

## 2020-21 LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITION RULEBOOK

### **RULE 8: FIXTURE CONFIRMATION & CONDITIONS OF PLAY**

- 8.1 The home team must contact their opponents by telephone or email with match details such as venue, facilities available, start time and colours of kit at least seven days before the fixture (i.e. Thursday for games that take place on the following Wednesday). An example of the form is available on the AoC Sport website.
- 8.2 In competitions played under a festival format, the host institution must contact all teams with event details such as venue, facilities available, start time and colours of kit at least seven days before the festival.
- 8.3 The away team must confirm receipt of match details.
- 8.4 In the interests of ensuring that matches are played the away team should telephone the home team if no confirmation has been received within three days of the match (i.e. Monday for Wednesday matches).
- 8.5 In such situations the away team must report the offending team to AoC Sport who will issue them with a warning on the first occasion and issue a £50 fine on the second and subsequent occasions.
- 8.6 If you are unable to contact the opposing team by telephone or email, it is important that you raise this with AoC Sport immediately, so appropriate action can be taken.  
  
**NB:** Teams are advised not to travel to a fixture unless confirmation has been received from the home team.
- 8.7 AoC Sport must be informed of any abandoned match and will make a decision on whether the result at the time of the abandonment stands or whether the match shall be replayed.
- 8.8 Match balls – two suitable match balls to ensure continuous play will be provided for the referee’s inspection prior to each match.

- 8.9 Team colours – in the event of a colour clash the away team will change to colours that provide a satisfactory contrast. Shirts may bear a sponsor's name and must be clearly numbered.
- 8.10 In basketball, football, futsal, hockey, netball, rugby union and volleyball, kits must have numbers or letters.
- 8.11 In football no team or player is permitted to wear black kit.
- 8.12 Appropriate, separate dressing rooms must be provided for both teams as well as access to showers, a wash hand basin and toilets.