

## Appendix C

### DERBYSHIRE GIRLS AND LADIES LEAGUE CUP RULES

Standard Rules will apply with the following variations.

This Competition shall be designated the Derbyshire Girls and Ladies League Challenge Cup and known as the same and shall consist of teams who have paid the annual subscription for the season and are members of the Derbyshire Girls and Ladies League. No other teams will be allowed to enter.

The competition will provide 11 a side OPEN AGE football, 11/ 9-a-side football for players who have attained the age of 12 as at midnight 31st August in a playing season and Mini-Soccer for players who have attained the age of 7 years as at midnight on 31st August in a playing season.

The DG&LL Cup will be treated a single competition but will consist of a separate cup for each of the age groups competing in the Derbyshire Girls and Ladies League.

The DG&LL may run the following Cup Competitions at the management committee's discretion.

Ladies Challenge Cup  
Ladies Challenge Plate  
Ladies League Cups (per Division)  
Ladies Regional League Invitational Trophy  
Ladies Secondary Cup  
Youth Challenge Cup & Plate, all age groups including Mini Soccer  
Youth League Cup, all age groups  
Mini Soccer Challenge Plate & Secondary Cups

Plate Competitions will be limited to those teams knocked out in their first game of the challenge cup (but excluding semi-finalists).

The Youth Challenge Cup competition will be a knockout cup, All games will be determined by penalty kicks where necessary. There will be NO extra Time.

In the event the DG&LL run a youth league cup competition the initial group stages may include a round robin competition with a final knockout stage. In the event teams are level on points in the group stages then the result between the teams will determine positions in the table. If result was a draw a further game will be played to determine the positions in the group stages under conditions to be determined by the DG&LL. Goal difference will not count in this stage as games can be forfeited in the group stages.

The Ladies Challenge Cup competition will be a knockout cup, The League Cup competition, should it be held, will also be a knockout competition. All games will be determined by penalty kicks where necessary. There will be NO extra Time.

The Ladies Plate will consist of teams, who have been knocked out in their first game in the Ladies Challenge Cup Competition, playing a knockout format. All games will be determined by penalty kicks where necessary. There will be NO extra Time.

The Ladies Secondary Cup will consist of teams, who have been knocked out in their first game in the Ladies Plate Competition, playing a knockout format. All games will be determined by penalty kicks where necessary. There will be NO extra Time.

In the event of teams who fold prior to the next round of any competition they will automatically be replaced by their opponent from the previous round. Teams who fail to play any given tie will be excluded from the competition and fined in accordance with the set fees. In the event any team cannot play on a scheduled FINALS date then that team will be replaced by their semi-final opponent, who shall take their place on the date scheduled AND any other date should the finals be postponed. In the event, the finalist & semi-finalist as above cannot play on the nominated date(s) the Trophy will be awarded by default to the other Finalist.

All fixtures, except for the Final shall be played at the designated Home team venue, unless agreed otherwise by both teams & the DG&LL

All cup draws from first round to final ties will be made at a special management meeting, only players eligible to play in the original tie will be eligible to play in any replayed game. Open Age teams applying for membership after the AGM will NOT be eligible to compete in those cup competitions but will be entered into the Plate & Secondary Cup Competition.

In the event that scheduled ties are postponed twice due to unfit pitches at the Home team venue, the 3rd attempt to play the fixture is to be played at either teams venue, whichever is fit for play, in the following order, Home Team Venue, Away Team venue.

The league would still have the option to order the game to be played on a neutral venue, ie 3G

A player who is eligible to play for her team in the league competition shall be eligible to play for that team in the cup competition provided she has been registered and approved as a player for that team for at least 7 days before participating in the Cup Competition in the current season. All players MUST be registered to a club 7 days before the original fixture date for each round and prior to playing in a semi-final or final must have played a minimum combination of 3 league or cup games for the team in the competition prior to 31<sup>st</sup> January in the playing season.

Players are only "Cup Tied" in the same cup competition, i.e., a player having played for a team in the challenge cup may not play in the challenge cup for another team. However, the player may play for their "new" team in the league cup if she did not play for her previous club in the league cup. The Ladies Plate will however be classed as the same competition as the Ladies Challenge Cup and any player having played in the Challenge Cup for one team may NOT play for another team in the Plate Competition.

A player previously registered with a team that folded during the season is ineligible to play in the same competition for her current team if she played in a cup tie for the team that ceased to exist. Players MUST be eligible to play for a team on the original date of any tie. In the event of a postponement for any reason players registered after the original date for games will not be eligible to play in the rescheduled game

A team playing an ineligible player will be removed from the competition and may be fined or otherwise dealt with by the Management Committee

The duration of games shall be the maximum time as set out in the standard code. The option to reduce the playing time does not apply in the Cup Competition.

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 County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary.

Any team failing to keep its engagement will be removed from the competition.

In Cup Finals or Cup Games played on a neutral ground each team must provide the referee with 2 match standard footballs.

All Cup Finals will be played at a suitable neutral venue supplied by the League. Teams will be required to share the official's fees, pitch fees, and share any cost of stewarding the event. The league will set starting times for Cup Finals.

The Designated Home teams are responsible in all Cup Competitions for the pitch fees up to and including semi-final stage.

For Cup games played at Central venues u7-u13 teams may not request specific kick off times, all games will have random kick off times to ensure fairness to both teams.

Unless games are postponed and rescheduled Original Cup Ties will be scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month starting in October in the playing season.

Referees' fees are to be split equally between both teams in every game

Should penalty kicks be required to determine any cup competition games the referee will follow the current laid down procedure from the International Board with the exception that the minimum number of kicks from the penalty mark in the round will be as follows:

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| 11v11       | 5 penalty kicks each and then rounds of 1 penalty each until a winner is determined. |
| 9v9         | 5 penalty kicks each and then rounds of 1 penalty each until a winner is determined. |
| 7v7         | 3 penalty kicks each and then rounds of 1 penalty each until a winner is determined. |
| Mini Soccer | 3 penalty kicks each and then rounds of 1 penalty each until a winner is determined. |

The HOME team, shall notify the result of each match to the FA Portal by 6:00 p.m. on the day of the match for Saturday/Sunday games and by 6:00 p.m. on the day following the match for mid-week games. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £20.