

2019-20 YEL KNOCKOUT COMPETITION RULES

Approved at the SGM 4th September 2019

These rules cover all knockout games played under the management of the YEL.

1. GENERAL

- I. Payment of the league entry fee will give, U9s teams and upwards, automatic entry to one of the knockout competitions
- II. Teams will be entered in to either the “Cup” or “Trophy” or other competition at the discretion of the League
- III. The YEL Cups and Trophies are Saturday/Sunday (depending on section) competitions.

2. PLAYING TIME

- I. The period of play shall be the same as league matches. In the event of the scores in a match being level at the end of normal time, extra time shall be played, in two equal periods of 10 minutes each way for 9v9 and 11v11 games and 5 minutes each way for mini soccer 5v5 and 7v7 games
- II. In all rounds, if after extra time the scores are still level, then the result will be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty spot in accordance with the Laws of the Game

3. REFEREES, ASSISTANT REFEREES ETC

Referees will be allocated, where possible, by YEL Referees Appointments. All U11s and upwards finals will have a referee and assistant referees. U9 and U10 finals will only have a referee appointed

4. PLAYERS

- I. All players shall have been registered and verified by the league prior to the original date of the match to qualify.
- II. No player shall play for more than one Saturday team and one Sunday team in any season's knockout competitions.
- III. **U11s upwards** - No player shall be eligible to play in a semi final or final unless they have played at least 3 Cup/League matches for that team during that season. **U9s & U10s** – No player shall be

eligible to play in a semi final or final unless they have played at least 3 Cup/League/Friendly matches for that team during the season. In age groups, eligibility will be confirmed by reference to FA Full-Time. It is therefore essential that teams keep FA Full-Time up to date

IV. Any Club playing an ineligible player shall be automatically disqualified from the competition and may be otherwise dealt with as the committee may determine

V. The Football Committee may, at its discretion, reinstate teams to replace expelled teams

VI. A match cannot take place when teams do not have the minimum numbers of players as shown in the table below. Any team that fails to play due to low numbers will be removed from the competition and the tie awarded to the opposing team. Teams should wait a maximum 30 minutes after the appointed kick off time for the minimum number of players to start the game to arrive.

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5v5	4
7v7	5
9v9	7
11v11	7

5. GROUNDS

- I. The Management Committee has the power to arrange neutral venues for all rounds including the semi-finals, otherwise the first drawn team will be deemed the home team and will provide the pitch
- II. Finals will be played at a venue decided by the Football Committee

6. CUP COLOURS

In the event of a clash of colours League rules shall apply up to and including the quarter finals. In semi-finals and finals both teams will change kit.

7. TEAM SHEETS AND MATCH REPORTS

The match report must be sent to the league after the match as per league rules. This also includes the Final. Team sheets must be completed and a copy supplied to the opposition manager and referee prior to kick off detailing the full names and shirt numbers of all players who are starting and a list of the substitutes to be used. League player ID must be checked, as per league rule 8(J) failure to do so will lead to a void fixture. League rules will apply.

8. OTHER MATTERS

- I. Pitch expenses for YEL Cup games up to Semi Finals to be paid by the home team.
- II. Where a neutral venue is used teams will share the cost of venue and officials fees/expenses.
- III. Where semi-finals do not take place at neutral venues, the home team is to pay for venue but match officials costs are to be shared by the competing teams
- IV. The league shall not set cup matches or force clubs to play within Nottingham school holiday periods
- V. Ties will be played on the day appointed by the league. Ties can only be postponed under exceptional circumstances which will be adjudicated on a case by case basis by the league.
- VI. Once announced the date of the final cannot be changed
- VII. Unless otherwise stated above the League Rules will apply.
- VIII. Ties in rounds up to and including the semi final can only be brought forward with the agreement of both teams AND the league. Any matches brought forward can only be played on the Monday to Friday directly preceding the advertised date of the fixture.