

RULES OF BANKES' CHARITY CUP FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Amended June 2020

1. The competition shall be known as the BANKES CHARITY CUP FOOTBALL COMPETITION.
2. The competition shall be open to all clubs who are affiliated to the DORSET COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD and other County Associations.
3. The entrance fee shall be as follows:
Senior clubs £40.00, Junior clubs £35.00, Youth Under 18's £35.00, Under 16's £30.00, Under 15's £30.00.
4. **TROPHIES.** The winning clubs in each section will receive a trophy or cup, if numbers permit, medals or awards will be presented to the individual players (maximum of 16) who compete in the final ties.
 - (i) The winning club shall sign an agreement to return the cup suitably inscribed to the competition secretary, on or before 1st March of the following season, and give an undertaking for its safe custody.
5. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.** The AGM of the competition shall be held before the last day of JUNE each year, at which members of the committee, and one delegate from each club who competed in the competition during the previous season shall be entitled to attend. (Teams requiring attendance virtually or in person will contact the secretary in advance).
 - (i) An annual report and balance sheet, which must have been audited, and approved by the committee, shall be presented at the Annual General Meeting.
6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.** At the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING the following officers shall be elected: President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Welfare Officer, Referee Appointments Secretary and Public Relations Officer, along with maximum of 15 members duly elected. A proxy vote by email will be accepted if a committee member is for any reason unable to attend, this must be received by the secretary before the date specified of the AGM. (In the case of a pandemic or illness)
7. **APPEALS.** Any appeal against a decision of the committee shall be directed to the DORSET COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD within 7 days.
8. **PROTESTS, CLAIMS OR COMPLAINTS.** Any protests, claims or complaints, shall be heard by the committee, whose decision will be final, save the RIGHT of APPEAL to the DORSET COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD within stipulated time. Protests must be lodged in writing to the competition secretary within 48 hours of the completion of the match along with a processing fee of £10.00 (refundable if substantiated).

9. All matches in the competition shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Association Football, and the Rules and regulations of the FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION, at the discretion of the competing clubs and the match officials. A game may be reduced to a minimum of 30 minutes each way.
10. **ALLOCATIONS OF CLUBS TO SECTIONS AND QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS.**
- (i) **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY SENIOR COMPETITIONS.**
Clubs and players who compete in the Dorset **PREMIER** League, Dorset **SENIOR** League, Bournemouth **SATURDAY PREMIER** League. Dorset **SUNDAY** League Division 1, Bournemouth **SUNDAY** League Division 1 and its equivalent competitions.
- (ii) **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY JUNIOR COMPETITIONS.**
Clubs and players who compete in the Dorset **SATURDAY** League Division 1 and below, Bournemouth **SATURDAY** League Division 1 and below, Dorset **SUNDAY** League Division 2 and below, Bournemouth **SUNDAY** League Division 2 and below and its equivalent competitions.
- (iii) **YOUTH COMPETITIONS.**
Under 18's, Under 16's and Under 15's will be determined by their age group, and all Rules appertaining to the DORSET COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD will apply.
11. **SUBSTITUTIONS.** A club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game in Saturday Senior, Saturday Junior, Sunday Senior and Sunday Junior competitions, use 3 substitute players in any match of these competitions who may be selected from 3 players. A player who has been substituted, himself becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time, subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of the Association Football. In Under 18's, Under 16's and Under 15's competitions, up to 5 substitutes may be named who may be selected from 5 players. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time (In other words, substitutes are on a "roll on" "roll off" basis).
The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 15 minutes before the start of the match and a player not so named may not take part in that match.
12. **REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS.** When a player's name is registered on the match result sheet that player becomes registered for that club and **cannot play for another club in the same section of the competition.** If an **ineligible** player plays for another club in the same section of the competition the offending club will be fined £20.00, warned as to future conduct and the match result will be decided by the committee. The offending player could face a fine and suspension.
- (i) International clearance, if required, must be obtained and produced to the competition secretary.

13. **CONTRACT PLAYERS.** Contract players will not be allowed to play in the BANKES CHARITY CUP FOOTBALL COMPETITION.
14. **WITHDRAWALS.** A club wishing to withdraw any or all of its teams from the competition, after the draw had been made, must inform the competition secretary in writing. The entry fee will be forfeited and a fine of £20.00 will be imposed.
15. **ARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES.** Clubs will be notified of their fixtures by the competition secretary and a **DEADLINE** for completion of those will be specified. The **FIRST** named (**home**) club will offer **3 DATES** to the away club on which the game **MUST** be played. If the agreement to play the fixture is not reached by the specified date, the **OFFENDING** club will **FORFEIT** the fixture and 3 points (**NO GOALS**) will be awarded to the opposing club.
 - (i) It is permitted for clubs to mutually reverse or re-arrange their fixture with the agreement of the competition secretary.
16. **CONFIRMATION OF FIXTURES.** **HOME** club must confirm fixture with the away club and a referee at least 3 days prior to the fixture. Failure to do so will result in a fine of £20.00.
17. **CORRESPONDENCE.** Any club not corresponding within stipulated time will incur a fine of £20.00.
18. **NON-FULFILMENT OF FIXTURES.** In the event of a club failing to keep its engagement the committee shall have power to inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting club, award the points from the match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents, or otherwise deal with them.
19. **ABANDONED MATCHES.** Matches that are abandoned over which neither club has any control will be re-scheduled by the competition secretary, subject to the committee's decision.
20. **GROUND CRITERIA.** Ground criteria will be the same as per Leagues the entrants play in.
21. **MATCH OFFICIALS.** Match officials will be appointed by the referee appointments secretary and must be notified of the fixture by the **HOME CLUB** at least 3 days prior to the fixture. Qualified assistant referees will only be appointed in the SEMI-FINAL and FINAL ties. In all other matches each club is responsible for providing a club assistant referee. Failure to provide a club assistant referee will result in a fine of £5.00.
 - (i) In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed referee or if no referee has been appointed, the **HOME CLUB** shall be responsible for providing a referee. Failure to provide a referee will result in a fine of £20.00.
22. **PAYMENT TO MATCH OFFICIALS.** The match fees will be: referee £25.00 + 35p per mile travelling expenses. Assistant referees, **if appointed**, £15.00 each + 35p per mile travelling expenses. In the semi-final ties the match expenses shall be equally shared by the two competing clubs. In the final ties referee and assistant referees will receive a memento each and, **if they wish to claim**, travelling expenses of 35 pence per mile.

23. **PLAYING OF MATCHES.** In all group stages of the competition, teams will play each other **ONCE ONLY**.

In **ALL SECTIONS** if there are 3 or 4 entries, there will be only **1 GROUP**. Winner and Runner up will qualify for the FINAL.

- In case of 5, teams will be divided into 2 groups which will be named "A" and "B" one with 3 teams the other with two. The group with 3 teams will apply Rule 23. The group with two teams will play each other twice, both having the chance to play a game at home. Rule 24 will be applied if both teams have the same points to determine the group winner. Winners of both groups will contest the final.
- 6, 7 or 8 entries, teams will be divided into 2 groups which will be named "A" and "B". Winners of each group will qualify for the FINAL.
- 9 entries will be divided into 3 groups of 3 teams which will be named "A", "B" and "C". Winner of each group and the Best Runner Up will qualify for the SEMI-FINALS.
- 10 entries will be divided into 2 groups of 3 teams and 1 group of 4 teams which will be named "A", "B" and "C". Winner of each group and the Best Runner Up will qualify for the SEMI-FINALS.
- 11 entries will be divided into 2 groups of 4 teams and 1 group of 3 teams which will be named "A", "B" and "C". Winner of each group and the Best Runner Up will qualify for the SEMI-FINALS.
- 12 entries will be divided into 3 groups of 4 teams which will be named "A", "B" and "C". Winner of each group and the Best Runner Up will qualify for the SEMI-FINALS.
- 13 entries will be divided into 3 groups of 3 teams and 1 group of 4 teams which will be named "A", "B", "C" and "D". Winner of each group will qualify for the SEMI-FINALS.
- 14 entries will be divided into 2 groups of 4 teams and 2 groups of 3 teams which will be named "A", "B", "C" and "D". Winner of each group will qualify for the SEMI-FINALS.
- 15 entries will be divided into 3 groups of 4 teams and 1 group of 3 teams which will be named "A", "B", "C" and "D". Winner of each group will qualify for the SEMI-FINALS.
- 16 entries will be divided into 4 groups of 4 teams which will be named "A", "B", "C" and "D". Winner of each group will qualify for the SEMI-FINALS.

24. **DETERMINING WINNERS AND RUNNERS UP OF THE GROUPS.** Team rankings within the group 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 group, at the conclusion, shall be adjudged the WINNERS or BEST RUNNERS UP. In the event of **TWO** or more teams being equal on points team rankings will be decided in any one or more of the following ways: -
- (i) goal difference
 - (ii) goals scored or deciding match(es) played under conditions determined by the committee.
25. **SEMI-FINAL TIES.** Semi-final ties will be in a form of a knockout competition. Fixtures will be:
- Winner of group "A" v Winner of group "B",
 - Winner of group "C" v Winner of group "D".
- If there are only 3 groups, SEMI-FINALS will be:
- Winner of group "A" v Winner of group "B"
 - Winner of group "C" v Best Runner Up.
26. **DECIDING OF MATCHES IN SEMI-FINAL AND FINAL TIES.** In all semi-final and final ties if the scores are level at the end of normal time, the match will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark. Should either or both teams refuse to continue, one or both, shall be ruled out of the competition.
27. **TEAM SHEETS.** In all matches teams are required to exchange team sheets in the presence of the referee at least 15 minutes prior to the kick off. The result of the match must be sent with the team sheets to the competition secretary, by **BOTH CLUBS**, WITHIN 2 DAYS OF THE COMPLETION OF THE MATCH. In addition, the **HOME CLUB** must telephone or e-mail the match result to the competition secretary within **24** hours of the completion of the match. Failure to do this, clubs will be liable to a fine of £20.00 on each occasion and could lead to disqualification from the competition
28. **IN ALL MATCHES GATE MONEY OR A COLLECTION SHALL BE TAKEN.** The whole proceeds of the competition less expenses will be donated to any charity at the discretion of the committee.
29. **ANY ISSUES NOT COVERED BY THE BANKES' CHARITY CUP FOOTBALL COMPETITION RULES WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE RULES OF THE DORSET COUNTY FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION LTD.**