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THE SCOTTISH PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1 Introduction

1.1 Any word or phrase used in these Regulations which is defined in the Articles or Rules and which is not defined in these Regulations has, unless the context requires otherwise, the defined meaning ascribed to it in the Articles or Rules.

1.2 Where, in these Regulations, reference is made to a Regulation by number the reference is to a Regulation of these Regulations.

1.3 In these Regulations references to Clubs and clubs includes clubs from another Recognised League (as defined) and “team” is a reference to an Under 20 team of a Premiership Club taking part in the Competition. In the case of an Under 20 team playing in the Competition it is the Premiership Club whose Under 20 team is playing in the Competition which is the participant in the Competition and which is the “team” for the purposes of these Regulations.

1.4 A reference to a Club, club or team in these Regulations includes, unless the context requires otherwise, the owner and operator of such Club, club or team.

1.5 In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.5.1 **“Competition”** means The Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup;

1.5.2 **“Competition Matches”** and **“Matches”** means matches and ties played or to be played in the Competition;

1.5.3 **“Ground”** means Registered Ground or such other grounds and/or stadia at which the Home Club intends to play and plays a Home Match, up to a maximum of 2 in any Competition year in respect of any 1 Club, club or team, approval of which other grounds and/or stadia must be applied for in

writing 7 days in advance of a Match to the Company;

1.5.4 **“Home Club”**, which includes club and team, means the Club, club or team at whose ground the relevant Competition Match should be or should have been played and where ground sharing is in operation or the Match is to be played or is played at a neutral venue, the Club whose name appears first; and

1.5.5 **“Visiting Club”**, which includes club and team, means the Club, club or team which should play or should have played any Competition Match on the ground of the Home Club and where ground sharing is in operation or the Match is to be played or is played at a neutral venue, the Club whose name appears second.

2 **Title**

The Competition shall be known as The Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup (“the Competition”) or by any other title, including by branding, naming, sponsorship or the like, given to it from time to time by the Board.

3 **Board Powers**

3.1 The Board shall have full power to conduct, operate and control the Competition in terms of these Regulations.

3.2 In the event that any matter or thing shall arise in relation to the Competition which is not provided for in these Regulations or if any conflict shall arise between a matter provided for in the Rules and this Regulation then the Board shall be entitled to make whatever arrangements and determinations and give such directions to Clubs, clubs and/or teams and others as the Board shall think appropriate in order to ensure the efficient operation and completion of the Competition.

4 **Competition Format**

4.1 The Competition shall take place and be governed by these Regulations and by the Rules and other Regulations of the Scottish Professional Football League and shall

be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

- 4.2 The Competition shall be contested by all Clubs in the Championship, League One and League Two of The Scottish Professional Football League in the current Season, clubs in the Scottish Highland Football League, Scottish Lowland Football League, Northern Ireland Football League, Welsh Premier League (“the Recognised Leagues”), 12 teams made up exclusively of Under 20 Players from Clubs eligible for the time being to participate in the Premiership, and such other Clubs and clubs as the Board in its sole discretion shall consider appropriate, including from the Premiership and from any other league recognised by the Scottish FA from time to time (a "Recognised League").
- 4.3 Before the start of the Competition in relation to each Season the Board shall notify the Clubs in the League and the Clubs required to provide Under 20 teams, required to take part in the Competition and shall invite, through their respective Recognised Leagues and/or directly, such clubs as may be identified in discussion with such Recognised Leagues and/or as shall be considered appropriate by the Board to participate in the Competition in the relevant Season.
- 4.4 The Board shall, in its sole discretion, determine the arrangements and methodology of the balloting to be held in respect of each round of the Competition with a view to fulfilling the Competition principles set out in the remaining Sub-Regulations of this Regulation 4.
- 4.5 The Competition shall be played in numbered rounds designated as follows “[Number] Round” and “[Quarter Final/Semi Final/Final] Round”.
- 4.6 In all rounds the Competition shall be conducted on ‘knockout’ basis with the winner being the Club or club with the greater number of goals at full-time. If the scores are equal at full time or no goals have been scored, an extra thirty minutes (15 minutes each way) of extra time will be played and, if the scores are still equal or still no goals have been scored at the end of such extra time, the winner shall be determined by taking kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by the International Football Association Board.

- 4.7 The ballot for the First Round of the Competition in each Season shall be made in two broadly regional sections comprising the twelve Premiership Under 20 teams, the 4 clubs from each of the Scottish Highland Football League and the Scottish Lowland Football League and the 8 Clubs holding positions 35 to 42 (inclusive) in the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season; so arranged by the Board that 14 Matches will produce fourteen winning Clubs and teams to compete in the Second Round. The Clubs and teams will be balloted so that fourteen pairs of Clubs and teams will be selected and these pairs of Clubs and teams will play a single Match at the Ground of the first selected Club or team in each pair of Clubs and teams determined by the ballot. The fourteen winning Clubs or teams from each pair of Clubs and teams will qualify to play in the Second Round. The ballot for the First Round of the Competition in each Season shall be so designed and organised as to avoid, so far as possible, Under 20 teams playing against each other and teams from the Scottish Highland Football League and the Scottish Lowland Football League playing in the First Round against another club from either of the Scottish Highland Football League and the Scottish Lowland Football League.
- 4.8 The ballot for the Second Round of the Competition in each Season shall be made, so far as possible, in two broadly regional sections comprising the 14 winning Clubs and teams from the First Round and the 10 Clubs holding positions 25 to 34 (inclusive) in the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season; so arranged by the Board that 12 Matches will produce 12 winning Clubs and teams to compete in the Third Round. The Clubs will be balloted so that twelve pairs of Clubs and teams will be selected and these Clubs and teams will play a single Match at the Ground of the first selected Club or team in each pair of Clubs and teams determined by the ballot. The twelve winning Clubs and teams from each pair of Clubs and teams will qualify to play in the Third Round. The ballot shall be designed and organised as to avoid, so far as possible, winning Clubs and teams from the First Round Playing against each other in the Second Round and Under 20 teams playing against each other in the Second Round.
- 4.9 The ballot for the Third Round of the Competition in each Season shall be made in two broadly regional sections comprising the 12 winning Clubs and teams from the

Second Round and the 10 Championship Clubs in the current Season and the two remaining Clubs entitled to participate in the Divisions of the League other than the Premiership and Championship at the end of the preceding Season not already identified as playing in the Competition; so arranged by the Board that 12 Matches will produce 12 winning Clubs and teams to compete in the Fourth Round. The Clubs will be balloted so that twelve pairs of Clubs and teams will be selected and these Clubs and teams will play a single Match at the Ground of the first selected Club or team in each pair of Clubs and teams determined by the ballot. The 12 winning Clubs and teams from each pair of Clubs and teams will qualify to play in the Fourth Round. The ballot shall be designed and organised as to avoid, so far as possible, winning Clubs and teams from the Second Round Playing against each other in the Third Round and Under 20 teams playing against each other in the Third Round.

4.10 The ballot for the Fourth Round of the Competition in each Season shall comprise the 12 winning Clubs and teams from the Third Round and 2 clubs from each of the Northern Ireland Football League and Welsh Premier League; so arranged by the Board that 8 Matches will produce 8 Clubs, clubs and/or teams to compete in the Quarter Final Round. The Clubs, clubs and/or teams will be balloted so that 8 pairs of Clubs, clubs and/or teams will be selected and these Clubs, clubs and/or teams will play a single Match at the Ground of the first selected Club, club and/or team in each pair of Clubs, clubs and/or teams determined by the ballot. The 8 winning Clubs, clubs and/or teams from each pair of Clubs, clubs and/or teams will qualify to play in the Quarter Final Round. The ballot shall be designed and organised so as to avoid, so far as possible, a club from the Northern Ireland Football League or the Welsh Premier League playing against another club from either of the Northern Ireland Football League and Welsh Premier League in the Fourth Round.

4.11 The ballot for the Quarter Final Round of the Competition in each Season shall comprise the 8 winning Clubs, clubs and teams from the Fourth Round so arranged by the Board that 4 Matches will produce 4 Clubs, clubs and/or teams to compete in the Semi Final Round. The Clubs, clubs and/or teams will be balloted so that 4 pairs of Clubs, clubs and/or teams will be selected and these Clubs, clubs and/or

teams will play a single Match at the Ground of the first selected Club, club and/or team in each pair of Clubs, clubs and/or teams determined by the ballot. The 4 winning Clubs, clubs and/or teams from each pair of Clubs, clubs and/or teams will qualify to play in the Semi Final Round.

4.12 The ballot for the Semi Final Round of the Competition in each Season shall comprise the 4 winning Clubs, clubs and/or teams from the Quarter Final Round so arranged by the Board that 2 Matches will produce 2 Clubs, clubs and/or teams to compete in the Final Round. The Clubs, clubs and/or teams will be balloted so that 2 pairs of Clubs, clubs and/or teams will be selected and these Clubs, clubs and/or teams will play a single Match at the Ground of the first selected Club, club and/or team in each pair of Clubs, clubs and/or teams determined by the ballot. The 2 winning Clubs, clubs and/or teams from each pair of Clubs, clubs and/or teams will qualify to play in the Final Round.

4.13 The Final Round of the Competition in each Season shall comprise the 2 winning Clubs, clubs and/or teams from the Semi Final Round. The Final Match shall be played at a neutral venue determined by the Board.

5 Competition Matches

5.1 All Competition Matches, including any re-scheduled Match will be played on a date and at a time determined by the Board.

5.2 In the event that the Board considers it appropriate the Board shall be entitled to schedule and/or re-schedule the date and time of any Match and to determine the venue and/or change the venue for any Competition Match.

5.3 The Board shall have power to waive or allow with conditions the use either in advance or retrospectively of any stadium for a Competition Match where a club is the Home Club notwithstanding any inability or failure of such club to comply with any provision of the otherwise applying Regulations and/or Rules.

5.4 Each Club, club and team shall play in all Matches in the Competition in which it is scheduled to play by the Board and at any rescheduled date, time and/or venue as

determined from time to time by the Board.

- 5.5 Any Club, club or team without just cause failing to fulfil its fixture obligations in respect of a Competition Match on the appointed date or dates shall be in breach of these Regulations.
- 5.6 Dislocation of Competition Matches, from any cause whatsoever, including by abandonment, postponement and/or stoppage for security and/or safety reasons shall be immediately reported to the Secretary by the Clubs, clubs and/or teams concerned, and it shall be the duty of the Home Club, club or team in each instance to, if not already known, immediately notify the appointed Match Officials of such dislocation.
- 5.7 The Home Club, club or team must immediately notify the appointed Match Officials of all relevant details concerning the re-arrangement of the dislocated Competition Match.
- 5.8 Any Club, club or team failing to fulfil its obligations under this Regulation 5 shall be liable to pay compensation for any expenses incurred as a result of such failure. The amount of such compensation will be decided by the Board.
- 5.9 It is the responsibility of the Home Club, club or team to ensure that a qualified medical practitioner, failing which, a qualified paramedic, is in attendance throughout any Match in the Competition.

6 Players

- 6.1 A Club, club or team may at its discretion in any Competition Match use three from up to seven nominated substitutes. Substitution to be operated in accordance with the Laws of the Game.
- 6.2 Clubs, clubs and/or teams must deliver copies of a list of names and dates of birth of its players participating in any Competition Match (including the names of nominated substitutes) to the referee and a representative of its opponents in the presence of the referee, not less than sixty minutes before the scheduled

time of kick-off.

- 6.3 Any substitutions during the Competition Match must be recorded by the Club, club or team on the substitution slips and handed to a Match Official prior to each substitution taking place.
- 6.4 Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury or due to extenuating, as determined by the referee, circumstances is unable to participate after the submission of the list of Players to the referee and prior to kick-off, he may be replaced at the discretion of the referee provided the opponents are informed prior to kick off. Any alterations made to a completed list of players pursuant to Regulation 6.2 must be endorsed in writing by an Official and signed by the referee as evidence of his consent in terms of this Regulation 6.4.

7 Player Colours and Numbers

- 7.1 When two competing Clubs, clubs and/or teams having the same or similar first choice colours engage in a Competition Match, the Visiting Club, club or team shall play in its second or third choice playing kit which must be different and distinct from the Home Club's, club's and/or team's first choice playing kit. At least 48 hours prior to all matches in the Competition, excluding the Final Match, the competing Clubs, clubs and/or teams shall establish written contact with each other and the match referee to advise of the exact colours and description of their respective playing kits. In the event of a clash of colours on Competition Match day and the Visiting Club, club or team not having with them their second/third choice registered playing kit, then the Visiting Club, club or team will require to play in the Home Club's, club's and/or team's second/third choice colours and/or shorts and/or socks.
- 7.2 Both Clubs, clubs and/or teams shall require to change to second/third choice colours and/or shorts and/or socks under similar circumstances, when playing on a neutral ground including in the Final Match.

- 7.3 In the event of any dispute with regard to the playing kit to be worn by either Club, club or team the referee's decision shall be final.
- 7.4 Goalkeepers shall wear colours which distinguish them from the other players and from the referee.
- 7.5 The players' jerseys and shorts must be clearly numbered and the numbers must be distinct in colour from the remainder of the Players' kit.
- 7.6 Players participating in a Competition Match and substitutes shall be numbered in accordance with the list of Players handed to the referee before the Competition Match.
- 7.7 There must be no change of numbers of or by players during a Competition Match.

8 Eligibility of Players

- 8.1 Except in the case of a player of a club from another Recognised League taking part in the Competition, to be eligible to Play in the Competition Players must, subject to Regulation 8.5, be League Registered.
- 8.2 In the case of players of clubs from Recognised Leagues to be eligible to Play in the Competition they must be eligible to Play for the club participating in the Competition in the Recognised League and must be registered with the National Association under the jurisdiction of which such Recognised League operates.
- 8.3 No Club, club or team shall Play, or list as a named substitute, any Player who, in the same Season, has already played in a Competition Match by entering the field of play, whether in the starting eleven or by being used as a substitute, for another Club, club or team in the Competition.
- 8.4 In the case of Premiership Club Under 20 teams participating in the Competition, Players who qualify as Under 20 Players and who would be eligible to Play in the Development League for the Club concerned, are eligible to Play in the Competition and overage players are not eligible to Play in the Competition for such Premiership Under 20 teams.

8.5 Each Club, club and team participating in the Competition shall ensure that its Players who Play in a Competition Match are eligible to Play in that Match.

8.6 Any Club, club or team in breach of or failing to fulfil these Regulations, including any club which is a member of a Recognised League and which participates in the Competition and thereby agrees to be bound by these Regulations and the Rules in so far as relating to and applying to this Competition, shall be liable to be dealt with and sanctioned in accordance with the terms of Section J of the Rules.

9 **Admission Prices and Shares of Gates**

9.1 In all rounds of the Competition, excluding the Final Match, the Board Minimum Prices of Ground Admission or the actual admission price paid or payable, whichever is the greater, for each of adults, juveniles and senior citizens shall, after deduction of VAT on the gross admission receipts and deduction of 10% of the net, after VAT, admission receipts, by the Home Club, be divided equally between the two Clubs, clubs and/or teams participating in each Match. The share of net admission receipts payable to the Visiting Club, in terms of this Regulation, must be paid to the Visiting Club, club or team by the Home Club within ten days of the date of the relevant Competition Match. Any Club, club and/or team failing to pay, detail or return as before provided, and any Club, club or team failing immediately to report non-payment of its share of net admission receipts due to it, shall be in breach of these Regulations.

9.2 Any Home Club, club or team wishing to charge less than the Board Minimum Prices of Ground Admission must obtain the written consent of its opponent prior to the Competition Match taking place.

9.3 For the Final Match of the Competition the net admission receipts, after deduction of VAT on the gross admission receipts, shall be identified by the Company. The Match expenses and costs incurred by the Company or for which the Company is liable shall be deducted from such sum identified by the Company and applied in the discharge and/or reimbursement of such Match expenses and costs. After such deduction the Company shall retain 5% of the balance and from the resulting

balance there shall be paid to the neutral venue owner and operator for the hire of the stadium and associated services and paid or payable to the neutral venue owner whichever is the greater of £5000 and 15% of such resulting balance. The remaining net admission receipts after all such deductions, payments etc. shall have been made and/or allowed for shall be divided equally between and paid to the two competing Clubs, clubs or teams which participated in the Final Round of the Competition.

- 9.4 In respect of the Final Match, payment for tickets sold by each competing Club, club or team together with details of tickets sold must be made to the Company not more than ten days after the date of the Competition Match. If a Club, club or team has had tickets distributed to it for sale then it must return to the Company at the address, date and time specified by the Company in advance of the Final Match any unsold tickets, failing which it will be deemed to have sold such tickets, to have received the full price for same and shall be bound to account for and pay the price of all such sold and deemed sold tickets to the Company.
- 9.5 The Company shall be entitled to offset all TV and sponsorship revenues received by the Company relating to the Final Match due to each Club, club or team against all sums due by each Club, club or team to the Company and the Club or other stadium operator which provided the neutral venue in terms of this Regulation 9.
- 9.6 Any Club, club or team failing to pay any balance due to the Company or detail or return as before provided within the time specified in this Regulation 9 shall pay a penalty of £3,000 to the Company.
- 9.7 Any Club, club or team failing to pay any balance due to the Company or any sum due to another Club, club or team or any sum due to the Club or other stadium operator which provided a neutral venue shall pay interest from the due date and such interest shall be calculated at a rate of 5% *per annum* over the Bank of England base rate compounded monthly on the first day of each calendar month, until paid in full.
- 9.8 VAT shall be chargeable in addition to all sums provided for in this Regulation 9

which are payable to the Company or to the Club or other stadium operator which provided the neutral venue.

9.9 In the event of any Competition Matchup to and including the Semi-Final Round, being abandoned unfinished or being ordered to be replayed, the entire gate receipts of the replayed Match, after deduction of 15% by the Home Club, will be divided equally between the two competing Clubs, clubs or teams.

9.10 In the event of the Final Match being abandoned unfinished owing to fog or other causes over which neither competing Club or club has any control, or being ordered to be replayed, the entire receipts at the replayed Final Match, after deduction of the expenses of the Company in relation to the Match as determined by the Board, including 15%, or such lower % as may be agreed by the Company with the neutral venue owner and operator will be deducted and paid for the hire of the stadium and associated services to the owner and operator which provided the neutral venue for the Final Match will be divided equally between the two competing Clubs, clubs or teams.

10 **Financial Records**

10.1 All Clubs, clubs and teams shall keep detailed financial records and the Board may arrange for an inspection of all such records and/or require delivery of copies of such records within a time specified; with particular reference to turnstile arrangements.

11 **Trophy and Awards**

11.1 The winners of the Competition shall hold the trophy and when it is handed over to the winner, that Club, club or team shall grant an obligation to return same to the Secretary if and when required and in any case prior to the commencement of the next Season's Competition in the like good order and condition in which it was received.

11.2 It shall be the responsibility of the winning Club, club or team to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophy throughout the period when it is held by

the Club, club or team.

11.3 The winners and runners-up in the Competition will receive such awards as the Board may decide.

11.4 The Board has full discretion to refuse to present a Player of a Club, club or team with an award (including a medal, trophy, token or other form of prize), which represents their achievement as runner-up and to which they would otherwise be entitled to receive, at any time after the official presentation of such award if the Player refused or failed to collect the award at the appropriate time of its presentation.

12 **Match Officials**

12.1 The Match Officials for all Competition Matches shall be appointed by the Scottish FA.

12.2 By accepting the appointment for a Match, each Match Official shall be deemed to have given any consent which may be necessary for the purposes of Part II of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 or any statutory modification or re-enactment for the time being in force, for the recording and broadcasting of that Competition Match by or on behalf of the Company.

12.3 The tariff for referees and assistant referees shall be decided by the Board.

12.4 The Company shall pay the fees and expenses of Match Officials in all Competition Matches.

12.5 The referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all Competition Matches and each Home Club must take every reasonable precaution to keep its ground in a playable condition.

12.6 Referees shall, at the request of the Secretary, or with the consent of the Secretary at the request of either of the competing Clubs, clubs or teams, visit the ground on a date and time before the advertised time of kick-off. Referees shall, in these circumstances, adjudicate on the fitness of the ground and take any appropriate

decisions and the Home Club and Secretary shall be notified accordingly.

- 12.7 Match Officials shall normally be present at their appointment at least one and a half hours prior to the advertised time of kick-off, in the event of an earlier inspection being required.
- 12.8 By accepting the appointment for a Competition Match, or to carry out a pitch inspection, each Match Official shall be deemed to accept that he or she is classified as self-employed with regard to accounting for payments due in respect of fees paid to him or her by the Company.
- 12.9 Except by decision of the Board, the consent of the referee must be obtained before the kick-off can be altered from the advertised time on the day of a Competition Match.
- 12.10 Referees must report late starts and late arrivals of assistant referees or themselves. Assistant referees who are late must also forward an explanation to the Secretary immediately.
- 12.11 The Match Officials shall have both teams prepared to enter the field of play together five minutes prior to the kick-off time.
- 12.12 The referee and assistant referees must report to the Secretary of The Scottish FA and the Secretary, all cases of misconduct of Players, Officials or spectators, etc., within three days of the occurrence.

13 **Commercial Arrangements**

- 13.1 In connection with the Competition and every Competition Match, the Company shall have power to conclude and administer contracts with commercial sponsors, broadcasters, publishers and others.
- 13.2 Such contracts shall include, but not be restricted to:
- (a) sponsorship of the Competition;
 - (b) Transmission, Radio Transmission, Other Transmission and recording by any

means of the Competition Matches;

- (c) commercial exploitation of the League's name, badge, emblem, and trademark in connection with the Competition; and
- (d) publications including sound and video recordings relating to the history and fixtures of the Competition.

13.3 The Clubs, clubs and/or teams and each of them agree to centrally pool and market their rights, facilities and properties relating to and concerning, Radio Transmission and Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches for exclusive exploitation by the Company of Radio Transmission and Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches.

13.4 Subject that a Club, club or team shall not, other than in respect of contracts entered into by the Company relating to Radio Transmission or Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches, be obliged to comply with this Regulation 13.4 if to do so would result in that Club being in breach of a contractual obligation entered into prior to the Company determining to enter into the contract concerned, the Clubs, clubs and/or teams and each of them shall license and otherwise provide to the Company the use of such of their other rights, facilities and properties as may be required by the Company to enable the Company to enter into and/or fulfil the Company's obligations under and in terms of contracts concerning or relating to the Competition.

13.5 The Company shall be entitled for the purposes or contracts entered into or to be entered into by the Company in relation to the Competition to sub-license, package or otherwise deal in or with any rights, facilities and properties licensed or otherwise provided to the Company by the Clubs, clubs and/or teams and each of them.

13.6 The Company shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights in relation to Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches, which would have the object or effect, whether intentionally or otherwise, of preventing or inhibiting the Clubs, clubs and/or teams or any of them

from exercising any rights available to them, which they are not expressly prohibited from exercising in terms of these Regulations.

- 13.7 Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Competition, each of the Clubs, clubs and/or teams shall in respect of a Competition Match played at their Home Ground procure that there shall not be any Radio Transmission and/or Transmission of all or any part of a Competition Match without the approval of the Board.
- 13.8 The Clubs, clubs and/or teams and each of them shall not by act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted by the Company in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Competition in relation to Radio Transmission and/or Transmission or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur.
- 13.9 The Clubs, clubs and/or teams and each of them shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights or generally enter into or accept any obligation in relation to Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches which has or would have the effect, whether intended or otherwise, of preventing, restricting or inhibiting the Company from or disadvantaging the Company in competing with the Club, club or team or any third party in the Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches.
- 13.10 Where a Club, club or team shall be involved in the broadcasting and/or transmitting by means of Other Transmission outwith the British Isles of moving pictures of all or any part of a Competition Match, other than pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Competition, it shall use its best endeavours to procure, including by use of legal proceedings at its own instance, that no broadcasting and/or transmission which is or would be prohibited within the British Isles by these Regulations shall be broadcast and/or transmitted by any person or party, whether with or without the permission of the Club, club or team concerned, within, to or which shall be capable of being received in the British Isles.
- 13.11 Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Competition, there shall not, without the approval of the Board, be any Other

Transmission, within the British Isles, of moving pictures of all or any part of a Competition Match within any period provided for in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to or in connection with the Competition and in any event not, in the case of a Competition Match played on a Saturday until midnight on the next day and on any other day until midnight on that day.

- 13.12 Clubs, clubs and/or teams may enter into commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements relating to their participation in the Competition provided always that Clubs, clubs and/or teams ensure that such arrangements or agreements do not conflict with these Regulations, the Rules and/or any commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements negotiated by the Board on behalf of the Company in relation to or in connection with the Competition.
- 13.13 All commercial income received by the Company in terms of any contract referred to in this Regulation shall be Other Revenue.
- 13.14 The Company shall not contract in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Competition so as to require any Home Clubs, clubs and/or teams to provide, for central exploitation, more than 12 trackside advertising spaces or equivalent at a Competition Match.
- 13.15 Without prejudice to the generality of this Regulation 13 each Club, club and team must, if required by/for a/the sponsor of all or part of the Competition, make available the following rights, facilities and properties:
- (a) admit the sponsor to its ground for the purpose of photographing any match;
 - (b) subject to Regulation 13.14 of these Regulations, make available perimeter advertising boards in appropriate positions and/or such time and exposure on LED Perimeter Boards all as the Board may determine;
 - (c) acknowledge the sponsor on the cover of the Match day programme;
 - (d) acknowledge the sponsor in at least one public address announcement

prior to the match;

- (e) make available one page of advertising or editorial material in the Match day programme;
- (f) provide 10 (or in the case of Semi-Final and Final Matches such greater number as the Board may determine) complimentary tickets and tickets at face value as directed by the Board in terms of any sponsorship agreement or agreements;
- (g) provide suitable hospitality for the sponsors and their guests as directed by the Board in terms of the sponsorship agreement or agreements, and
- (h) provide any other rights, facilities and properties which the Board may require it to provide so as to enable the Company to comply with any sponsorship agreements concluded.

14 **Prohibited Conduct**

- 14.1 Any Club, club or team, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them, offering or receiving whether directly or indirectly any payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement, to or from another Club, club or team, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them or any other person or party other than, in the case of an Official or Player, their own Club under and in terms of their contract of service, to influence the result or any other aspect of a Competition Match shall, subject to the terms of these Regulations, be in breach of these Regulations and be liable to such sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall determine in accordance with Section J of the Rules.

15 **Media Co-operation Requirements**

- 15.1 At every Competition Match which is televised or in respect of which moving pictures are to be recorded by or on behalf of the Company, Clubs, clubs and/or teams are required to:

- (a) grant access to reporters, technicians, cameramen, interviewers and others working with or for television, radio and other broadcast media partners with which the Company has a contract under and in terms of of Regulation 13 or who are working under a contract with and for the Company to the tunnel and trackside area prior to kick-off for the purpose of approaching Players and Club, club or team Officials on the football management and coaching staff of Clubs, clubs and/or teams for interviews during this period (N.B. the decision whether to speak to such media remains with the individuals themselves and Club, club or team may require that any interview requests are directed through their PR or operations staff) and ensure that branded backdrop boards provided by or on behalf of the League are suitably located for such interviews; and
- (b) make reasonable provision for the representatives of the Visiting Club's, club's and/or team's official website.

15.2 At every Competition Match which is televised or in respect of which moving pictures are to be recorded by or on behalf of the Company, Clubs, clubs and/or teams are required to:

- (a) ensure that all television and other interviews in front of a camera recording moving images for broadcast take place in front of the branded backdrop boards provided by or on behalf of the League;
- (b) ensure that its Players participate in the pre-Competition Match "Handshake", if any, and for live televised matches allow at least one cameraman pitch access for the duration of the handshake; and
- (c) make available at least one Official on the football management or coaching staff of the Club and at least one Player who Played in the Competition Match for interview after the Competition Match within 30 minutes of the final whistle, giving priority to broadcast media partners of the Company with which the Company has a contract for the purposes of these Regulations which is broadcasting live (N.B. the League's media

guidelines to Clubs, clubs and/or teams that post-Competition Match interviews should take place within 10 minutes of the final whistle).

16 **Application of Rules**

- 16.1 Rules G7, G9-12, G40-G43, G45-48, G52–G59, G61, G69-G75, G78, Section H (all), I33-I41, I52-I54, Section J (all), Appendices 1, 2 and 5 and Annexes 1 (Clubs and teams only), 5, 6 and 8 (Clubs and teams only) shall apply to the Competition with Competition Matches substituted for League Matches and Play-Off Matches.

Board Minimum Prices for Ground Admission for Challenge Cup Competition Matches

Championship Clubs, clubs of Recognised Leagues and Under 20 teams - Adult - £12.00; Juveniles and Senior Citizens - £6.00;

League One Clubs - Adult - £10.00; Juveniles and Senior Citizens - £5.00;

League Two Clubs, - Adult - £9.00; Juveniles and Senior Citizens - £4.50.