



COMPETITION RULES

1. No club may take part in the competition until confirmation of FA affiliation number is given in writing to the co-ordinator/secretary.
2. Teams must complete all fixtures as required by the Management Committee. Failure to comply may result in an FA or League ban in the future.
3. Goal difference shall NOT decide league placings. Teams finishing level on points in the leagues/competitions where they have played each other more than once shall be decided by a play off. In league/competitions where the teams have played each other only once, then the result of that game counts first. In the event of a draw the management committee shall decide.
4. Each player shall be younger than the age dictated by his/her league on 31 August, ie. under 7 must be 6 or younger on 31 st August.
- 5.a) Each Manager will obtain a copy of each players birth certificate for production upon the request of the Co-ordinator/Secretary.
 - b). Squad/Registration Forms must be completed and signed by the Manager or Secretary and returned completed to Co-ordinator/Secretary prior to first game.
 - c). The maximum number of players registered at any one time is 18 at under 7/10 and 24 at under 11 upwards.
 - d). New/Additional players can only be registered prior to 31 January provided they have not played for another team in the Hightown League during that Season.
 - e). Players can only be transferred from within the Hightown League during the transfer window (31 December - 31 January) and with the written consent of both Managers.
 - f). Academy/Centre of Excellence category A & B players are permitted to play at under 9/10 but only with the written consent of the Academy/Centre of Excellence director.
 - g). Category A & B players are not permitted to play at under 11 or above.
- 6.a). It is the responsibility of the Manager/Secretary to ensure that each of the above rules is adhered to, breach of age/registration rules will result in the team losing all league points to date and/or exclusion from competition.
 - b). Accusation of breach of Age/Registration rules will only be accepted in writing from Managers/Secretary's supported by a £30.00 Bond. If the accusation is confirmed by the Management Committee the bond will be returned and the guilty team dealt with accordingly, if however, the accusations is unsubstantiated then the wronged team shall retain the bond. The management decision is final in all such matters.