

ANNEX 5 - 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, failing which the Rules.
- 1.2** Where, in these Regulations, reference is made to a Rule or Regulation by letter and/or number the reference is to a Rule of the SPFL Rules and to a Regulation of these Regulations.
- 1.3** In these Regulations references to Clubs and clubs includes clubs from another Recognised League (as defined). In the case of Colt Teams playing in the Competition it is the Premiership Club whose Under 21 team is playing in the Competition which is the participant in the Competition and which is the “Club” for the purposes of these Regulations.
- 1.4** A reference to a Club or club in these Regulations includes, unless the context requires otherwise, the owner and operator of such Club or club.
- 1.5** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1.5.1** “**Competition**” means The Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup competition for the relevant Season;
- 1.5.2** “**Extra Time**” means an additional 30 minutes of play where the score is tied at the final whistle, operated in accordance with these Regulations and the procedures laid down by the Laws of the Game;
- 1.5.3** “**Home Club**”, which includes club, means the Club/club on and at whose ground the relevant Match should be or should have been played, or where ground sharing is in operation or the Match is to be played or is played at a Neutral Venue, the Club/club whose name is drawn first;
- 1.5.4** “**Match Ground**” means (a) the Home Club’s Registered Ground and, in the case of clubs, Registered Ground means the ground/stadia at which the relevant club at the time of relevant Match, ordinarily plays first team matches in the Recognised League of which it is a member; or (b) such other ground and/or stadia for which the Home Club or club obtains the approval of the Board to play Home Matches or a Home Match, subject that the Board may give such approval to a ground and/or stadia without application by the Home Club and/or require that any Match be played at such approved ground and/or stadia if and when it considers it appropriate so to do. If the basis for such additional approval given or imposed by the Board concerns the safety or suitability of the Registered Ground of the Home Club or club for Competition Matches/a Competition Match. Approval of another ground and/or stadia, i.e. other than the Home Club’s Registered Ground or, in the

case of a club, other than where it ordinarily plays first team matches in the Recognised League of which it is a member, if sought by a Club or club, must be applied for in writing to the Company, unless the Board is satisfied that it was not reasonably practicable to make such application within the period specified, not less than seven days in advance of a Match in relation to which such approval is sought;

- 1.5.5** “**Matches**” means matches and ties played or to be played in the Competition;
 - 1.5.6** “**Over Age Player**” means a Player: (i) who is League Registered with the Club of a Colt Team; **and** (ii) who was 20 or more years old on 31 December 2024;
 - 1.5.7** “**Penalty Kicks**” means kicks taken from the penalty mark in accordance with these Regulations and the current procedures laid down from time to time by the Laws of the Game;
 - 1.5.8** “**Recognised League**” means the SHFL and/or the SLFL (as relevant);
 - 1.5.9** “**Regulations**” means the regulations of the Scottish Professional Football League, as amended from time to time;
 - 1.5.10** “**Rules**” means the rules of the Scottish Professional Football League, as amended from time to time;
 - 1.5.11** “**SHFL**” means the Scottish Highland Football League;
 - 1.5.12** “**SLFL**” means the Scottish Lowland Football League; and
 - 1.5.13** “**Visiting Club**”, which includes club, means the Club/club which should play or should have played any Match on and at the ground of the Home Club or where ground sharing is in operation or the Match is to be played or is played at a Neutral Venue, the Club or club whose name is drawn second.
- 1.6** Any notice required to be given to any person or party shall be sufficiently given if it is communicated by email or any other form of electronic communication sent to the relevant person or party and/or by being posted onto the website of the Scottish Professional Football League.
- 1.7** Any Club/club in breach of or failing to fulfil these Regulations, including any club which is a member, Player or Official 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.

2 Competition 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, assigned 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 including the power to depart from, amend, suspend and/or supplement all or any part of these Regulations if, in its sole discretion, it considers it expedient so to do and where a circumstance is not provided for in these Regulations, the Rules or in the Laws of the Game the matter shall proceed as determined by the Board.
- 3.2** Pursuant to Regulations 4.19 and 8.7, the venue and ticket pricing for the Final shall be determined by the Board. The Board shall also have full power to determine the number of tickets that will be allocated to each Club/club participating in the Final.
- 3.3** 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 these Regulations then the Board shall be entitled to make whatever arrangements and determinations and give such directions to Clubs/clubs as the Board shall, in its sole discretion, consider appropriate in order to ensure the efficient operation, conduct and completion of the Competition.
- 3.4** Where the Board considers it appropriate the Board may, in its sole discretion, for any one or more Seasons or during a Season and/or during or for the operation of any one or more rounds of the Competition during a Season, modify, supplement or otherwise vary any provision(s) in these Regulations relating to or concerning the structure, organisation and/or operation of the Competition or other matter relating to or concerning the Competition, and may by written notice to Clubs and clubs with an interest in same notify to Clubs and clubs of any such modification, supplement or other variation.

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. All Clubs/clubs, Officials, Players and Match Officials participating in the Competition shall be bound by and comply with these Regulations (and any rule, regulation, direction, decision or determination issued pursuant to these Regulations).
- 4.2** The Competition shall be contested by:
 - 4.2.1** all Clubs in the Championship, League One and League Two of The Scottish Professional Football League in the current Season; and
 - 4.2.2** the up to twelve Clubs entitled, during the relevant Season, to participate in the Premiership and/or such other numbers of Clubs/clubs as the Board shall consider appropriate, including, without limitation, from any Division of the League or from any league recognised by the Scottish FA, fielding in the Competition only 'colt/development teams' consisting, subject to Regulation 7.7, only of: (i) Players League Registered with the relevant Club

who had not attained the age of 20 years on 31 December 2024, and (ii) Players who had not attained the age of 20 years on 31 December 2024 and who are the subject of a Temporary Transfer by the relevant Club ("**Colt Teams**"). Each Premiership Club is required to participate in the Competition by entering and providing for a Colt Team unless the Board agrees, on prior application in writing by a Premiership Club that for such Season or Seasons for which the Board may so agree, that the Club concerned may not so participate.

- 4.3** Before the start of the Competition in each Season the Board shall notify the Clubs required to take part in the Competition (being the 30 League Clubs specified in Regulation 4.2.1 and the Clubs required to provide Colt Teams as specified in Regulation 4.2.2 for which the Board has not agreed non-participation by any Premiership Club for the relevant Season) and may 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 during 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 and may, if it considers appropriate in any Season or Seasons, alter/vary whether any of the classes of participant Clubs or clubs identified in Regulation 4.2 shall be invited to and shall participate in the Competition in any one or more Seasons and to make such changes to the rounds of the Competition and the balloting for such rounds as it shall consider appropriate. If the structure and/or participants in rounds and/or categories or numbers of participants in the Competition and/or rounds of the Competition shall be altered by the Board then the Board will give written notice of such change(s) to all Clubs and any other person or club with an interest in knowing such changes.
- 4.5** The Competition shall be played in a league phase followed by 'knockout' rounds designated as follows: "League Phase", "Round of [Number]" and "[Quarter Final/Semi Final/Final]".
- 4.6** Subject that the Board may determine that any round or rounds of a Competition may take place on a 'league' or 'group' basis utilising such arrangements, procedures and qualifications as the board may from time to time determine and notify to all Clubs and clubs with an interest, the 'rounds' of the Competition shall be conducted on 'knockout' basis with the winner being the Club/club with the greater number of goals at full-time. In all 'knockout' Matches other than the Final, if the scores are equal at full-time or no goals have been scored the winner shall be determined by taking Penalty Kicks. In respect of the Final, if the scores are equal at full time or no goals have been scored, 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 Penalty Kicks.

- 4.7** If Penalty Kicks are required, the Match referee determines which goal will be used as follows:
- 4.7.1** if the Match referee determines that either goal could be used for the Penalty Kicks, then, in the presence of the two captains, the referee shall toss a coin to decide which goal will be used; or
 - 4.7.2** if for reasons of safety/security, condition of the field of play, lighting or other reason, the Match referee determines that a particular goal shall be used for the Penalty Kicks, such decision is final and requires no justification.
- 4.8** Following the procedure as set out in Regulation 4.7.1, the Match referee shall toss a coin and the Club/club that wins the toss shall decide whether to take the first or second Penalty Kick.
- 4.9** Where the Board considers it appropriate the Board may, in its sole discretion, for any one or more Seasons or during a Season and/or during or for the operation of any one or more phases or rounds of the Competition during a Season, modify, supplement or otherwise vary the provisions in these Regulations relating to or concerning the structure, organisation and/or operation of the Competition and may, by written notice to Clubs and clubs with an interest in same, advise of any such modification, supplement or other variation.

League Phase

- 4.10** The composition of the League Phase shall comprise the following 30 Clubs and clubs:
- 4.10.1** the 10 League One Clubs in Season 2025/26;
 - 4.10.2** the 10 League Two Clubs in Season 2025/26; and
 - 4.10.3** the 10 Colt Teams.
- 4.11** The fixture schedule for the League Phase shall be compiled in accordance with the following principles:
- 4.11.1** the 30 Clubs/clubs shall be allocated by the Board, in its sole discretion, to one of two broadly regionalised sections – North and South – so as to achieve, so far as reasonably practicable, a broadly even distribution of Clubs and clubs;
 - 4.11.2** the Board shall, in accordance with this Regulation, determine which Clubs/clubs are allocated to which section;
 - 4.11.3** within the North section, the Clubs/clubs are divided into three pots of four Clubs/clubs. Pot 1 shall comprise Clubs from League One, Pot 2 shall comprise Clubs from League Two and Pot 3 shall comprise Colt Teams;

- 4.11.4** within the South section, the Clubs/clubs are divided into three pots of six Clubs/clubs. Pot 1 shall comprise Clubs from League One, Pot 2 shall comprise Clubs from League Two and Pot 3 shall comprise Colt Teams; and
 - 4.11.5** the opponents of each Club are determined by means of a digital algorithm in accordance with the following principles:
 - 4.11.5.1** Each Club/club will play against three opponents from each of the other two pots in its section. For the avoidance of doubt, a Club/club shall not play against any other Club/club contained within the same pot; and
 - 4.11.5.2** Clubs/clubs will play each opponent at home or away, subject to the caveat that Colt Teams shall be the Visiting Club, unless otherwise agreed by the Board.
- 4.12** The League Phase shall be completed in accordance with the following principles:
 - 4.12.1** All League Phase matches are played in accordance with the league system, whereby each Club/club plays six opponents in single-leg ties;
 - 4.12.2** All 30 Clubs/clubs are ranked in a single league ranking according to their results, with 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss;
 - 4.12.3** The Clubs/clubs ranked 1 to 22 at the end of the League Phase qualify for the Round of 32. The Clubs/clubs ranked 23 to 30 are eliminated.
- 4.13** If two or more Clubs/clubs are equal on points on completion of the League Phase matches, the following criteria are applied, in this order, to determine their rankings:
 - 4.13.1** Superior goal difference in the League Phase;
 - 4.13.2** Higher number of goals scored in the League Phase;
 - 4.13.3** Higher number of wins in the League Phase;
 - 4.13.4** Lower disciplinary points total based only on yellow and red cards received by Players and Club/club officials in all League Phase matches (red card = 3 points, yellow card = 1 point, expulsion for two yellow cards in one match = 3 points); and
 - 4.13.5** Drawing of lots using a procedure determined by the Board.

Round of 32

- 4.14** The draw for the Round of 32 shall comprise the following 32 Clubs/clubs:
 - 4.14.1** the 10 Championship Clubs for Season 2025/26; and
 - 4.14.2** the 22 Clubs/clubs ranked 1 to 22 at the end of the League Phase.

4.15 The draw for the Round of 32 shall be conducted in accordance with the following principles:

4.15.1 the draw will consist of 16 pairs of Clubs/clubs, with 8 pairs being seeded and 8 pairs being unseeded;

4.15.2 the Championship Clubs are seeded and paired based on their positions at the end of Season 2024/25 (pairing 1, positions 11 and 12; pairing 2, positions 15 and 16; pairing 3, positions 17 and 18; pairing 4, positions 19 and 20; and pairing 5, positions 21 and 23);

4.15.3 the 22 Clubs/clubs ranked 1 to 22 at the end of the League Phase will be paired according to their finishing position in the League Phase (Seeded pairings: pairing 6, P1 and P2; pairing 7, P3 and P4; pairing 8 P5 and P6) (Unseeded pairings: pairing 9, P7 and P8; pairing 10, P9 and P10; pairing 11, P11 and P12; pairing 12, P13 and P14; pairing 13, P15 and P16; pairing 14, P17 and P18; pairing 15, P19 and P20; and pairing 16, P21 and P22);

4.15.4 each Club/club in a seeded pair (i.e. pairings 1 to 8 inclusive) will be drawn against a Club/club from the corresponding unseeded pair (i.e. pairings 9 to 16 inclusive) as follows:

4.15.4.1 pairing 1 vs. pairing 16

4.15.4.2 pairing 2 vs. pairing 15

4.15.4.3 pairing 3 vs. pairing 14

4.15.4.4 pairing 4 vs. pairing 13;

4.15.4.5 pairing 5 vs. pairing 12;

4.15.4.6 pairing 6 vs. pairing 11;

4.15.4.7 pairing 7 vs. pairing 10;

4.15.4.8 pairing 8 vs. pairing 9; and

4.15.5 the first Club/club drawn in each Match shall be the Home Club.

Match system – Round of 16, Quarter Finals and Semi Finals

4.16 The 16 winners of the Round of 32 shall contest the Round of 16. The Round of 16 Matches are determined by means of an unseeded draw, with the first Club/club drawn in each Match being the Home Club.

4.17 The 8 winners of the Round of 16 shall contest the Quarter Finals. The Quarter Final Matches shall be determined by means of an unseeded draw, with the first Club/club drawn in each Match being the Home Club.

- 4.18** The 4 winners of the Quarter Finals shall contest the Semi Finals. The Semi Final Matches shall be determined by means of an unseeded draw, with the first Club/club drawn in each Match being the Home Club.

Final

- 4.19** The winner of each of the Semi Finals shall contest the Final. The Final shall be played at a Neutral Venue determined by the Board or a venue otherwise agreed between the winners of each of the Semi-Finals.

Matches

- 4.20** All Matches, including any re-scheduled Match will be played on a date and at a time and venue determined by the Board.
- 4.21** In the event that the Board considers it appropriate the Board shall be entitled to schedule and/or re-schedule the date and/or time of any Match and to determine the venue and/or change the venue for any Match.
- 4.22** The Board shall have power to waive or allow with conditions the use either in advance or retrospectively of any stadium for a Match where a Club/club is the Home Club notwithstanding any inability or failure of such Club/club to comply with any provision of the otherwise applying Regulations and/or Rules.
- 4.23** Each Club/club 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.
- 4.24** Any Club/club without just cause failing to fulfil its fixture obligations in respect of a Match on the appointed date or dates shall be liable to be disqualified and/or subject to such other punishment as the Board may determine pursuant to Section J of the Rules.
- 4.25** Both teams shall enter the field of play together in Matches along with the Match Officials no later than five minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.
- 4.26** All kick-offs must adhere to the time fixed by the Board. Club/clubs and referees must report any delays to the Board. Any Club/club causing a kick-off to be delayed without sufficient reason (as determined by the Board in its absolute discretion) shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Section J of the Rules.
- 4.27** No Match shall be postponed except on the instructions of the appointed Match referee, the pitch inspector or the Board.
- 4.28** If a Match is postponed other than by the Board, such postponement shall be reported to the Secretary immediately by the appointed Match referee.
- 4.29** If a Match is postponed with the consent of the Board (other than the Final), it shall be the obligation of the Home Club to immediately notify the appointed Match

Officials of such postponement. In the case of the Final, it shall be the Company's obligation.

- 4.30** Without prejudice to any sanctions which may be imposed for a breach of these Regulations, a Club/club failing to fulfil a fixture obligation shall be liable to pay compensation for any expenses reasonably incurred by the opposing Club/club and Match Officials as a result of the failure. The amount of such compensation will be at the discretion of the Board which will consider every such case on its merits.
- 4.31** It is the responsibility of the Home Club to ensure that a qualified medical practitioner is in attendance throughout any Match in the Competition. In the case of Matches at neutral venues, it shall be the responsibility of the venue organiser in consultation with the Company to so ensure.

5 Players

- 5.1** Only up to five nominated substitutes for any one Club/club may Play in a Match, except in the event that Extra Time is played in any Match, where in such case, a Club/club shall be permitted to use an additional substitute, a sixth in total, during such period of Extra Time. A Player who has been substituted may not Play in that same Match again.
- 5.2** An authorised Official of each Club/club participating in a Match, must deliver to the Match referee, with a copy to an appropriate Official of the opposing Club/club, a 'Scottish Professional Football League - Match Information Form', in a form from time to time approved for use by the Board, with the match details and match commencement team information sections completed which specifies the Players who will Play in that Match for that Club/club, including the name(s) of the nominated substitute(s) ("**Match Information Form**"), not less than 75 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time. Clubs/clubs shall be entitled to specify up to twenty such Players on such form. The completed form delivered to the Match referee and copied to the opposing Club/club shall state:
- 5.2.1** the Competition in which the Match is to be played, the Clubs/clubs which will participate in the Match and the date, time and place of the scheduled Kick-off;
- 5.2.2** the full names of the Players, each of whom must be eligible to Play for the Club/club in the Match, who may Play for each of the Clubs/clubs in the match, their squad numbers, if any, their dates of birth and the designated team captain;
- 5.2.3** as the first Player listed, the Player who will fulfil the role of goalkeeper in the starting 11; and
- 5.2.4** the names and, in each case, the position held at the Club/club of the up to six persons plus the Club Doctor who may, in addition to the substitutes, occupy positions in the technical area of the relevant Club/club during the Match.

- 5.3** Any Club or club failing to carry out these provisions will be dealt with at the discretion of the Board.
- 5.4** Any substitutions during the Match must be recorded by the Club/club on the substitution slips and handed to a Match Official prior to each substitution taking place.
- 5.5** If any Player (or substitute Player) named in a Match Information Form is injured or otherwise incapacitated after the delivery of that Match Information Form to the Match referee but before the scheduled kick-off time, the Club/club may add the name of another Player, eligible to Play for the Club/club in the Match, to the Match Information Form as a Player or a substitute Player provided that:
- 5.5.1** the Club's/club's doctor (or if unavailable, another doctor), has certified that the injury or incapacity is such that the Player in question cannot reasonably be expected to Play;
 - 5.5.2** if the Player in question has been named in the starting eleven, they may only be replaced by any of the nine substitutes listed on the initial Match Information Form. The substitute in question may only then be replaced, prior to the Match commencing, by, a Player eligible to Play for the Club/club in the Match not listed on the initial Match Information Form, so that the quota of substitutes is not reduced;
 - 5.5.3** if the Player in question has been named as one of the nine substitutes, they may only be replaced, prior to the Match commencing, by a Player eligible to Play for the Club/club in the Match, not listed on the initial Match Information Form; and
 - 5.5.4** if the Player in question is a goalkeeper and no substitute goalkeeper has been named on the initial Match Information Form, the Player may be replaced, prior to the Match commencing, by a Player eligible to Play for the Club/club in the Match not listed on the initial Match Information Form.

Any amendment to the Match Information Form pursuant to this Regulation 5.5 shall be immediately communicated by the relevant Club/club to the Match referee, an appropriate Official of the opposing Club/club and to the media. The Club/club concerned must, upon request, provide the Company with the relevant medical certification.

- 5.6** Six team Officials plus the Club Doctor, and up to nine substitute Players are allowed to occupy positions in the technical area allocated for their Club/club. i.e. a total of sixteen persons. The names of all such persons and their functions must be listed on the Match Information Form pursuant to Regulation 5.2.
- 5.7** No more than five substitutes from each team shall warm up at any one time in the area designated by the Match referee. The team fitness coach (as indicated on the Match Information Form) may join the Players warming up and is responsible for the implementation of any instructions from the Match referee.

- 5.8** Any substitutions during the Match must be recorded by the Club or club on 'substitution slips' and handed to a Match Official prior to each substitution taking place.
- 5.9** Substitutes who are warming up in the area designated pursuant to Regulation 5.7 shall wear colours sufficient to distinguish them from those worn by the Players participating in the Match. The provisions of the Rules so far as concerning and relating to 'warming up areas and their use shall apply to and be adhered to by Clubs and clubs participating in Competition Matches, except in so far as inconsistent with these Regulations.
- 5.10** There shall be no more than three, plus at half-time, occasions for each Club/club, in which, each Club/club shall be entitled to make substitutions during a Match. If on any one occasion during a Match each Club/club shall make substitution(s) then that shall count as one occasion for each Club/club. This Regulation 5.10 shall not apply to substitutions made during or in the break period after full-time and immediately prior to any Extra Time and during Extra Time.
- 5.11** If, and only if, space so permits, up to eight additional technical seats are allowed for Officials providing technical support to the team during the Match (kit manager, assistant physiotherapist, etc.). Such seats must be outside of the technical area and positioned at least five metres behind or to the side of the benches but with access to the dressing rooms. The names of all these persons and their functions must be listed on the Match Information Form or such other form as approved from time to time by the Board.

6 Player Colours and Numbers

- 6.1** At least 72 hours prior to all Matches, excluding the Final, the competing Clubs/clubs shall notify each other and the Secretary of the kit it intends its Players to wear in the Match. The competing Clubs/clubs shall notify the Match referee of the kit it intends its Players to wear in the Match as soon as the Match referee is appointed by the Scottish FA. Such notifications shall be made using the SPFL Match Kit Form and include the kit to be worn by the goalkeeper.
- 6.2** If the Secretary determines that there is, or is likely to be, a clash of colours, the Secretary in consultation with the Scottish FA Head of Refereeing (being the head of the Scottish FA refereeing department by whatever name called), will determine, in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation 6, which colours should be worn by the Clubs/clubs scheduled to compete in the Match. The Secretary will notify the competing Clubs/clubs of the colours to be worn in the Match no later than 48 hours prior to the Match.
- 6.3** Notwithstanding Regulations 6.1 and 6.2, in the event of any dispute with regard to the playing kit to be worn by either Club/club the Match referee's decision as to whether there is a clash of colours shall be final.

- 6.4** When two competing Clubs/clubs having the same or similar first choice colours engage in a Match, the Visiting Club shall play in its second or third choice playing kit which must be different and distinct from the Home Club's first choice playing kit.
- 6.5** In the event of a clash of colours on Match day and the Visiting Club not having with them their alternative registered playing kit, then the Visiting Club will require to play in the Home Club's alternative colours and/or shorts and/or socks or, in the event there is still a colour clash, a combination of the Visiting Club's alternative colours and the Home Club's alternative colours.
- 6.6** In the event of a clash of colours on a Match day when Clubs/clubs are playing at a Neutral Venue including the Semi Final and Final, both or either competing Clubs/clubs may be required to change to second/third choice colours and/or shorts and/or socks, if directed by the Secretary.
- 6.7** The colour of the goalkeeper shirts must, in all cases, be clearly distinguishable from the colours of the shirts worn by all outfield Players of both competing Clubs/clubs and the Match Officials.
- 6.8** The Players' jerseys and shorts must be clearly numbered, and the numbers must be distinct in colour from the remainder of the Players' kit.
- 6.9** Players participating in a Match and substitutes shall be numbered in accordance with the Match Information Form. There must be no change of numbers of or by Players during a Match.
- 6.10** The provisions of the Rules so far as concerning and relating to strips and what they must and/or may comprise of in terms of colours and style and which badges, advertising and insignia may appear thereon shall apply to and be adhered to by Clubs and clubs participating in Competition Matches, except in so far as inconsistent with these Regulations.
- 6.11** Any Club/club 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.

7 Eligibility of Players

- 7.1** A Player must be aged 15 years or more to be eligible to Play in the Competition.
- 7.2** Except in the case of a player of a club from another Recognised League taking part in the Competition and subject to Regulation 7.6 in the case of Qualifying Players on a Cooperation List and Regulation 7.7(ii) in the case of Players who are Temporary Transferred, to be eligible to Play in the Competition, Players must be League Registered with the Club for which they Play and/or propose to Play in the Competition.

- 7.3** Subject to Regulation 7.1, 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 top or first League Competition of the relevant Recognised League and must be registered with the Scottish FA.
- 7.4** In the League Phase of the Competition, no Club/club (“**A**”) shall Play, or list as a named substitute, any Player who, in the same Season, has already played in a Match in the League Phase of the Competition by entering the field of play, whether in the starting eleven or by being used as a substitute, for another Club/club (“**B**”) and any such Player shall not be eligible to Play, or be listed as a named substitute, for Club A in the League Phase of the Competition.
- 7.5** Except for a Player who has only Played, including being listed as a named substitute, in Match(es) in the League Phase of the Competition who shall not be included for the purposes of this Regulation 7.5, in the ‘knockout’ phase of the Competition no Club/club (“**A**”) shall Play, or list as a named substitute, any Player who, in the same Season, has already played in a Match by entering the field of play, whether in the starting eleven or by being used as a substitute, for another Club/club (“**B**”) in the Competition and, subject to the stated exception, any such Player shall not be eligible to Play, or be listed as a named substitute, for Club A.
- 7.6** Subject to these Regulations, the Rules, the Player Regulations and the terms of the Scottish FA Club Cooperation Regulations, a Qualifying Player shall only be eligible to Play for a Cooperation Club in the Competition if:
- 7.6.1** he is League Registered with a Parent Club which has a Cooperation Agreement with the Cooperation Club; and
 - 7.6.2** the relevant Qualifying Player is listed on a Cooperation List under such Cooperation Agreement,
- notwithstanding that the Qualifying Player is not League Registered with that Cooperation Club. In the event that a Colt Team is drawn to play against a Cooperation Club which has an eligible Qualifying Player (in accordance with Regulations 7.6.1 and 7.6.2) from the Club of such Colt Team, any such Player/player shall not be eligible to play in the relevant Match for either the Colt Team or the Cooperation Club.
- 7.7** In the case of Colt Teams participating in the Competition, and subject to Regulations 7.2 and 7.8, only Players who:
- (i)** are not Over Age Players, and
 - (ii)** are the subject of a Temporary Transfer from the Club of the relevant Colt Team and who are permitted by the Player Regulations to Play for their transferor Club in the Competition, and, 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, by way of Colt Team, in the Competition in the Recognised League and must be registered with the Scottish FA,

are eligible to Play in the Competition.

- 7.8** A Colt Team shall be permitted, but not obliged, to Play a maximum of three eligible Over Age Players/players in any Match. For the avoidance of doubt, a Player/player who is the subject of a Temporary Transfer from the Club of a Colt team; and who was 20 or more years old on 31 December 2024 shall not be eligible to Play, or be listed as a named substitute, for the Colt Team in the Competition.
- 7.9** In the event that a Colt Team is drawn against an opponent which has a Player/player registered to it on a Temporary Transfer from the Club of such Colt Team, any such Player/player shall not be eligible to play in the relevant Match for either the Colt Team or the opponent.
- 7.10** Each Club/club participating in the Competition shall ensure that its Players who Play in a Match are eligible to Play in that Match.
- 7.11** Trialists are eligible to Play in the League Phase of the Competition only. In the case of Clubs/clubs participating in the League Phase of the Competition, subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the Player Regulations concerning Trialists, a maximum of two Trialists may be included on the Match Information Form for each League Phase Match. Each of such Trialists may only be included on Match Information Forms as a Trialist on a maximum of three occasions in League Phase Matches, by such Club/club during the Competition.
- 7.12** Any Club/club 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, hereby agrees, and its players and Officials agree and are individually and collectively deemed to agree, to be bound by these Regulations and the Rules, in so far as relating to and applying to this Competition, and shall be liable to be dealt with and sanctioned in accordance with Section J of the Rules.
- 7.13** Each Club, Football club, Player, player, Trialist, Club or Football club Official, Match Official, and any other person participating in the Competition, and/or organisation and/or playing of a Competition Match, agrees to observe and be subject to, so far as concerning and/or relating to the Competition, the articles of association, protocols, procedures, rules, decisions and regulations of the Scottish FA, the Articles, Rules, these Regulations and the other Regulations and decisions of The Scottish Professional Football League and the Charter and Regulations, Rules etc. of UEFA and of FIFA, the rules, regulations and the like of any other organisation of which these bodies or the Club or Football club may be a member and each and all of them, except where they have already so submitted by agreement, agrees, including by such participation, that he, she or it submits to the jurisdiction and to the decision making authority of the Scottish FA, The Scottish Professional Football League Limited, UEFA and of FIFA. In the case of any conflict between these Regulations and such articles of association, protocols, procedures, rules, decisions regulations, Articles, Rules, Regulations and Charters then, save in the case where these Regulations confer additional rights, benefits, obligations or remedies on the person or party so submitting, such articles of

association, protocols, procedures, rules, decisions regulations, Articles, Rules, Regulations and Charters shall take precedence.

- 7.14** The provisions of Regulations 7.12 and 7.13 are without prejudice to the provisions of the Rules which relate to or concern the same or similar matters and any domestic rules and regulations with which Clubs, clubs Players and Officials are obligated to comply and which concern their participation in the relevant Competition and/or Match.
- 7.15** Any failure to comply with a provisions of these Regulations and/or with a provision of the Rules which is by its terms applicable to the circumstances arising in this Competition shall constitute a breach of the Rules and shall be determined and any sanction applied in accordance with Section J of the Rules.

8 Admission Prices and Shares of Gates

- 8.1** Subject to Regulation 8.4, in all rounds of the Competition, excluding the Final Round, the Home Club shall charge Board Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission or such higher admission prices as it chooses to charge, whichever is the greater, for each of (i) Adults; and (ii), Senior Citizens and Juveniles, and the aggregate sum received and to be received by the Home Club from such charges, shall, after deducting 15% for retention by the Home Club and after adding all net revenue (after payment of the reasonable charges of any contractor engaged to broadcast and/or manage the broadcasting of the relevant match) derived from the streaming or other broadcasting of the match, be divided equally between the two Clubs participating in each Match, and the Home Club shall, on receipt of a valid invoice from the Visiting Club, make of the sum so due by the Home Club to the Visiting Club. Prior to the commencement of the Competition in each Season, the Board shall fix the Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission or if the Board does not so fix the Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission same shall be deemed to be those which applied in the immediately preceding Competition. Unless and until altered by the Board the Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission shall be as stated below. The share of admission money and net broadcasting revenue in terms of this Regulation must be paid to the Visiting Club within ten days of the date of the relevant Match. Any Club failing to pay, detail or return as before provided, or any Club or club failing immediately to report non-payment of any sum due to it in terms of this Regulation, shall be deemed to be in breach of these Regulations and shall be dealt with in accordance with Section J of the Rules.
- 8.2** Where Clubs/clubs in different divisions and/or Recognised Leagues are in opposition against each other, the applicable Board Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission shall be the prices applicable to the Home Club.
- 8.3** Attendance statistics on forms provided by the League must be sent by the Home Club to the Secretary within three days of each Match. Clubs/clubs failing to comply or making any error therein or any omissions therefrom shall be dealt with in accordance with Section J of the Rules. In the case of the Final, it shall be the responsibility of the Company to record such information.

- 8.4** Any Home Club or club wishing to charge less than the Board Minimum Recommended Price of Ground Admission (including making no charge or a modified charge based on whatsoever criteria) to any person seeking admission to the relevant ground, must obtain the agreement in writing of the relevant Visiting Club prior to the Match taking place, subject that, under no circumstances may the amount charged for admission to a Match, directly or indirectly, and adversely to either category, discriminate between Home Supporters and Away Supporters for admission to broadly comparable accommodation at the same Match.
- 8.5** In all rounds of the Competition, excluding the Final Round, each Home Club or club must return to the Company and to the opposing Club or club, within seven days of each such Match, the number of spectators admitted to the ground, in accordance with Regulations 8.1 and 8.4, and the numbers of such spectators admitted as (i) adults; and as (ii) Senior Citizens and Juveniles, together with the receipts and admission price(s) in relation to each of (i) and (ii) received and to be received by the Home Club as a result of such admissions.
- 8.6** For the Final 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 which participated in the Final.
- 8.7** In respect of the Final the Board, after consultation with the participating Clubs/clubs, will determine ticket pricing. Payment for tickets sold by each competing Club/club together with details of tickets sold must be made to the Company not more than ten days after the date of the Match. If a Club/club 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 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.
- 8.8** The Company shall be entitled to offset all TV and sponsorship revenues received by the Company relating to the Final due to each Club/club against all sums due by each Club/club to the Company and the Club/club or other stadium operator which provided the Neutral Venue in terms of this Regulation 8.
- 8.9** Any Club/club failing to pay any balance due to the Company or detail or return as before provided within the time specified in this Regulation 8 shall pay an additional penalty of £3,000 to the Company.

- 8.10** Any Club/club failing to pay any balance due to the Company or any sum due to another Club/club or any sum due to the Club/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.
- 8.11** VAT shall be chargeable in addition to all sums provided for in this Regulation 8 which are payable to the Company or to the Club/club or other stadium operator which provided the Neutral Venue.
- 8.12** In the event of any Match up to and including the Final, 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.
- 8.13** In the event of the Final being abandoned unfinished owing to causes over which neither competing Club/club has any control, or being ordered to be replayed, the entire receipts at the replayed Final, after deduction of the expenses of the Company in relation to the Match as determined by the Board, including such % 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 will be divided equally between the two competing Clubs/clubs.
- 8.14** In all rounds of the Competition, excluding the Final, Clubs/clubs shall only be entitled to deduct a limit of 10% of the total number of spectators admitted to a Match subject to such limit not exceeding 1,000 persons. The numbers in excess of this figure must be returned in the gross gate and divided in the ratio of 75% adult, 25% juvenile and senior citizens of the Board Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission.

9 Admission Arrangements for Visiting Clubs and clubs

- 9.1** The Home Club/club shall forward to the Visiting Club/club 'without charge' tickets, in the numbers set out below, so that they will be in the hands of the Visiting Club on or before the fifth day before the Match (unless under circumstances which render this impracticable) - 10 for Directors' Box, 40 for the Stand.
- 9.2** No Official or Player of the Visiting Club/club shall be entitled to enter the Home Club's/club's Ground, without a ticket.

10 Financial Records

- 10.1** All Clubs/clubs shall keep detailed financial records of their participation in the Competition 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 ticketing, charging, admission and accommodation 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 shall be under 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 to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club/club.
- 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 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 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 Match by or on behalf of the Company.
- 12.3** The level and all other terms of payment for remuneration of Match Officials shall be decided by the Board.
- 12.4** The Company shall pay the Scottish FA in respect of the fees and expenses of Match Officials in all Matches.
- 12.5** The Match referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground, its pitch and surrounds in all 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, 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** Except by decision of the Board, the consent of the Match referee must be obtained before the kick-off can be altered from the advertised time on the day of a Match.

- 12.9** Referees must immediately report late starts of Matches and late arrivals of assistant referees and/or themselves to the Secretary.
- 12.10** The Match Officials shall have both teams prepared to enter the field of play together five minutes prior to the kick-off time.
- 12.11** The Match Officials must, in a timely fashion and in any event within 24 hours, report in writing to the Scottish FA and to the Secretary, all instances with details of misconduct and/or Unacceptable Conduct of Players, Officials or spectators in accordance with Scottish FA Rules and Regulations and the Rules relating to Unacceptable Conduct.
- 12.12** Within two hours of the end of a Match the referee of that Match shall send a Match Report by email and attachments, from the ground at which such Match was played to the Secretary and to the Scottish FA: (i) containing details of the result of the Match; (ii) electronic or photographed copies of the participating Clubs' Match Information Forms; (iii) the substitutes used; and (iv) the name(s) of any scorers.

13 Commercial Arrangements

- 13.1** In connection with the Competition and every 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:
- 13.2.1** sponsorship of and/or affiliation to the Competition;
 - 13.2.2** Transmission, Radio Transmission, Other Transmission and recording by any means of the Matches;
 - 13.2.3** commercial exploitation of the League's and any Club's or club's name, badge, emblem, copyright, database right, trademark and/or other intellectual property in connection with the Competition; and
 - 13.2.4** publications including sound and video recordings relating to the history and fixtures of the Competition.
- 13.3** The Club's/club's 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 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/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 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 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 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 shall in respect of a 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 Match without the approval of the Board.
- 13.8** The Clubs/clubs 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 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 any third party in the Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches.
- 13.10** Where a Club/club shall be involved in the broadcasting and/or transmitting by means of Other Transmission out with the British Isles of moving pictures of all or any part of a 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 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 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, without the agreement in writing of the Company, not, in the case of a 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 may enter into commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements relating to their participation in the Competition provided always that Clubs/clubs ensure that such arrangements or agreements do not conflict with these Regulations, the Rules and/or any commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements 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 to provide, for central exploitation, more than 12 trackside advertising spaces or equivalent at a Match.
- 13.15** Without prejudice to the generality of this Regulation 13 each Club/club must, if required by/for a/the sponsor of all or part of the Competition, make available the following rights, facilities and properties:
- (i) admit the sponsor to its ground for the purpose of photographing any match;
 - (ii) 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;
 - (iii) acknowledge the sponsor on the cover of the Match day programme;
 - (iv) acknowledge the sponsor in at least one public address announcement prior to the Match;
 - (v) make available one page of advertising or editorial material in the Match day programme;
 - (vi) 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;
 - (vii) provide suitable hospitality for the sponsors and their guests as directed by the Board in terms of the sponsorship agreement or agreements, and
 - (viii) 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.

13.16 Clubs and clubs shall be entitled to generate and, subject to these Regulations, broadcast audio-visual coverage of Matches in the Competition in which they participate subject that;

- (i) they may only broadcast and exploit such coverage by means of Other Transmission by Pay Per View (PPV), as if the Match were a League Match, was governed by and subject to the Rules, except that any limit on the number of League Matches provided in or affected by the Rules which may be so broadcast shall not be applied to Matches in the Competition;
- (ii) this Regulation 13.16 shall not apply to the final match in any Competition where the Board may make such special Regulations as it may consider appropriate;
- (iii) this Regulation 13.16 shall be subject to such modification/amendment at any time as the Board may think expedient; and
- (iv) where a Club or club is the Visiting Club and wishes to generate such audio-visual coverage the Home Clubs shall afford the Visiting Club accreditation for the members of its media team at the Match and the use, without additional charge, of the available physical facilities, including electronic communication facilities requested by the Visiting Club and shall make available to the Visiting Club any and all such audio-visual coverage as may be generated by the Home Club, either or and with such audio coverage as may be available, and the Visiting Club shall if it wishes such access and rights to such coverage, shall so notify in writing the Home Club and the Secretary not less than seven clear days before the relevant Match.
- (v) only Home Clubs shall broadcast Matches in the Competition on a live or near live PPV basis and Visiting Clubs and any person or party associated with an Visiting Club or on its behalf shall only Be entitled to broadcast Matches in the Competition, irrespective of the source of the coverage broadcast, after the expiry of the same 'holdback period' as would apply in the Rules if the Match were a League Match.

14 Footballs

- 14.1** A new ball of FIFA Quality Pro standard shall be used for each Match. For so long as a ball or balls is/are provided by the Company to any of the participating Clubs, each Home Club must ensure that (i) the ball(s) supplied is/are the ball(s) used in Matches and (ii) shall have available for use, if necessary, a match ball and a sufficient number (being not less than two) of reserve balls, at least one of which shall be an orange or yellow coloured ball.
- 14.2** In the Final Match, a system of replacement balls (or multi-ball) shall operate in accordance with Law 2.3 in the Laws of the Game and any guidance issued by the Board, as amended or supplemented from time to time.
- 14.3** Each Club/club entitled to play in the Competition shall notify the Secretary in writing, no later than 30 June prior to the commencement of the Competition in each Season,

if the Club/club intends to utilise a single match ball or a system of replacement balls (or multi-ball) in all matches prior to the Final Match, in accordance with Law 2.3 in the Laws of the Game and any guidance issued by the Board, as amended or supplemented from time to time. Should participating Clubs'/clubs' ball replacement system differ in Matches prior to the Final Match, the ball replacement system of the Home Club/club shall be operated.

- 14.4** No Club/club shall utilise a different ball replacement system than that notified to the Secretary without first obtaining written approval of the Board.

15 Prohibited Conduct

- 15.1** Any Club/club 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, 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/club under and in terms of their contract of service, to influence the result or any other aspect of a 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.

16 Media Co-operation Requirements

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

- (i) 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 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 Officials on the football management and coaching staff of Clubs/clubs 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
- (ii) make reasonable provision for the representatives of the Visiting Club's/club's official website.

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

- (i) 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;

- (ii) ensure that its Players participate in the pre-Match “Handshake”, if any, and for live televised matches allow at least one cameraman pitch access for the duration of the handshake; and
- (iii) make available at least one Official on the football management or coaching staff of the Club/club and at least one Player who Played in the Match for interview after the 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 that post-Match interviews should take place within 10 minutes of the final whistle).

17 Application of Rules

- 17.1** Rules A3 to A18 (inclusive), B1 to B3 (inclusive), C48, C49, F1, F1A, F2, G1, G3 to G5 (inclusive), G9 to G15 (inclusive), G22D to G22F (inclusive), G28, G46 to G47 (inclusive), G52 to G64 (inclusive), G68 to G84 (inclusive), Section H (all), I33 to I41 (inclusive), I52 to I54 (inclusive), Section I so far as concerning and related to PPV, Section J (all), Appendices 1, 2, 5 and 6 and Annexes 1, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 11, shall apply to the Competition with Matches in the Competition substituted for League Matches and Play-Off Matches where applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, Rule G7 shall not apply to Matches in the Competition.
- 17.2** Each Club or Football club, Player, player, Trialist, Club or Football club Official, Match Official, and any other person participating in the Competition, and/or organisation and/or playing of a Competition Match, agrees to observe and be subject to, so far as concerning and/or relating to the Competition, the articles of association, protocols, procedures, rules, decisions and regulations of the Scottish FA, the Articles, Rules, these Regulations and the other Regulations and decisions of The Scottish Professional Football League and the Charter and Regulations, Rules etc. of UEFA and of FIFA, the rules, regulations and the like of any other organisation of which these bodies or the Club or Football club may be a member and each and all of them, except where they have already so submitted by agreement, agrees, including by such participation, that he, she or it submits to the jurisdiction and to the decision making authority of the Scottish FA, The Scottish Professional Football League Limited, UEFA and of FIFA. In the case of any conflict between these Regulations and such articles of association, protocols, procedures, rules, decisions regulations, Articles, Rules, Regulations and Charters then, save in the case where these Regulations confer additional rights, benefits, obligations or remedies on the person or party so submitting, such articles of association, protocols, procedures, rules, decisions regulations, Articles, Rules, Regulations and Charters shall take precedence.
- 17.3** The provisions of Regulation 17.2 are without prejudice to the provisions of the Rules which relate to or concern the same or similar matters and which Clubs, Players and Club Officials are obligated not to breach and/or to comply.

Board Minimum Prices for Ground Admission for Challenge Cup Matches except for the Final

All Clubs/clubs competing in the competition:

Adult - £10.00; and

Juveniles and Senior Citizens - £5.00 (subject that the Home Club may decide to permit entry to the Match to all U12s without charge)