Crowborough & District Junior Football League

Register of Proposed Rule Changes for 2023/24

Rule Number	2022/23 Wording	2023/2024 Wording	Rationale for Change
5 (A)	The Management Committee shall comprise the	The Management Committee shall comprise the	Missing wording ("a maximum of") was deleted in
	Officers of the Competition and 10 members who	Officers of the Competition and a maximum of 10	error in a previous year, so has been reintroduced.
	shall all be elected at the AGM.	members who shall all be elected at the AGM.	
5 (F)	n/a	Personal callers will not be permitted at the home of	This is a CDJFL-specific addition to the Standard
		any member of the Management Committee unless	Code of Rules for Youth Football (SCORY) that was
		prior arrangement has been agreed. Telephone calls	sanctioned by SCFA and formed part of the League
		to members of the Management Committee will only	rules in the past. An administrative error led to this
		be permitted between the hours of 9.00am and	rule being omitted from the League rules at some
		9.00pm.	point when the annual update was made, and it was
			never reintroduced. This reintroduction is to rectify
		Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in	that error.
		accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
7 (H)	n/a	If requested by all parties concerned, the	This is a CDJFL-specific addition to the Standard
		Management Committee may determine any	Code of Rules for Youth Football (SCORY) that was
		disputes, protests, appeals, clams or complaints	sanctioned by SCFA and formed part of the League
		between two Clubs in which event both Clubs shall	rules in the past. An administrative error led to this
		send a non-returnable fee, as stated in the Fees	rule being omitted from the League rules at some
		Tariff. Such determination shall be final and binding	point when the annual update was made, and it was
		upon the parties concerned. The procedure for such	never reintroduced. This reintroduction is to rectify
		determination shall be determined by the	that error.
		Management Committee.	
11 (A)	All existing member clubs must re-affiliate to the	All existing member clubs must re-affiliate to the	Second paragraph added to allow for late entries and
	League each season by 31st May using the prescribed	League each season by 31st May using the prescribed	to introduce a late entry fee.
	form. Any Club intending, or having provisional	form. Any Club intending, or having provisional	
	intention, to withdraw from the Competition must	intention, to withdraw from the Competition must	Third paragraph added to formalise the date after
	inform the Secretary or nominated officer in writing	inform the Secretary or nominated officer in writing	which we will fine for withdrawals, for greater clarity
	by 31st May of the year in which they intend to	by 31st May of the year in which they intend to	for member clubs.
	withdraw. This does not apply to a Club moving in	withdraw. This does not apply to a Club moving in	
	accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with	accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with	
	this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the	this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the	
	Fines Tariff.	Fines Tariff.	
		Applications for manharship from larged as	
		Applications for membership from lapsed or	
1		prospective new member clubs after 31st May may	

		be accepted at the discretion of the Management Committee and subject to a late entry fee as per the fees tariff. No applications shall be accepted after the date on which fixtures are published. Any affiliated club wishing to withdraw a Team from the Competition entered for the forthcoming season must do so by one week before the last Sunday in July. This does not apply to a Team moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
18 (A)	A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has registered through WGS. Any registration that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed and the player classed as unregistered. If a Club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via the Player Registration System, the registration will not be processed. For Clubs registering Players via the Player Registration System Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process. The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player's proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has registered through the FA Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition. Any registration that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed and the player classed as unregistered. If a Club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via the Player Registration System, the registration will not be processed. Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process. The registration document must incorporate a current passport-size photograph of the Player seeking registration together with confirmation that the Player's proof of date of birth has been checked by the Club and is accurate. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	First paragraph wording amended to mirror the way the system used to register players is referred to in SCORY. Removal of redundant first sentence in third paragraph.
18 (B) ii	A Player registered with a Premier League or English Football League Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in	A Player registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition, except for	Wording on eligibility updated to mirror change to rule implemented in SCORY.

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	this Competition. Details of the Youth Development	those in the under 11 age-group and below where	
	Rules are published on The FA website. A Player	consent has been given by the relevant Premier	
	registered with a FA Girls' Regional Talent Club may	League or EFL Academy (such consent can be	
	play in this Competition subject to the FA Programme	withdrawn at any time). Trial players are not	
	for Excellence (Female) Regulations.	considered to be registered with a Premier League or	
		EFL Academy for these purposes and therefore the	
		prohibition on playing in the Competition does not	
		apply to them. The relevant Premier League/EFL	
		Academy remains responsible for managing the	
		frequency of the player's playing time. Details of the	
		Youth Development Rules are published on The FA	
		website. A Player registered with an FA Emerging	
		Talent Centre or an FA Professional Game Academy	
		may play in this Competition subject to the FA Girls'	
		Emerging Talent Centre Operating Criteria and	
		Professional Game Academy Youth Development	
		Rules.	
18 (I)	A Player who has not played any games in any League	A Player who has not played any games in any League	Wording amended to clarify that players of folded
	in England in the preceding twelve months may be	in England in the preceding twelve months may be	teams can be transferred to another team at the
	registered for a Club in the Competition at any point	registered for a Club in the Competition at any point	same club or to a team at a new club.
	in the season.	in the season.	same club or to a team at a new club.
	A Player whose team at a member Club has folded	Subject to squad places being available as per Rule	
	with all other teams at the Club having the maximum	18(S), a player whose Team at a member Club has	
	permitted squad numbers may transfer to another	folded may be transferred to another team at the	
	Club in the Competition at any point in the season.	same Club or to a Team at another Club in the	
		Competition at any point in the season.	
	Any other Player may only be registered for a Club or	, ,	
	transferred to another Club in the Competition after	Any other Player may only be registered for a Club or	
	the last Thursday in February with special permission	transferred to another Club in the Competition after	
	of the Management Committee.	the last Thursday in February with special permission	
		of the Management Committee.	
18 (J)	A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and	A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and	Paragraphs 3 and 4 were CDJFL-specific additions to
	a record of all matches in which those Players have	a record of all matches in which those Players have	this SCORY rule that were sanctioned by SCFA and
	played for the Club, and shall produce such records	played for the Club, and shall produce such records	formed part of this rule in the past. An administrative
	upon demand by the Management Committee.	upon demand by the Management Committee.	error led to these clauses being omitted from the
			rules at some point when the annual update was
	In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age	In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not	group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not	
	designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases,	designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases,	remarkable in the recent charterion.
	Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player	Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player	
	group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases,	group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases,	made, and they were never reintroduced reintroduction is to rectify that error.

	so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a	so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a	
	younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C).	younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C).	
		In the event of a Management Committee member (or appointed person) attending a game and undertaking a check of the registration status and contact details held by the Team Manager at a game, the Club is required to produce the appropriate information.	
		Failure to meet this requirement will result in fines being imposed as for Unregistered Players.	
19	Every team must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 19th June who shall decide as to their suitability.	Every team must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary or nominated officer by 31st May, who shall decide as to their suitability.	"Nominated officer" added to first paragraph to reflect the fact that this process is dealt with as part of Affiliation, by the Affiliations Officer.
	Any team wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.	Any team wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.	Date to notify shirt colours amended to reflect fact this information is collected on Affiliation forms which have a deadline of 31st May.
	Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.	Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.	
	No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.	No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.	
	Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least 5 days before the Competition Match.	Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least 5 days before the Competition Match.	
	If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick-off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the away Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick-off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	

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	Shirts must all be numbered differently, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines	Shirts must all be numbered differently, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines	
	Tariff.	Tariff.	
	Names of Youth Players shall not appear on the shirts,	Names of Youth Players shall not appear on the shirts,	
	failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with	failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with	
20 (A) [para 14]	the Fines Tariff. The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and	the Fines Tariff. The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and	Paragraph 2 was a CDJFL-specific addition to this
20 (A) [para 14]	can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two	can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two	SCORY rule that was sanctioned by SCFA and formed
	competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the	competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the	part of this rule in the past. An administrative error
	Competition Match with written notification given to	Competition Match with written notification given to	led to this clause being omitted from the rules at
	the Competition at least 6 days prior.	the Competition at least 6 days prior.	some point when the annual update was made, and
			it was never reintroduced. This reintroduction is to
		For matches played on Saturday or Sunday the kick	rectify that error.
		off times must be inserted by the home Club on Full-	
		time by 9.00pm the Monday prior to the scheduled	
		match, for midweek fixtures this must be done 5 days prior to the scheduled match.	
20 (B)	Except by permission of the Management Committee	Except by permission of the Management Committee	Paragraphs 3 and 4 were CDJFL-specific additions to
	all Competition Matches must be played on the dates	all Competition Matches must be played on the dates	this SCORY rule that were sanctioned by SCFA and
	originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA	originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA	formed part of this rule in the past. An administrative
	and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All	and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All	error led to these clauses being omitted from the
	other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs	other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs	rules at some point when the annual update was
	may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition Match with the consent of the (Fixtures) Secretary.	may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition Match with the consent of the (Fixtures) Secretary.	made, and they were never reintroduced. This reintroduction is to rectify that error.
	Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in	Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in	reintroduction is to rectify that error.
	accordance with the Fines Tariff.	accordance with the Fines Tariff.	
	In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must	In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must	
	be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of	be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of	
	the Competition Match (unless otherwise mutually	the Competition Match (unless otherwise mutually	
	agreed).	agreed).	
		However, no game shall be imposed on the away side	
		that would involve them leaving prior to 08.00 on the	
		morning of the game, allowing for normal journey	
		conditions and a 30-minute warm-up period. The	
		away Team shall advise the Fixture Secretary in the	
		event of a kick-off time being set too early and in this	
		situation the Management Committee will decide the	

				kick off time.			
				Teams may agree early kick off times.			
20 (D)		The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:			The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:		Paragraphs 3 and 4 were CDJFL-specific additions to this SCORY rule that were sanctioned by SCFA and formed part of this rule in the past. An administrative
	FORMAT	MINIMUM		FORMAT	MINIMUM		error led to these clauses being omitted from the
	5v5	4		5v5	4		rules at some point when the annual update was made, and they were never reintroduced. This
	7v7	5		7v7	5		reintroduction is to rectify that error.
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	11v11	7		11v11	7		
	Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.		Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Matches will not be commenced where the difference of numbers of Players in starting line-ups is more than 2. (e.g. 7 play 9, or 8 play 10 etc.). 11-a-side matches will be abandoned in the event that either side is reduced to fewer than 7 Players, and for 9 v 9 matches if either side is reduced to fewer than 6 Players. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in		where the arting line-ups 10 etc.). 11-a-he event that layers, and for to fewer than		
20 (F)	A Club may at i	its discretion and in acc	ordance with		h the Fines Tariff. its discretion and in ac	cordance with	Second paragraph re-worded to clarify that this
	the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match.			Game use substitute		competition allows return (rolling) substitutes.	
	Where a Compe	Where a Competition does allow return substitutes:		This Competitio	n allows return substitu	utes:	
	For Under 11s - Under 18s — a Club may use up 5 from 5 substitute Players. A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace any Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.		from 5 substituted bed any Player at a	Under 18s – a Club mute Players. A Player words a substitute and any time subject to thout in accordance with tion Football.	who has been I may replace e substitution		

	For Mini-Soccer – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to play as a substitute for another Player. A Team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its team in an age group.	For Mini-Soccer – any number of substitutions may be used at any time with the permission of the referee. Entry onto the field of play will only be allowed during a stoppage in play. A Player who has been replaced may return to play as a substitute for another Player. A Team must not have a match day squad greater than double the size of its team in an age group.	
	In Youth Football only, the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than 10 minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.	In Youth Football only, the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than 10 minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.	
	A Player who has named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.	A Player who has named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.	
20 (H)	The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who may/shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who shall wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	Correction of unspecified element of rule from last season. Now specifies that all team captains shall wear an armband.
21 (A)	The home Club (except for Under 7, Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10 Mini-Soccer Alliance and evening matches) shall use telephone/SMS/email/FA Full Time / FA Matchday as directed by the Competition to notify the result of each Competition Match to the relevant Fixtures Secretary by 18.00 hrs on the day of the game. Evening matches shall be reported before 18.00 hrs the following day. Both home and away Clubs are required to complete	The home Club (except Under 7, Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10 Mini-Soccer Alliance for which Rule 28 applies) shall use telephone/SMS/email/FA Full Time / FA Matchday as directed by the Competition to notify the result of each Competition Match to the relevant Fixtures Secretary by 18.00 hrs on the day of the game. Evening matches that conclude after 18.00 hrs shall be reported before 18.00 hrs the following day.	Reference to Rule 28 added for clarity. Tidying up of wording relating to reporting of evening matches for clarity. Removal of erroneous repeat wording at the end of first paragraph. Addition of detail to second paragraph to clarify this clause does not apply to mini soccer age groups.

	Both home and away Clubs are required to complete the match report on F.A.Full Time. This report will include the names of the Players participating in the match, the match result and the sportsmanship marks for both the match referee and opposing team. This information must be completed by 8.00pm on the Tuesday following a weekend fixture.	Both home and away Clubs (except Under 7, Under 8, Under 9 and Under 10 Mini-Soccer Alliance for which Rule 28 applies) are required to complete the match report on FA Full Time. This report will include the names of the Players participating in the match, the match result and the sportsmanship marks for both the match referee and opposing team. This information must be completed by 20.00 hrs on the Tuesday following a weekend fixture. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.	Addition of reference to fine, for completeness.
21 (B) / (C)	SEE RATIONALE	SEE RATIONALE	Rule 21 (B) in SCORY is not used by this competition, but last season this rule was deleted rather than being marked as "RULE NOT USED IN THIS COMPETITION", resulting in SCORY Rule 21 (C) being listed in CDJFL Rules as Rule 21 (B). The reintroduction of Rule 21(B) with he wording "RULE NOT USED IN THIS COMPETITION" realigns the rule numbering between SCORY and CDJFL Rules.
22 (B) iv	Should either or both of the leading Teams in any of the divisions have a Team in the next higher division, promotion shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next highest Team or Teams in the division concerned.	RULE NOT IN USE IN THIS COMPETITION	CDJFL does not apply the optional SCORY rule of not allowing two teams from the same club to play in the same division. The removal of this rule corrects the rules to mirror the actual practice applied.
22 (B) v	Should either or both of the relegated Teams in any of the divisions have a Team in the next lower division, relegation shall fall, at the discretion of the General Meeting, to the next lowest Team or Teams in the division concerned.	RULE NOT IN USE IN THIS COMPETITION	CDJFL does not apply the optional SCORY rule of not allowing two teams from the same club to play in the same division. The removal of this rule corrects the rules to mirror the actual practice applied.
22 (C)	In addition to the Team(s) automatically promoted under Rule 22(B), a maximum of one further Team shall be promoted by virtue of being the winner of a play-off match or series of matches (the "Play-Offs). The eligibility criteria and format of the Play-Offs are as follows [] to be determined by the Management Committee.	RULE NOT IN USE IN THIS COMPETITION	CDJFL does not apply the optional SCORY rule of promotions via playoff and the rule wording was in any case never properly complete. The removal of this rule corrects the rules to mirror the actual practice applied.
23 (J)/(K)	SEE RATIONALE	SEE RATIONALE	Rule 21 (J) in SCORY is not used by this competition, but last season this rule was deleted rather than being marked as "RULE NOT USED IN THIS

			COMPETITION", resulting in SCORY Rule 21 (K) being listed in CDJFL Rules as Rule 21 (J). The reintroduction of Rule 21(J) with he wording "RULE NOT USED IN THIS COMPETITION" realigns the rule numbering between SCORY and CDJFL Rules.
23 (M)	n/a	It is permissible for Match Officials within this competition, and associated cup competitions under our jurisdiction, to wear a coloured referee shirt. Should the coloured referee shirt clash with either club's kit, the referee must revert to black. i.e., the referee cannot choose to wear yellow, and make a Club change their entire kit, as the main colour for Match Officials remains black. It is, however, permissible for a referee to wear yellow with a team in blue and a team in red, for example. The shirt(s) must be almost entirely of a single colour. Where a Competition appoints neutral assistant referees, only one non-black coloured shirt is permitted; the colour must be designated, and competition rules must ensure that the Match Officials can wear black or the designated colour	This is a CDJFL-specific addition to the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Football (SCORY) that was sanctioned by SCFA and formed part of the League rules in the past. An administrative error led to this rule being omitted from the League rules at some point when the annual update was made, and it was never reintroduced. This reintroduction is to rectify that error.
		without clashing with the Players.	
28 (G)	Where three teams are appointed to a fixture, the single Team shall play each of the paired Teams. Where two teams are appointed to a fixture, then they shall play each other in a pair of fixtures.	Where three teams are appointed to a fixture, the single Team shall play each of the paired Teams. Where two teams are appointed to a fixture, then they shall play each other in a pair of fixtures.	Paragraph 2 was a CDJFL-specific addition to this SCORY rule that was sanctioned by SCFA and formed part of this rule in the past. An administrative error led to this clause being omitted from the rules at some point when the annual update was made, and
		However, the Teams shall also be prepared to fulfil a fixture in a foursome, in the event of another pair of Teams not being available.	it was never reintroduced. This reintroduction is to rectify that error.
FEE 4 (G)	n/a	FINES DEPOSIT (£50.00 plus £10 per team)	Rule 4 (G) was missing a corresponding fee in Fees Tariff.
FEE 11 (A)	n/a	LATE ENTRY FEE (£100)	New clause in Rule 11 (A) relating to late entry requires a corresponding fee in Fees Tariff.
FINE 5 (F)	n/a	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH TIME RESTRICTIONS	Reintroduced rule 5 (F) requires corresponding fine in Fines Tariff.
FINE 11 (A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE / WITHDRAWAL OF A TEAM AFTER DEADLINE	New clause in Rule 11 (A) relating to team withdrawals requires corresponding fine in Fines Tariff.

FINE 13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN	n/a	Fine is redundant (as League no longer issues
	AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY (£25)		returnable trophies) so has been removed.
FINE 19	n/a	DISPLAYING PLAYERS' NAMES ON SHIRTS (£10.00	The clause in Rule 19 relating to displaying players'
		(per shirt, up to an aggregate maximum of £30))	names on shirts was missing a corresponding fine in
			the Fines Tariff.
FINE 23 (A)	n/a	FAILURE TO USE AN APPOINTED REFEREE (£100)	Rule 23 (A) was missing a corresponding fine in the
			Fines Tariff.