

CUP RULES

AMATEUR LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP and SAASL RESERVE CUP

1. The following rules (the "Cup Rules") are applicable to the Cup Competitions under the jurisdiction of the South Australian Amateur Soccer League Inc. ("SAASL"), namely:
 - 1.1 AMATEUR LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP ("Challenge Cup")
 - 1.2 SAASL RESERVE CUP ("Reserve Cup")
2. **ELIGIBILITY**
 - 2.1 Any team playing in any division of the SAASL league championship shall be eligible to enter the Challenge Cup.
 - 2.2 Any team playing in any division of the SAASL reserve championship shall be eligible to enter the Reserve Cup
 - 2.3 For the avoidance of doubt, where any club affiliated with the SAASL has more than two teams entered in the SAASL league championship or the reserves championship, then:
 - 2.3.1 All teams from that club that play in a division of the SAASL league championship shall be eligible to enter the Amateur League Challenge Cup; and
 - 2.3.2 All teams from that club that play in the SAASL reserve championship shall be eligible to enter the SAASL Reserve Cup.
3. **ENTRY TO COMPETITION**
 - 3.1 All teams playing in either the league championship or the reserves championship as the case may be, shall automatically be included as entrants to the appropriate cup competition.
4. **WITHDRAWALS**
 - 4.1 Any club withdrawing a team from a cup competition prior to the draw for the first round being made, shall be fined in accordance with the Schedule of Automatic Fines as published from time to time.
 - 4.2 Any club withdrawing a team from a cup competition after the draw for the first round has been made, shall be fined in accordance with the Schedule of Automatic Fines as published from time to time.
 - 4.3 Any club withdrawing the senior team (A team) after the draw for the preliminary round / 1st round shall automatically forfeit the club Reserve Cup draw (if applicable).
 - 4.4 The League reserves the right to substitute a team to replace a team withdrawing from the competition.

- 4.5 Any club withdrawing their RESERVE team after the draw for the Preliminary Round/1st round shall together with any subsequent rounds, automatically be suspended from participation in the Reserve Cup for the forthcoming season together with any fines in accordance with the schedule of automatic fines as published from time to time.
- 4.6 Any club withdrawing their SENIOR team (A team) after the draw for the Preliminary Round/1st round shall together with any subsequent round be automatically suspended AS A CLUB from participation in any cup competition for the forthcoming season together with any fines in accordance with the schedule of automatic fines as published from time to time.

5. **CONDUCT OF COMPETITION**

- 5.1 Fixtures throughout the competition shall be decided by a ballot made by the League and the first of every two teams drawn out during the ballot shall be known as the Home team and the second of every two teams drawn out during the ballot shall be known as the Away team.
- 5.2 Semi-finals and final matches shall be played on grounds nominated by the League Management Committee.
- 5.3 All rounds shall be conducted on a knock-out basis and a club once it has been defeated shall take no further part in the competition.
- 5.4 The winning teams from each round (except the final round) will enter the next round.
- 5.5 The winner of the final round shall be known as the Cup Winner and the loser of the final round shall be known as the Cup Finalist.
- 5.6 The final round (when only two teams are left in the cup competition) shall be known as the Cup Final and the round immediately preceding the cup final (when only four teams are left in the competition) shall be known as the Cup Semi-Finals.

6. **BYES**

- 6.1 No team shall receive more than one bye in the competition.

7. **VENUES, DATES AND TIMES OF PLAY**

- 7.1 All venues, dates of play and kick-off times shall be as directed by the League and may be varied from round to round and may be applied to all teams or to any one team or to a selection of teams in either or both of the cup competitions.

8. **DURATION OF MATCH**

- 8.1 The duration of a game shall be two equal periods of 45 minutes with an interval between the periods of not more than 10 minutes, except for thirds teams and veterans league shall be two equal periods of 40 minutes with an interval between the periods of not more than 10 minutes.

- 8.2 In the event of a match being drawn at the end of normal time as described above, extra time of two periods each of fifteen (15) minutes duration shall be played.
- 8.3 If the result is still a draw after extra time has been played, the match result will be determined by taking "penalty kicks". Penalty kicks in sets of five shall be taken. If still a draw, single penalty kicks shall be taken until such time that a decision is reached. The kicks shall be taken in turn by the two teams and by different players. Note: No player can take a second kick until such time that all players in the team have had their turn.

9. **WALKOVER**

- 9.1 If a match does not start within 30 minutes of the specified kick-off time due to a team failing to appear or in the opinion of the referee, failing to be ready to commence play in the game, then upon receipt of the referee's report, that match shall be considered a walkover to the team present and ready to commence play at the time.
- 9.2 Any club whose team is found to be the cause of a walkover shall be fined in accordance with the Schedule of Automatic Fines as published from time to time.

10. **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

- 10.1 Players taking part in the competition shall be properly registered with the League.
- 10.2 Players competing in the Semi-Final and the Final rounds shall be registered with the club concerned before the last cup round preceding the Semi-Finals.
- 10.3 Any player who has competed in a cup round fixture with a team of one club shall not be eligible to play for a team of another club in either of the cup competitions for any of the remaining rounds of the cup competition during that season.
- 10.4 Any player having played in a Challenge Cup round shall not be eligible to play in any subsequent Reserve Cup round during that season.
- 10.5 For any club that has entered more than one team in the Challenge Cup and Reserve Cup, any player of that club who has played for one of those teams in a Challenge Cup round or Reserve Cup round is NOT eligible to play for the other of the club's teams in a subsequent Challenge Cup round or Reserve Cup Round.
- 10.6 "Played" shall mean that his name has been entered on the team sheets. The only exception being that of the named reserve goal keeper. Providing he does not enter the field of play he will still be eligible to play in either competition, i.e. Reserve Cup or Challenge Cup.
- 10.7 Any club fielding an ineligible player shall forfeit the match concerned and shall be fined in accordance with the League's standard scale.

11. REFEREES AND REFEREES ASSISTANTS

- 11.1 Referees and referees assistants shall, subject to availability and the League's policy as defined from time to time, be appointed to each fixture.
- 11.2 The official referee's and referees assistants fees shall be borne equally by both teams in all rounds before the Semi-Final round, subject to the following:
- 11.2.1 In a completed fixture or an abandoned fixture the referee and referees assistant shall be entitled to the full scheduled fee.
- 11.2.2 If the match shall be postponed, then the match officials shall be entitled to one half of the scheduled fees.
- 11.2.3 If the match shall be declared a walkover, the match officials shall be entitled to the full scheduled fee.
- 11.2.4 If neither the official referee nor an official referees assistant shall be present at the scheduled kick-off time then the provisions of the League Championship Rule 22 shall apply.
- 11.3 Fees of official referees and of official referee's assistants are payable before the commencement of the relevant match.
- 11.4 The League shall pay the fees of match officials in both Cup Semi-Finals and Cup Final rounds.

12. EXPENSES

- 12.1 Ground and all other expenses except referee's and referees assistants' fees shall be paid by the Home club except in the Semi-Finals and Final rounds.

13. SPONSORSHIP

- 13.1 The terms of any sponsorship of the cup competition shall be negotiated by the League.

14. GATE TAKINGS

- 14.1 The League shall retain all gate takings and sponsorship money.

15. TROPHIES

- 15.1 The cups shall be played for annually and shall be held by the winning club until one (1) calendar month prior to its being required by the League's secretary for re-presentation.
- 15.2 The President and Secretary of the winning club may be required to sign an undertaking to guarantee the safe keeping of the perpetual cup and to insure against loss or damage whilst it is in their club's possession.
- 15.3 The cups shall at all times remain the property of the League. It shall be the League's responsibility to suitably inscribe the cup to commemorate the occasion. Should however, a club win either competition on three (3)

successive occasions, the League will provide to the winning club a trophy suitably inscribed to commemorate the occasion.

- 15.4 The participating players, referee and referees assistants shall be presented with suitable medals to commemorate the respective cup finals.

16. **OTHER RULES**

- 16.1 The following League Championship Rules shall apply to this competition:

Rule 8 - Team Sheets

Rule 9 - Identity Cards

Rule 10 - Checking Identity of Players

Rule 12 - Number of Players

Rule 13 - Substitutes

Rule 15 - Grounds, Ground Equipment and Appurtenances

Rule 16 - Team Colours and Equipment

Rule 17 - Investigation and Discipline

Rule 18 - Players Cautioned or Sent Off

Rule 19 - Clubs and Club Officials' Conduct

Rule 20 - Protests and Appeals

Rule 22 - Club Referees and Referees Assistants

Rule 23 - Laws of the Game

Rule 25 - Official Starting Time

Rule 26 - Late Start

Rule 28 - Abandoned and Postponed Fixtures

Rule 29 - Results

Rule 30 - Draw of Fixtures and Venues

17. **AMENDMENTS TO RULES**

- 17.1 These rules may be altered, amended, added to or deleted from only by the League provided that such alterations, amendments, additions or deletions are made and approved by the Management Committee not later than 30 days prior to the commencement of the first round of the cup competition to which they shall first apply.

18. **MATTERS NOT COVERED**

- 18.1 Any matter not provided for in these rules shall be at the discretion of the League and all matters concerning the planning and management of the cup competition shall be vested in the hands of the League.

THE CICHANOWSKI SHIELD

1. The Cichanowski Shield is conducted as a pre-season match between the previous year's winners of the Saturday and Sunday Premier Divisions.
2. The venue for the match will alternate on a yearly basis.
3. The League shall bear the costs of the match officials for this match.
4. In all other respects, the provisions of rule 16.1 of the Cup Rules shall apply.