

2020-21 LEAGUE AND CUP COMPETITION RULEBOOK

RULE 5: DETERMINATION OF LEAGUES

- 5.1 In league matches, points will be awarded as follows:
- Win = 3 points.
 - Draw = 1 point.
 - Loss = 0 points.
- 5.2 In competitions played as a series of festivals, points scored in one festival will be carried forward to the next festival.
- 5.3 The winner of a festival competition will be the team that accumulates the most points in the whole series regardless of the number of festivals attended.
- 5.4 Teams must give 7 days' notice if they wish to opt out of attending any of the series of festivals and any matches that were scheduled will be recorded as 0-0 draws with no game points awarded
- 5.5 Where teams within the same league share the same number of points, the following criteria will be applied in order to determine the order:
- a) Head-to-head record of the teams involved in the tie based on total points in league games.
 - b) Where the points are the same, the aggregate score of the teams involved in the tie will be used to determine the tie.
 - c) Best goals/points/sets difference in league games.
 - d) Most goals/points/sets scored in league games.
 - e) Least goals/points/sets conceded in league games.
 - f) Ranking based on points earned against top four group finishers.
 - g) Lottery conducted by AoC Sport.
 - h) Where COVID-19 results in one or more teams being unable to complete their fixtures, consideration will be given to using average goals difference per game, average goals/points/sets for per game and average goals/points/sets against per game as points c), d) and e) above in determining league placings.

- 5.6 **Premier League only:** On completion of group league fixtures a series of 'play-off' matches will be organised to determine the winner of the Premier Champions Cup. These fixtures will be scheduled by the Competition Administration Officer.
- 5.7 **Premier League only:** If the league schedule has not been completed by the deadline set by AoC Sport, institutions will be selected for the Champions Cup play off stage on the basis of the number of points achieved by that date. Where points are equal the criteria laid out in 6.5 will be used.
- 5.8 **Premier League Only:** Where there are a different number of teams in the divisions and 5.5 a) does not determine the placings of two teams tied on points or where there are more than two teams tied on points, it is not possible to use 5.5 b) – e) as teams have not all played the same number of games. In these situations, the places will be determined by the best average goals/points difference per game, based on the total of games possible in the division and not the actual number of games played on the last date of the regular season.
- 5.9 The play-off process for the Premier Champions Cup will be determined by the Competition Administration Officer and circulated to all teams at the start of the season.
- 5.10 Group winners will always be given a home tie in the first round of the Premier Champions Cup play-off competitions.
- 5.11 Where necessary, the best placed second placed team(s) will also receive a home draw. This will be highlighted in the play-off process circulated to all teams at the start of the season.