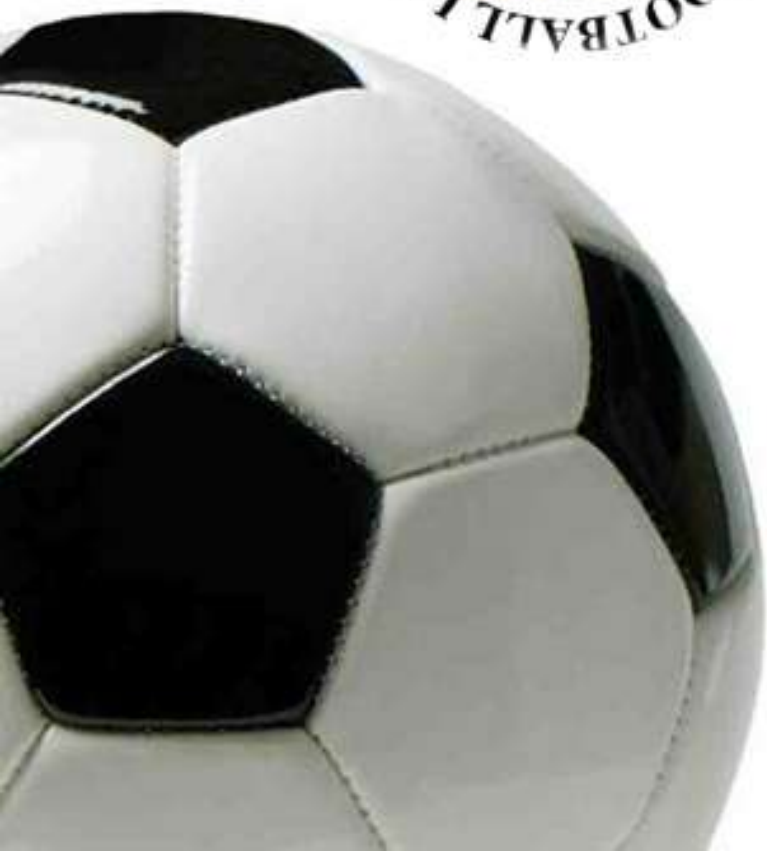


Grimsby & District Football League 2011-2012



Cup Competitions Rule Book

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**THE GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE,
WAR MEMORIAL, GRIMSBY EVENING TELEGRAPH
AND BELLAMY CUP COMPETITIONS**

RULES

NAME OF COMPETITION

1. This Competition(s) shall be called the War Memorial Cup in Division One and the Grimsby Evening Telegraph Cup in Division Two and the Bellamy Cup for teams in Division Three and shall be conducted on the knock-out system. All matches shall be played and carried out in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game.

ENTRY LIMITED TO LEAGUE CLUBS

2. (A) The Cup/Trophy shall be open for annual Competition amongst teams of affiliated Club Members of the Competition(s) stated in Rule 1 as the Management Committee may from time to time decide
(B) The Entry Fee shall be £8.00 per Team payable on or before 31st May in each year.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the same time and place as the Grimsby & District Saturday Football League competition Annual General Meeting.
(B) The Officers of the Competition shall be the same as those elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Grimsby & District Football League.
(C) Any suggested alterations to these rules may be made but they must have been submitted in writing to the Competition secretary before 1st April in each year and 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.

CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

4. The entire control of the Competition shall be in the hands of the Management Committee of the Grimsby & District Saturday Football League Competition.

GATE RECEIPTS AND PROCEEDS OF COMPETITION

5. 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 immediately after the game.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

6. (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.

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.

DURATION OF GAME AND CLUB COLOURS

7. (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, the game will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the instructions in 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. (See Rule 14)
- (B) If in the opinion of the Referee two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away Team shall change.
- Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from other Players and the Referee.
- (C) In all matches players' shirts shall be clearly numbered or a fine of £5.00 will be imposed.
- (D) Goal nets must be provided in all games.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS AND INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

8. (A) No Player shall play for more than one competing Club or Team in the same season. Each individual must be a registered League Competition Player of the Club or Team for which he happens to compete at least seven clear calendar days previous to the registered date fixed for playing the game, or seven clear calendar days previous to the date on which the match is played. 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.

Players of Clubs with more than one Team may not play in a lower Division team than which they are registered.

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, drawn or replayed ties after the term of his suspension has expired. Only Players who were eligible to play for their Club or Team 14 days before the registered date of the semi-final shall be allowed to play in the semi-final or Final.

(B) Ineligible Player – any Club playing an ineligible Player shall be struck out of the Competition and fined £10.00 per ineligible Player.

Teams shall not include any player who has taken part in any six or more senior Competition matches during the current season. For the purpose of this Competition, a senior Competition is Supply League and above.

APPOINTMENT AND CHARGES OF REFEREES AND LATE STARTS

9. (A) Referees shall be appointed as directed by the Management Committee and in any match prior to the semi-final each Club shall appoint an efficient Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00.

In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. The Referee thus appointed shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.

(B) Officials appointed under this rule shall be entitled to charge Referee's /Assistant Referees fee of £18/£11, this being inclusive of travelling expenses. A Referee/Assistant Referee is entitled to half fee 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.

(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.

(E) 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.

OBJECTIONS AND PROTESTS

10. 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 £10.00 which shall be forfeited if the protest or objection fails.

ARRANGEMENTS AND REGISTRATION OF ROUNDS

11. (A) Dates shall be appointed by the Management Committee for each round at the Annual General Meeting, and immediately furnished to the secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd, and all matches must be decided on or before the dates so chosen, unless the special permission of the Management Committee be 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 15(B) be replayed in its entirety on a date decided by the Fixtures secretary.

NOTICE OF RESULTS

12. The Registrations secretary must receive from each Club within four clear days of the match taking place the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname in block letter of the Team Players and substitutes and also the Referee markings.

Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00 for each offence and/or the Club being dealt with as The Management Committee may decide.

The Home Club is responsible for telephoning the result of the match to the Fixtures secretary by 5pm for Saturday matches, and 9.pm for evening matches, on the day of the match. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00 for each offence.

CLUBS NOT ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW IN SEMI-FINALS OR FINAL

13. 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 £10.00 shall be imposed.

In the event of a drawn game no Club shall be allowed to withdraw except by permission of the Management Committee. 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.

PROCEDURE FOR DRAWN GAMES

14. In the event of a draw at full time, the game will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, this to include all rounds up to and including the final, said kicks to be taken in accordance with the instructions in the Football Association Handbook.

POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

15. (A) The Management Committee shall have power for breach of Rules or other misconduct to inflict fines upon Clubs, 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 20.

(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 both 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 Ltd or the appropriate County Football Association.

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

16. (A) A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause, the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to is so provides or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide.

(B) 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 the _____ FC members of and representing the club having been declared the winner of the _____ 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 March 1st in each year, or when called for by the Management Committee, and for its keeping in the meanwhile.

Such Cup or Trophy must be returned in the condition it was presented to the Club or a fine of £25.00 will be imposed. If the Cup or Trophy is not returned by the prescribed date a fine of £10.00 will be imposed. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged while under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or cost of its thorough repair.

(C) At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners/runners up if the funds of the Competition permit. The presentation of any other mementoes or souvenirs is not allowed unless permission has been previously obtained from the Competition.

PRECEDENCE OF OTHER COMPETITIONS

17. The Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Competitions shall take precedence over any fixtures arranged under the rules of this Competition.

BOARD OF APPEAL

18. 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 Ltd including a fee of £35.00 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.

CLUBS ENTERING OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS

19. A Club having been granted permission by the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd 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 Ltd without their permission.

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

20. 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 18.

Each Club in the Competition must be supplied with 2 complete copies of the Competition Rules free of charge.

SUBSTITUTES

21. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use three substitute Players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from five Players. The Referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes 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.

FINES

22. All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of date of posting of the written notification. If fines are not paid within 14 days then they will be doubled. Clubs, Club Officials or individuals committing a breach of this rule will incur further penalties as the Management Committee may impose.

DISCLAIMER

23. The Competition disclaims any responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury incurred during the Competition.

REIMBURSEMENT OF MONEY

24. Clubs wishing to report players or officials who have failed to reimburse them for monies paid on their behalf must do so to the secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association within a period of six weeks from the initial date of notification of the fine or charge to the Club concerned. Reports outside of this period will not be entertained.

PAYMENTS

25. All payments to the League made by cheque or postal order should be made payable to "The Grimsby & District Football League". Should any cheques be returned unpaid by the bank, the defaulting Club shall be responsible for charges incurred, and henceforth shall only be

permitted to settle their account by cash payments.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT FOOTBALL LEAGUE, RON BEVERS SENIOR CHALLENGE CUP

RULES

NAME OF COMPETITION

1. This Competition(s) shall be called the Ron Bevers senior 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 Bye-laws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game.

ENTRY LIMITED TO LEAGUE CLUBS

2. (A) The Cup/Trophy shall be open for annual Competition amongst teams of affiliated Club Members of the Competition(s) stated in Rule 1 as the Management Committee may from time to time decide
(B) The Entry Fee shall be £8.00 per Team payable on or before 31st May in each year.
(C) All clubs must enter the Ron Bevers senior Challenge Cup. A Club having more than one team must enter its team in the highest division.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the same time and place as the Grimsby & District Saturday Football League competition Annual General Meeting.
(B) The Officers of the Competition shall be the same as those elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Grimsby & District Football League.
(C) Any suggested alterations to these rules may be made but they must have been submitted in writing to the Competition secretary before 1st April in each year and 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.

CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

4. The entire control of the Competition shall be in the hands of the Management Committee of the Grimsby & District Saturday Football League Competition.

GATE RECEIPTS AND PROCEEDS OF COMPETITION

5. 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 immediately after the game.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

6. (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.

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.

DURATION OF GAME AND CLUB COLOURS

7. (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, the game will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the instructions in 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. (See Rule 14)
- (B) If in the opinion of the Referee two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away Team shall change.
- Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from other Players and the Referee.
- (C) In all matches players' shirts shall be clearly numbered or a fine of £5.00 will be imposed.
- (D) Goal nets must be provided in all games.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS AND INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

8. (A) No Player shall play for more than one competing Club or Team in the same season. Each individual must be a registered League Competition Player of the Club or Team for which he happens to compete at least seven clear calendar days previous to the registered date fixed for playing the game, or seven clear calendar days previous to the date on which the match is played. 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.

Players of Clubs with more than one Team may not play in a lower Division team than which they are registered.

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, drawn or replayed ties after the term of his suspension has expired. Only Players who were eligible to play for their Club or Team 14 days before the registered date of the semi-final shall be allowed to play in the semi-final or Final.

(B) Ineligible Player – any Club playing an ineligible Player shall be struck out of the Competition and fined £10.00 per ineligible Player.

Teams shall not include any player who has taken part in any six or more senior Competition matches during the current season. For the purpose of this Competition, a senior Competition is Supply League and above.

APPOINTMENT AND CHARGES OF REFEREES AND LATE STARTS

9. (A) Referees shall be appointed as directed by the Management Committee and in any match prior to the semi-final each Club shall appoint an efficient Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00.

In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. The Referee thus appointed shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.

(B) Officials appointed under this rule shall be entitled to charge Referee's /Assistant Referees fee of £18/£11, this being inclusive of travelling expenses. A Referee/Assistant Referee is entitled to half fee 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.

(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.

(E) 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.

OBJECTIONS AND PROTESTS

10. 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 £10.00 which shall be forfeited if the protest or objection fails.

ARRANGEMENTS AND REGISTRATION OF ROUNDS

11. (A) Dates shall be appointed by the Management Committee for each round at the Annual General Meeting, and immediately furnished to the secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd, and all matches must be decided on or before the dates so chosen, unless the special permission of the Management Committee be 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 15(B) be replayed in its entirety on a date decided by the Fixtures secretary.

NOTICE OF RESULTS

12. The Registrations secretary must receive from each Club within four clear days of the match taking place the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname in block letter of the Team Players and substitutes and also the Referee markings.

Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00 for each offence and/or the Club being dealt with as The Management Committee may decide.

The Home Club is responsible for telephoning the result of the match to the Fixtures secretary by 5pm for Saturday matches, and 9.pm for evening matches, on the day of the match. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00 for each offence.

CLUBS NOT ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW IN SEMI-FINALS OR FINAL

13. 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 £10.00 shall be imposed.

In the event of a drawn game no Club shall be allowed to withdraw except by permission of the Management Committee. 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.

PROCEDURE FOR DRAWN GAMES

14. In the event of a draw at full time, the game will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, this to include all rounds up to and including the final, said kicks to be taken in accordance with the instructions in the Football Association Handbook.

POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

15. (A) The Management Committee shall have power for breach of Rules or other misconduct to inflict fines upon Clubs, 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 20.

(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 both 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 Ltd or the appropriate County Football Association.

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

16. (A) A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause, the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to is so provides or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide.

(B) 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 the _____ FC members of and representing the club having been declared the winner of the _____ 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 March 1st in each year, or when called for by the Management Committee, and for its keeping in the meanwhile.

Such Cup or Trophy must be returned in the condition it was presented to the Club or a fine of £25.00 will be imposed. If the Cup or Trophy is not returned by the prescribed date a fine of £10.00 will be imposed. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged while under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or cost of its thorough repair.

(C) At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners/runners up if the funds of the Competition permit. The presentation of any other mementoes or souvenirs is not allowed unless permission has been previously obtained from the Competition.

PRECEDENCE OF OTHER COMPETITIONS

17. The Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Competitions shall take precedence over any fixtures arranged under the rules of this Competition.

BOARD OF APPEAL

18. 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 Ltd including a fee of £35.00 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.

CLUBS ENTERING OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS

19. A Club having been granted permission by the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd 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 Ltd without their permission.

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

20. 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 18.

Each Club in the Competition must be supplied with 2 complete copies of the Competition Rules free of charge.

SUBSTITUTES

21. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use three substitute Players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from five Players. The Referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes 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.

FINES

22. All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of date of posting of the written notification. If fines are not paid within 14 days then they will be doubled. Clubs, Club Officials or individuals committing a breach of this rule will incur further penalties as the Management Committee may impose.

DISCLAIMER

23. The Competition disclaims any responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury incurred during the Competition.

REIMBURSEMENT OF MONEY

24. Clubs wishing to report players or officials who have failed to reimburse them for monies paid on their behalf must do so to the secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association within a period of six weeks from the initial date of notification of the fine or charge to the Club concerned. Reports outside of this period will not be entertained.

PAYMENTS

25. All payments to the League made by cheque or postal order should be made payable to "The Grimsby & District Football League". Should any cheques be returned unpaid by the bank, the defaulting Club shall be responsible for charges incurred, and henceforth shall only be

permitted to settle their account by cash payments.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY SHIELD

RULES

NAME OF COMPETITION

1. This Competition(s) shall be called the supplementary shield and shall be conducted on the knock-out system. All matches shall be played and carried out in accordance with the Rules, Regulations and Bye-laws of the Football Association and the Laws of the Game.

ENTRY LIMITED TO LEAGUE CLUBS

2. (A) The Cup/Trophy shall be open for annual Competition amongst teams of affiliated Club Members of the Competition(s) stated in Rule 1 as the Management Committee may from time to time decide.

(B) The Entry Fee shall be £8.00 per Team payable when requested by the Management Committee.

(C) Only teams who have participated in their first game of the War Memorial, Grimsby Evening Telegraph and Bellamy Cup and lost, may take part in the supplementary shield Competition.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

3. (A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the same time and place as the Grimsby & District Saturday Football League competition Annual General Meeting.

(B) The Officers of the Competition shall be the same as those elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Grimsby & District Football League.

(C) Any suggested alterations to these rules may be made but they must have been submitted in writing to the Competition secretary before 1st April in each year and 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.

CONTROL OF COMPETITIONS

4. The entire control of the Competition shall be in the hands of the Management Committee of the Grimsby & District Saturday Football League Competition.

GATE RECEIPTS AND PROCEEDS OF COMPETITION

5. 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 immediately after the game.

FINAL ARRANGEMENTS

6. (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.

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.

DURATION OF GAME AND CLUB COLOURS

7. (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, the game will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the instructions in 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. (See Rule 14)
- (B) If in the opinion of the Referee two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away Team shall change.
- Goalkeepers must wear colours, which distinguish them from other Players and the Referee.
- (C) In all matches players' shirts shall be clearly numbered or a fine of £5.00 will be imposed.
- (D) Goal nets must be provided in all games.

QUALIFICATIONS OF PLAYERS AND INELIGIBLE PLAYERS

8. (A) No Player shall play for more than one competing Club or Team in the same season. Each individual must be a registered League Competition Player of the Club or Team for which he happens to compete at least seven clear calendar days previous to the registered date fixed for playing the game, or seven clear calendar days previous to the date on which the match is played. 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.

Players of Clubs with more than one Team may not play in a lower Division team than which they are registered.

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, drawn or replayed ties after the term of his suspension has expired. Only Players who were eligible to play for their Club or Team 14 days before the registered date of the semi-final shall be allowed to play in the Semi-final or Final.

(B) Ineligible Player – any Club playing an ineligible Player shall be struck out of the Competition and fined £10.00 per ineligible Player.

Teams shall not include any player who has taken part in any six or more senior Competition matches during the current season. For the purpose of this Competition, a senior Competition is supply League and above.

APPOINTMENT AND CHARGES OF REFEREES AND LATE STARTS

9. (A) Referees shall be appointed as directed by the Management Committee and in any match prior to the semi final each Club shall appoint an efficient Assistant Referee. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00.

In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed Referee the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. The Referee thus appointed shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee.

(B) Officials appointed under this rule shall be entitled to charge Referee's /Assistant Referees fee of £18/£11, this being inclusive of travelling expenses. A Referee/Assistant Referee is entitled to half fee 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.

(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.

(E) 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.

OBJECTIONS AND PROTESTS

10. 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 £10.00 which shall be forfeited if the protest or objection fails.

Arrangements and Registration of Rounds

11. (A) Dates shall be appointed by the Management Committee for each round at the Annual General Meeting, and immediately furnished to the secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd, and all matches must be decided on or before the dates so chosen, unless the special permission of the Management Committee be 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 15(B) be replayed in its entirety on a date decided by the Fixtures secretary.

NOTICE OF RESULTS

12. The Registrations secretary must receive from each Club within four clear days of the match taking place the result of each Competition match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname in block letter of the Team Players and substitutes and also the Referee markings.

Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00 for each offence and/or the Club being dealt with as the Management Committee may decide.

The Home Club is responsible for telephoning the result of the match to the Fixtures secretary by 5pm for Saturday matches, and 9pm for evening matches, on the day of the match. Failure to do so will incur a fine of £5.00 for each offence.

CLUBS NOT ALLOWED TO WITHDRAW IN SEMI-FINALS OR FINAL

13. 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 £10.00 shall be imposed.

In the event of a drawn game no Club shall be allowed to withdraw except by permission of the Management Committee. 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.

PROCEDURE FOR DRAWN GAMES

14. In the event of a draw at full time, the game will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, this to include all rounds up to and including the final, said kicks to be taken in accordance with the instructions in the Football Association Handbook.

POWERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

15. (A) The Management Committee shall have power for breach of Rules or other misconduct to inflict fines upon Clubs, 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 20.

(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 both 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 Ltd or the appropriate County Football Association.

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

16. (A) A Competition Cup or Trophy shall be vested in the Association sanctioning the Competition as Trustees. If a Competition be discontinued for any cause, the Cup or Trophy shall be returned to the Donor, if the conditions attached to it so provides or otherwise dealt with as the Association may decide.

(B) 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 the _____ FC members of and representing the club having been declared the winner of the _____ 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 March 1st in each year, or when called for by the Management Committee, and for its keeping in the meanwhile. Such Cup or Trophy must be returned in the condition it was presented to the Club or a fine of £25.00 will be imposed. If the Cup or Trophy is not returned by the prescribed date a fine of £10.00 will be imposed. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged while under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or cost of its thorough repair.

(C) At the close of each Competition awards shall be made to the winners/runners up if the funds of the Competition permit. The presentation of any other mementoes or souvenirs is not allowed unless permission has been previously obtained from the Competition.

PRECEDENCE OF OTHER COMPETITIONS

17. The Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd Competitions shall take precedence over any

fixtures arranged under the rules of this Competition.

BOARD OF APPEAL

18. 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 Ltd including a fee of £35.00 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.

CLUBS ENTERING OUTSIDE COMPETITIONS

19. A Club having been granted permission by the Lincolnshire Football Association Ltd 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 Ltd without their permission.

RULES BINDING ON CLUBS

20. 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 18.

Each Club in the Competition must be supplied with 2 complete copies of the Competition Rules free of charge.

SUBSTITUTES

21. A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use three substitute Players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from five Players.

The Referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes 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.

FINES

22. All fines and charges shall be paid within 14 days of date of posting of the written notification. If fines are not paid within 14 days then they will be doubled. Clubs, Club Officials or individuals committing a breach of this rule will incur further penalties as the Management Committee may impose.

DISCLAIMER

23. The Competition disclaims any responsibility for any loss, damage, or injury incurred during the Competition.

REIMBURSEMENT OF MONEY

24. Clubs wishing to report players or officials who have failed to reimburse them for monies paid on their behalf must do so to the secretary of the Lincolnshire Football Association within a period of six weeks from the initial date of notification of the fine or charge to the Club concerned. Reports outside of this period will not be entertained.

PAYMENTS

25. All payments to the League made by cheque or postal order should be made payable to "The Grimsby & District Football League". Should any cheques be returned unpaid by the bank, the defaulting Club shall be responsible for charges incurred, and henceforth shall only be permitted to settle their account by cash payments.

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS OBTAINING A RESULT

TAKING OF KICKS FROM THE PENALTY MARK

The International Board at its Meeting on the 27th June, 1970 accepted a proposal by the Federation Internationale de Football Association that the practice of drawing lots to determine which of two teams in a drawn match should proceed to a later state of a knock-out competition or receive the trophy (if any) be discontinued and replaced by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark which shall not be considered part of the match, subject to the following conditions:

1. The referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks shall be taken.
2. The referee tosses a coin, and the team whose captain wins the toss decides whether to take the first kick or the second kick.
3. (A) subject to the terms of the following paragraphs (C) and (D) both teams shall take five kicks.
(B) The kicks shall be taken alternatively.
(C) If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could, even if it were to complete its five kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease.
(D) If, after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, the taking of kicks shall continue, in the same order, until such times as both have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more kicks) and one has scored a goal more than the other.
4. The team which scores the greater number of goals, whether the number of kicks taken is in accordance with the terms of the foregoing paragraph (3a), (3c) or (3d) shall qualify for the next round of the Competition, or shall be declared winner of the Competition, as the case may be.
5. (A) With the exception referred to in the following paragraph (B) only the players who are on the field of play at the end of the match, which shall mean at the end of extra time in so far as a match in which extra time is authorised, is concerned, and any who, having left the field temporarily, with or without the referee's permission, are not on the field of play at that time, shall take part in the taking of the kicks.
(B) Provided that his team has not already made use of the maximum number of substitutes permitted by the rules of the Competition under which the match was played, a goalkeeper who sustains an injury during the taking of the kicks, and who, because of the injury, is unable to continue as a goalkeeper, may be replaced a substitute.
6. Each kick shall be taken by a different player, and not until all eligible players of any team, including the goalkeeper or the named substitute by whom he was replaced in terms of paragraph (5) as the case may be, have each taken a kick, may a player of the same team take a second kick.
7. Subject to the terms of paragraph (5) any player who is eligible may change places with his goalkeeper at any time during the taking of the kicks.
8. (A) Other than the player taking the kick from the penalty mark, and the two goalkeepers, all players shall remain within the centre circle whilst the taking of kicks is in progress.
(B) The goalkeeper who is a colleague of the kicker, shall take up position within the field of play, outside the penalty area at which the kicks are being taken, behind the line which runs parallel with goal line, and at least 10 yards from the penalty mark.
9. Unless stated to the contrary in the foregoing paragraphs 1 to 8, the Laws of the Game, and the International Board Decisions relating thereto, shall, in so far as they can, apply at the taking of the kicks.

N.B. In the event of the light failing before the end of the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, the result shall be decided by a drawing of lots.

