another Club in the Competition after 31st March in each season except by special permission of the Management Committee.
 - (J) A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games, in which they have played for the club, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.
 - (K) A register containing the names of all the players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (Registrations) Secretary and shall be open to inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee Meetings

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or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one season only.

In the event of a player without a written contract changing his status to that of a contracted player with a Club in the Competition or with a Club in another competition his registration as a player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18(B) (i)

(L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 22(A) unless the player has played 50% of the games for that team in the Competition in the current season.

(M) A Team shall not include more than (2) Players who have taken part in a more senior Competition matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played, For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition is Step 6 football and above

(N)

(i) Subject to Rule 18 (N) (ii) any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have any points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied on it a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff)

(ii) The Management Committee may, vary this decision in respect of the points gained only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Players status

(iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18 (N) (i) above, the Management Committee may also at its discretion :

- (a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed: or
- (b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
- (c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).
- (O) The following Clauses applies to Competitions involving players in full time secondary education:-
 - (i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities. .
 - (ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head teachers (except for Sunday Leagues)
 - (iii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16 years.
- (P) A Player who has played for a Team in a higher Division in that Playing Season shall not be eligible to play for a Team in a Lower Division except by permission of the Management Committee.

19 CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts and alternative colours of shirts and shorts with the Committee by the AGM who shall decide as to their suitability. Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain the permission of the Management Committee. Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from other players and the referee. No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear Black or very dark shirts. Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they

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will play (including the colour of the goalkeepers jersey) at least 7 days before the match. If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours. Shirts must be numbered, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff

20 PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, KICK OFF TIMES, POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES

- (A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board. Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable By the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have the power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and order the club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground. Football Turf pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards that are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf pitches. For clubs playing at step 7 and below a pitch must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to the FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the register. The home Club is responsible for advising participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20 (C) Within the National League System (NLS)

all Competition Matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than 60 minutes) is mutually arranged by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event be of equal halves. Two matches involving the same two teams can be played on the same day providing the total playing time is not more than 120 minutes.

The times of Kick off shall be as follows:
- August, September, October, March, April and May 3.00pm, Teams not using floodlights November, December, January and February 2.00pm

The times of the kick off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing clubs prior to the scheduled date of the match with written notification given to the Competition at least seven days prior.

Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition. The home team must provide goal nets and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable.

- (B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and all relevant parent County Association Cup Competitions and any Challenge Cup or any Cup Competitions, run in conjunction with this League All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may agree to mutually bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixture Secretary.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

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- (C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick off to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least 3 clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition.
- (D) In accordance with the Laws of the Game a minimum of 8 players will constitute a team for a Competition Match.
- (E)
 - (i) Home and Away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have the power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), and deduct the points from the defaulting Club, Award the points from the match in question to the opponents, Order the game to be played, Order the defaulting Club to pay the expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the awarding of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision the Management Committee shall have the power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponents ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.
 - (ii) Any Club with more than one team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence: - First Team, Reserve Team, and A Team.
 - (iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must without delay give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials.
 - (iv) In the event of a Competition match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the Fixtures Secretary within 7 Days. The Management Committee shall have the power to order the match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand.
 - (v) The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponent. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponents and/or take what other action they may deem necessary. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams and their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No Fines can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.
 - (vi) The Management Committee shall review any match that has taken place where either or both teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by the Association or Affiliated Association. In each case the team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they participated

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with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 8K (i) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

- (F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game substitute Players in any Competition Match. A Club may name up to 5 Substitute Players of whom 5 Players may be used. Each Club must hand the Team Sheet containing the names of the Players and Substitutes on the official team sheet, provided at a cost as set out in the Fees Tariff per book, to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the Referee not later than 30 minutes before kick-off for Saturday games and not later than 15 minutes before kick-off for midweek games. The Players registration numbers and colours of the playing strip must be clearly stated. Any Club altering its team sheet or numbering after it has been exchanged may be fined. A Player who is named on the team sheet may be replaced without a fine if he is injured during the warm-up after the exchange of the team sheet. Any change must be notified to the Referee and to a representative of their opponents prior to the actual kick off. 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 18 of this Competition.
- (G) The half time interval shall be of 10 minutes duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.
- (H) The teams taking part in fixture Competition Match shall identify a team captain who must wear an armband and has a responsibility to offer support to the management of the on-field discipline of his team mates.

21 REPORTING RESULTS

- (A) Send to Registration Secretary Copy of carbon copied teamsheet (including any Matchday signings and Officials signed fees if applicable) within 5 hours of final whistle also indicate if a player has been shown a yellow or red card and also the Referees markings required by Rule 23 or any other information required by the Competition. All team sheets must be entered on the FA Full/Time website within 3 days of the date of the Match being played.
- (B) Both home and away Clubs must text the Result to the FA Full Time system by 5.30pm on the day of the game, or by 10.00pm for a night game, each Club must nominate 2 Club Officials/ Mobile Numbers to receive the FA Full Time Text.
- (C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition.
- (D) Both Clubs shall text the result (to include their teams and goal scorers) of each match to the Results Collator by 5.30pm on the day of the match or by 4.30pm if the game kicks off at 2.00pm or before, or by 10.00pm if the match is an evening kick off. Teams involved in other senior games must also telephone or text their result into the Results Collator as above within the specified time limits and must also notify the Results Collator of any postponements immediately.

22 DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

- (A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with 3 points to be awarded for a win and 1 point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

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In the event of two or more teams are equal on points team rankings shall be determined by goal difference (where goals scored against by each Club shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Club and the largest positive difference shall be placed highest).

In the event of two Teams still being equal, the Team that has scored the most goals during the Playing Season shall be placed highest. In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team that has won most matches during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the team that has the better playing record against the other Team in their head to head Competition Matches during the Playing Season shall be placed highest. If the records of two or more teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches as determined by the Management Committee.

(B) Automatic promotion shall be applied for the teams highest in the final table with the relevant ground grade, as allowed by the FA and automatic relegation shall be applied for the last Team in each division except as provided for hereunder, subject to the provisions of Rule 2(L).

- (i) Should one or more teams withdraw from any one Division after the fixtures have commenced an equal number of teams to those withdrawing in that Division shall not be automatically relegated.
- (ii) Vacancies occurring after conclusion of the season may be filled any of the following ways
- (a) Retention of otherwise relegated team(s)

- (b) Additional promotion of the next ranked team(s) from the Division below
- (c) Election
- (D) In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition Table. For the purposes of this Rule 22(D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match (es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.
- (E) Where a promotion and/or relegation link exists between Competitions. Clubs, providing they meet the appropriate grading criteria, will be eligible to make application to the Competition at their AGM. Should the champion Club not wish for promotion or, alternatively, not have the necessary grading criteria, then the highest placed Club will be eligible under the same conditions.

23 MATCH OFFICIALS

- (A) Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (B) (i) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing teams.
- (ii) In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. An Individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any Competition Match

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- (C) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee.
- (D) The appointed Referee shall have the power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final to either in the case of a Local Authority or the owners of a ground, the representative of that body is the sole arbiter and whose decision must be accepted
- (E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the sanctioning Association Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee as set out in the Fees Tariff for Referees & as set out in the Fees Tariff for Assistant Referees and travel expenses as set out in the Fees Tariff per mile. Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club immediately after the Competition Match. .
- (F) 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 expenses only. Where a match is not being played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses.
- (G) A Referee not keeping his or her engagement and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may have the fact reported to the Association with which they are registered.
- (H) Each Club shall in a manner prescribed from time to time by the Football Association award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine
- (I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to the County Football Association.
- (J) The Referee shall submit a report Form supplied by the Competition giving the result of the match, the number of Players in each team and the time of the kick off, any sending offs or cautions to the Secretary within two days of the match, a copy must also be given to a representative of each Club within a reasonable time after the end of the match (even if there has been no breach of any Rules or Player misconduct)
- (K) Referees and Assistant Referees shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.
- (L) Referees and Assistant Referees shall have undertaken a Respect briefing offered by the FA/County FA or the League
- (M) Referees and Assistant Referees in this Competition shall wear a Black Uniform.

CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

CODE "B" RULES

1 NAME OF COMPETITION

This Competition shall be called the Lincolnshire Football League Challenge Cup Competition and shall be conducted on the knock-out system. All matches shall be played and carried out in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and By-laws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game.

2 ENTRY LIMITED TO LEAGUE CLUBS

- (A) The Cup/Trophy shall be open for annual Competition amongst affiliated Clubs that are Members of the Competition stated in Rule 1 as the Management Committee may from time to time decide
- (B) The Entry Fee shall be £25.00 per Club payable before AGM in each year.

3 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- (A) The AGM shall be held at the same time and place as the Lincolnshire Football League Competition AGM.
- (B) The Officers of the Competition shall be the same as those elected at the AGM of the Lincolnshire Football League Competition.
- (C) Any suggested alterations to these rules may be made but they must have been submitted in writing to the Competition Secretary before 30th April each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by the 15th May and any amendments there to shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a rule shall be carried if a majority of those present and entitled to vote and voting are in favour. The proposals must be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Club proposing such alterations.

- (D) Any alterations or additions decided upon shall not become operative until the approval of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd shall have been obtained.

4 CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

The entire control of the Competition shall be in the hands of the Management Committee of the Lincolnshire Football League Competition.

5 GATE RECEIPTS AND PROCEEDS OF COMPETITION

In all rounds up to the Final the home Club shall take its own receipts and pay its expenses, including ground preparation, Referees and Assistant Referees (where appointed) their fees and expenses. The visiting Team is responsible for its own travelling expenses. The home Club shall pay the Official(s) their fee(s) and expenses on the day of the match in their dressing room immediately after the conclusion of the game.

6 FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

- (A) The arrangement of the Final shall be left entirely in the hands of the Management Committee who shall appoint dates, Officials, grounds, take all receipts and pay any expenses not to exceed a sum considered reasonable by the Committee. All Clubs in the Competition shall be liable to make their ground available to the Competition for the purpose of the playing of the Final tie. Referees and Assistant Referees shall receive trophies/mementoes in lieu of a fee plus travelling expenses for the Final.
- (B) The net proceeds of the Final of the Competition each year shall be devoted to the funds of the Competition.

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7 DURATION OF GAME AND CLUB COLOURS

- (A) All matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than 60 minutes) is mutually agreed by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event, shall be of equal halves. In the event of a draw at full time, extra time of 15 minutes each way shall be played in all rounds up to, and including, the Final. If the scores are level at the end of the normal time, and after extra time of 15 minutes each way has been played, then the game shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks, from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Football Association Handbook. If the tie is over two legs in the event of the aggregate score being level at full time in the second leg, then no extra time will be played, and the game shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks, from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Football Association Handbook. The halftime interval shall be of 10 minutes duration and this can only be altered with the consent of the Referee.
- (B) If in the opinion of the Referee Two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away team shall change. Any team not having a change of colours, or delaying the kick-off by not having a change of colours, shall be fined £20.00. Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from other Players and the Referee.
- (C) In all matches players' shirts shall be clearly numbered 1-16/17 or a fine of £20.00 will be imposed.
- (D) Goal nets must be provided in all games.

8. QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS AND INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- (A) No Player shall play for more than one competing Club or Team in the same season. Each individual must have

been a registered League Competition Player of the Club or Team for which he happens to compete each player must have been registered by 12 noon on the Friday prior to the registered date fixed for playing the match, or by 12 noon on the Friday previous to the date on which the match is played whichever is the earlier. Unless the player is a goalkeeper and permission is granted by the League Emergency Committee. A Player having played for a Club or Team in one match of the Competition for which he was qualified shall, unless in the meantime he has been transferred to another Club, be entitled to play in any subsequent match in the same Competition for the same Club or Team in the same season. In the case of postponed or replayed matches, only those Players shall be allowed to play who were eligible for the first match. A Player who has been suspended may, if otherwise qualified; play in postponed or replayed ties after the term of his suspension has expired. Only Players who were eligible to play in the semi-finals shall be allowed to play in the final. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 players. A player who has been substituted cannot return as a second or third substitute. Each club must hand the Team Sheet containing the names of the players and substitutes on the official team sheet, provided at a cost of £10 per book, to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the Referee not later than not later than 30 minutes for Saturday games & not later than 15 minutes for midweek games. The player's registration numbers and colours of the playing strip must be clearly stated. Any club in breach of this rule will be fined. Any Club altering its team sheet or numbering after it has been exchanged may be fined. A player who is named on the team sheet may be

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replaced without a fine if he is injured during the warm up after the exchange of the team sheet. Any change **MUST** be notified to the referee and to a representative of their opponents prior to the actual kick off. A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the 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 8 of this Competition.

- (B) Ineligible Player - any Club playing an ineligible Player shall be struck out of the Competition and fined £75 per ineligible Player.
- (C) Any team short of complement (less than {11} Eleven Players, not including named substitutes) at the commencement of the game shall be fined £20 for each missing player. A minimum of 7 players will constitute a team in this competition

9 APPOINTMENT AND CHARGES OF REFEREES AND LATE STARTS

- (A) Registered Referees and Assistant Referees for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the sanctioning Association(s). In the event of the nonappearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee, where only one assistant referee is appointed a substitute assistant referee shall be agreed upon by the competing teams. An Individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. Referees under the age of 16 should not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age competition

- (B) Officials appointed under this rule shall be entitled to charge Referee's/ Assistant Referees fee of £30.00/£25.00 plus travelling expenses of 30p per mile. A Referee/Assistant Referee is entitled to half fee and travelling expenses as above if the match to which they were appointed and attended is not played, but where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, then that Club shall pay the Official(s) if they attend at the ground, full fee and allowed expenses.
- (C) Referees/Assistant Referees in this Competition shall wear black uniforms.
- (D) Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time if possible, and must report all late starts to the Competition and should advise the captains of his intentions. The Management Committee shall fix the time of kick-off for each match. Any Club turning out later than the specified time, failing 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 any match, the defaulting Club shall be liable to forfeit the match. Referees must report in writing exact time of kick-off in cases of late starts and also any cases of matches not started or completed, stating the reason for this within three clear days to the Competition Secretary.

10 OBJECTIONS AND PROTESTS

Any objections relative to the field of play or appurtenances of the game must be lodged in writing with the Referee before the commencement of a match. All protests or objections must be made in duplicate and confirmed in writing to the Secretary of the Competition within three clear days after the match, accompanied by a protest fee of £50, which shall be forfeited if the protestor objection fails.

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11 ARRANGEMENTS AND REGISTRATION OF ROUNDS

- (A) Dates shall be appointed by the Management Committee for each round at the AGM, and immediately furnished to the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association, and all matches must be decided on or before the dates so chosen, unless the special permission of the Management Committee is obtained for an extension of time. Clubs first drawn in the ballot shall have choice of ground.
- (B) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control it shall, subject to Rule 14(b) be replayed in its entirety on a date to be set by the Fixtures Secretary.

12 NOTICE OF RESULTS

- (A) The Registration Secretary & General Secretary (emailed copies only) must receive within 5 clear days of the date played, by post or by email before 5pm on the Monday following a Saturday fixture or before midnight of the following day of a midweek fixture, the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner, on the official form, provided at a cost of £10 per book, when requested. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the team players (in block letters), players' registration numbers, also indicate if a player has been shown a yellow or red card and also the Referee markings required by Rule 13, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20 and the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee decides.
- (B) The Home Club shall telephone or text the result (to include both teams goal scorers) of each match to the Results Collator by 5-30pm on the day of the

match or by 10pm if the match has an evening kick off. Teams involved in other senior games must also telephone or text their result into the results collator as above within the specified time limits, and must also notify the results collator of any postponements Clubs in default shall be fined £20.

- (C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £20. The Management Committee shall have the power to take such action as they deem suitable against a Club which submits an incomplete form or incorrect information.

13 CLUBS NOT ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW IN SEMI-FINALS OR FINAL

Any Club reaching the semi-final or final stage of the Competition shall not be allowed to withdraw or postpone such match, but must play its best available Team. In the event of any Club failing to keep its engagement without making application for postponement or giving a satisfactory explanation to the Management Committee, the match shall go against it by default, and a fine of £200 shall be imposed. Any Club not complying with this rule shall be considered to be guilty of gross misconduct, and in addition to being dealt with by the Management Committee shall be compelled to pay the expenses of their opponents. Note: Any Club failing for any reason to play on the date fixed by the Competition for either the Semi-Final or the Final must be struck out of the Competition.

14 POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- (A) The Management Committee shall have power for breach of Rules or other misconduct to inflict fines upon Clubs,

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to suspend or expel any Player or Club from taking part in the Competition, and to order matches to be replayed on such terms as they decide. The Management Committee shall be at full liberty from time to time to appoint and to delegate any of their powers to a Sub - Committee and shall have power to appoint Commissions to inquire into any complaints, claims, appeals protest, or any other matters within the jurisdiction of the Competition and the expenses of such Commission shall be borne by the party to whom the Commission shall deem to have been at fault. Subject to confirmation by the Management Committee, the decisions of the Sub - Committee, or Commission shall be considered final, subject to Rule 19.

- (B) The Management Committee shall review all abandoned matches and in cases where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to any of the Clubs, shall be empowered to order the score to stand at the time of the abandonment to be recorded as the result. In all cases where the Management Committee is satisfied that a game has been abandoned owing to the conduct of one Club or its Club Member or Members, they shall be empowered to award the tie to its opponent and/or take what other action they deem necessary. In cases where a game is abandoned owing to the conduct of either Clubs or their Club Members, the Management Committee shall take such action as they consider appropriate. Such action is subject to any disciplinary action taken by the Lincolnshire Football Association or the appropriate County Football Association.

15 TROPHY: LEGAL OWNERS CONDITION OF TAKING OVER AGREEMENT TO BE ASSIGNED.

- (A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy: - "We A _____ and B _____, the Chairman and Secretary of _____ FC, members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of _____ Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before 31st March each year, or a fine of £20 will be imposed. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair." A Cup or Trophy must be returned in the condition it was presented to the club in, or a fine of £20 will be imposed and deposit for forfeited. A Club winning a Cup or Trophy is responsible for the engraving of same, failure to do so will result in a fine of £20 being imposed plus the cost of the engraving. Failure to comply will result in a fine as determined by the Management Committee.
- (B) At the close of each Competition awards may be made to the winning team, 16 for the players and 1 for the Secretary, if the funds of the Competition permit.

16 PRECEDENCE OF OTHER COMPETITIONS

The Lincolnshire FA and National FA Competitions shall take precedence over any fixtures arranged under the rules of this Competition.

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17 BOARD OF APPEAL

Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Management Committee of the Competition, a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association including a fee of £50.00 for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the cost of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned.

18 CLUBS ENTERING OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS

A Club having been granted permission by the Lincolnshire Football Association to enter any Competition outside of the County is not allowed to postpone or cancel any match within the jurisdiction of the Lincolnshire Football Association without their permission.

19 RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

Each Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee subject to Rule 17. Each Club in the Competition must be supplied with a complete copy of the Competition Rules.

20 SUBSTITUTES

A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 5 Substitute Players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from 5 Players. The Referee shall be informed of the names of the Substitutes not later than 15 minutes before the start of the game. A Player who has been selected, appointed or named as a Substitute before the start

of the 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 8 of this Competition. A player who has been substituted cannot return as a second, or third, substitute.

21 FINES

All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of date of posting of the written notification, unless otherwise ordered. All outstanding finance and claims whatsoever shall be cleared before the AGM. Clubs, Club Officials or individuals committing a breach of this rule will incur penalties as the Management Committee may impose.

22 BREACH OF RULES

Any Club guilty of all or any breaches of the Rules, late kick-offs, absence of appointed officials at the advertised time of kick-off, teams playing short of complement, or any other irregularities must notify the General Secretary in writing within three clear days' (Sundays excepted). Such notification must be under separate cover using First Class post or by email. Failure to comply with any part of this Rule will result in a fine of £20 being imposed.

23 INSURANCE

All Clubs must have public liability insurance cover of at least 10 million pounds (£10,000,000). All Clubs shall be members of a Players' personal accident scheme. The policy cover shall be at least equal to the minimum recommendation cover determined from time to time by the sanctioning Association. In instances where the Football Association is the sanctioning Association, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which the Club affiliates.

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24 DISSOLUTION

- (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a Special General Meeting by a majority of three quarters of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant Special Meeting.
- (B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.
- (C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:
 - (i) Any surplus assets, save for a Trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts. And liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the sanctioning Association.
 - (ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a Trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the condition attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the sanctioning Association may decide.

THE LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE SUPPLEMENTARY CUP COMPETITION

The rules of the above competition are the same as the Lincolnshire Football League Challenge Cup except for the following:

1 NAME OF THE COMPETITION

This competition shall be called the Brian Stratford Memorial Trophy Competition and shall be conducted on the knock-out system, or will be conducted on a league basis, split into two groups where they play each other twice and the top two teams in each

group progress to the semi-finals, with the Winner of Group A playing the Runner up in Group B in one semi-final & the Runner up in Group A playing the Winner of Group B in the other semi-final.

7 DURATION OF GAME AND CLUB COLOURS

- (A) All matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than 60 minutes) is mutually agreed by the two captains in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event, shall be of equal halves. In the event of a draw at full time, extra time of 15 minutes each way shall be played in all rounds (Except in Group games where the score after 90 minutes is the result) up to, and including, the Final. If the scores are level at the end of the normal time, and after extra time of 15 minutes each way has been played, then the game shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks, from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Football Association Handbook. If the tie is over two legs in the event of the aggregate score being level at full time in the second leg, then no extra time will be played, and the game shall be decided by the taking of penalty kicks, from the penalty mark, in accordance with the Football Association Handbook. The half-time interval shall be of 10 minutes' duration and this can only be altered with the consent of the Referee.

8 QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS AND INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

- (B) Ineligible Player - Any club playing an ineligible player shall be struck out of the competition and fined £75 per ineligible player. Any club found to be guilty of playing an ineligible player in any group game of the Supplementary Cup shall be fined and have any points gained deducted from their total and the points will be added to their opponent's total.

FEES & FINES TARIFF

FINES TARIFF

RULE NO	DESCRIPTION	FINE
2 (G)	Failure to Affiliate	£20
2 (I)	Failure to comply with FA Initiatives	£20
2 (K)	Unauthorised entry of Teams into Competitions	£20
3	Failure to obtain consent for a change of Club Name	£20
4 (C)	Failure to pay a Deposit	£20
4 (E)	Failure to provide Affiliation Number/Details Form	£20
5 (E)	Communications conducted by persons other than nominated Officers	£20
6 (H)	Failure to comply with an Instruction of the Management Committee	£20
6 (I)	Failure to pay a Fine within the required timeframe	Doubled
8 (H)	Failure to be represented at A G M	£75
9	Failure to be represented at S G M	£75
11 (A)	Failure to provide notice of withdrawal before Deadline 31st March	£250
11 (B)	Failure to Commence/Complete Fixtures	£250
16 (A)	Failure to have the required Public liability Insurance	£20
16 (B)	Failure to have the required Players Insurance	£20
18 (B) (ii)	Failure to have the required number of registered Players prior to the season commencing	£20
18 (F)	Registering or Playing for multiple Clubs, or inaccurate completion of Registration Form	£20
18 (G) (ii)	Registration Irregularities	£20
18 (N)	Playing an ineligible Player	£50
19	Delaying Kick Off due to no change of Colours	£20
19	Failure to number shirts	£10
20 (A)	Delay Kick Off due to failure to provide required equipment	£20
20 (B)	Failure to play matches on date fixed	£100
20 (C)	Failure to provide details of a fixture	£20
20 (D)	Playing match with less than required no. of Players	£20

FEES & FINES TARIFF

FEES TARIFF

RULE NO	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	Entry Fee	£50
4 (B)	Annual Subscription	£100
4 (C)	Deposit	£50
7 (C)	Protests/Appeals	£50
18 (D)	Registration Forms	£1
18 (H)	Transfer Forms	£5
21 (A)	Team sheet books	£15
23 (E)	Referee Fee	£30
23 (E)	Assistant Referee Fee	£25
23 (E)	Travelling Expenses	30 pence per mile



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1950/51 Alford United
1951/52 Skegness Town
1952/53 Grimsby T. 'A'
1953/54 Brigg Town
1954/55 Gains. Trin. Res.
1955/56 Skegness Town
1956/57 Ashby Institute
1957/58 Louth United
1958/59 Grimsby Bor. Pol.
1959/60 Grimsby Bor. Pol.
1960/61 Barton Town
1961/62 Grimsby Bor. Pol.
1962/63 Appleby-Frodingham
1963/64 Lincoln United
1964/65 Boston
1965/66 Ashby Institute

PREMIER DIVISION

1961/62 Scunthorpe United Res.
1962/63 Comp. Suspended
1963/64 Scunthorpe United Res.
1964/65 Scunthorpe United Res.
1965/66 Lincoln City Res.
1966/67 Lincoln City Res.
1968/69 Comp. Suspended
1969/70 Comp. Suspended
1970/71 Comp. Suspended
1971/72 Comp. Suspended
1972/73 Louth United
1973/74 Brigg Town
1974/75 Ruston Bucyrus
1975/76 Brigg Town
1976/77 Appleby - Frodingham
1977/78 Appleby - Frodingham
1978/79 Drewery Sports
1979/80 Gainsborough United
1980/81 Sleaford Town
1981/82 Hykeham Town
1982/83 Ross Sports

1983/84 Ross Sports
1984/85 Skegness Town
1985/86 Louth United
1986/87 Louth United
1987/88 Ruston Sports
1988/89 Ruston Sports
1989/90 Bottesford Town
1990/91 Bottesford Town
1991/92 Bottesford Town
1992/93 Humberside United
1993/94 Appleby - Frod. Ath.
1994/95 Wyberton F.C.
1995/96 Lincoln United
1996/97 Barton Town O.B.
1997/98 Lincoln United
1998/99 Limestone Rangers
1999/00 Boston United Res.
2000/01 Grantham Town Res.
2001/02 Lincoln Utd Res.
2002/03 Grimsby Amateurs
2003/04 Sleaford Town
2004/05 Wyberton F.C.
2005/06 Hykeham Town
2006/07 Skegness Town
2007/08 Skegness Town
2008/09 CBG Humbertherm
2009/10 Harvest
2010/11 Boston United Res.
2011/12 Cleethorpes Town
2012/13 Skegness United
2013/14 Skegness Town
2014/15 Hykeham Town
2015/16 Skegness Town
2016/17 Skegness Town
2017/18 Ruston Sports
2018/19 Lincoln Moorlands Railway
2019/20 (abandoned due to Coronavirus)

LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

DIVISION ONE

1966/67 Louth United
1967/68 Louth United
1968/69 Brigg Town
1969/70 Brigg Town
1970/71 Brigg Town
1971/72 Brigg Town
1972/73 Crowle United
1973/74 Lincoln Claytons
1974/75 Lincoln Utd. Res.
1975/76 Market Rasen Tn.
1976/77 Appleby - Frod. Res.
1977/78 Drewery Sports
1978/79 Scun. Desert Rat
1979/80 Scun. Desert Rat
1980/81 Hykeham Tn.
1981/82 Barton Town
1982/83 Ruston Bucyrus Res.
1983/84 Ross Sports Res.
1984/85 Brigg White Horse
1985/86 Saxilby Athletic
1986/87 Croft United

DIVISION TWO

1966/67 Scotter United
1967/68 Grimsby Amat.
1968/69 Sleaford Town
1969/70 Scartho Wand.
1970/71 Messingham Trinity
1971/72 Ashby Inst. Res.
1972/73 Aubourn
1973/74 Metherringham
1974/75 Alford Trinity
1975/76 Ruston Sports Res.
1976/77 Drewery Sports
1977/78 Scun. Desert Rat

DIVISION TWO CUP WINNERS

1974/75 Ross Sports Res.
1975/76 No Competition
1976/77 Drewery Sports
1977/78 Scun. Desert Rat.

BILL ALLINSON CUP

1986/87 Bottesford Town

AAH GLASS (SCUN.) CUP

1989/90 Skegness Town

LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

SUPPLEMENTARY CUP WINNERS FOR THE BRIAN STRATFORD MEMORIAL TROPHY

1949/50 Alford Town & Brigg
Town (Joint Holders)
1950/51 Lincoln City 'A'
1951/52 Lincoln City 'A'
1952/53 Lincoln City 'A'
1953/54 Skegness Town
1954/55 Grimsby Town 'A' &
Skegness Town (Joint Holders)
1955/56 Louth United
1956/57 Louth United
1957/58 Gains. Trinity Res.
1958/59 Holbeach United Res.
1959/60 Grimsby Town 'A'
1960/61 Barton Town
1961/62 Lincoln City 'A'
1965/66 Louth United
1966/67 Lincoln United Res.
1967/68 Ruston Bucyrus Res.
1968/69 Lysaghts Sports Res.
1969/70 Ruston Bucyrus Res.
1970/71 Not Played
1971/72 Immingham Town
1972/73 Gunness
1973/74 Sleaford Town
1974/75 Ruston Sports
1975/76 Appleby-Frodingham
1976/77 Ross Sports Res.
1977/78 Messingham Res.
1978/79 Ross Sports
1979/80 Mablethorpe Athletic &
Messingham T. Res. (Joint Holders)
1980/81 Hykeham Town
1981/82 Messingham T. Res.
1983/84 Ross Sports Res.
1984/85 Grimsby Amateurs

1985/86 Louth United Res.
1986/87 Immingham Town Res.
1987/88 Ruston Sports
1988/89 Sleaford Town
1989/90 Barton Town
1990/91 Bottesford Town
1991/92 Wyberton
1992/93 Humberside United
2001/02 Sleaford Town
2002/03 Sleaford Town
2003/04 Lincoln Utd F.C.
2004/05 Wyberton F.C.
2005/06 Hykeham Town
2006/07 Horncastle Town
2007/08 Skegness Town
2008/09 CBG Humbertherm
2009/10 Lincoln United Res
2010/11 Cleethorpes Town
2011/12 Skegness United
2012/13 Sleaford Town Reserves
2013/14 Gainsborough Town
2014/15 Hykeham Town
2015/16 Cleethorpes Town D.S.
2016/17 Immingham Town
2017/18 Horncastle Town
2018/19 Lincoln Moorlands RLwy
2019/20 (abandoned due to Coronavirus)

LINCOLNSHIRE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

CHALLENGE CUP WINNERS

1948/49 Lincoln Rovers	1986/87 Louth United
1949/50 Brigg Town	1987/88 Crowle United
1950/51 Lysaghts Sports	1988/89 Grimsby Amateurs
1951/52 Skegness Town	1989/90 Sleaford Town
1952/53 Grimsby Tn. 'A'	1990/91 Sleaford Town
1953/54 Skegness Town	1991/92 Grimsby Borough
1954/55 Boston United Res.	1992/93 Appleby-Frodingham
1955/56 Skegness Town	1993/94 Immingham B.W. Spts.
1956/57 Ashby Institute	1994/95 Bottesford Town
1957/58 Gains. Trinity Res.	1995/96 Lincoln Moorlands
1958/59 Grimsby Tn. 'A'	1996/97 Barton Town O.B.
1959/60 Grimsby Bor. Pol.	1997/98 Lincoln United
1960/61 Lysaghts Sports	1998/99 Barton Town O.B.
1961/62 Lincoln City 'A'	1999/00 Barton Town O.B.
1962/63 Appleby-Frodingham	2000/01 Grimsby/Immingham Amateurs
1963/64 Bourne T. Res.	2001/02 Grantham Town Res.
1964/65 Ashby Institute	2002/03 Hykeham Town
1965/66 Brigg Town	2003/04 Ruston Sports FC
1966/67 Lincoln United	2004/05 Ruston Sports FC
1967/68 Grantham Res.	2005/06 Ruston Sports FC
1968/69 Brigg Town	2006/07 Lincoln Utd Res.
1969/70 Brigg Town	2007/08 Hykeham Town
1970/71 Ruston Bucyrus	2008/09 Ruston Sports
1971/72 Skellingthorpe	2009/10 Sleaford Town Res
1972/73 Brigg Town	2010/11 Lincoln United Res
1973/74 Louth United	2011/12 Cleethorpes Town
1974/75 Ruston Bucyrus	2012/13 Boston United Reserves
1975/76 Appleby-Frodingham	2013/14 Skegness United
1976/77 Appleby-Frodingham	2014/15 Wyberton
1977/78 Appleby-Frodingham	2015/16 Hykeham Town
1978/79 Drewery Sports	2016/17 Horncastle Town
1979/80 Gainsborough United	2017/18 Immingham Town
1980/81 Sleaford Town	2018/19 Lincoln United DS
1981/82 Scun. Desert Rat	2019/20 (abandoned due to Coronavirus)
1982/83 Ross Sports	
1983/84 Immingham Town	
1984/85 Immingham Town	
1985/86 Cleethorpes Bor.	

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