

## **Annex 4**

### **THE SCOTTISH PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE RESERVE CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS;**

#### **OPERATED UNDER THE TITLE OF “the SPFL Reserve Cup”**

#### **A Competition Title and Organisation**

- A1.1** The Board shall operate and organise a Reserve Cup to be known as the ‘SPFL Reserve Cup’ or such other name and/or title as the Board from time to time may consider appropriate.
- A1.2** All Clubs participating in the first division of the Reserve League in any Season shall, subject to these Regulations, be entitled but not bound, to participate in the Reserve Cup in the same Season.
- A1.3** The Board shall be entitled to invite such other Clubs to participate in the Reserve Cup as it deems appropriate.

#### **Participation**

- A2.1** Clubs which wish to participate in the Reserve Cup during a Season must so notify the SPFL Secretary in writing by not later than 1 June before the commencement of the Season. Failure to provide such written notification in a timely fashion shall mean that a Club will not be permitted, except at the discretion of the Board on cause shown, to participate in the Reserve Cup during the immediately succeeding Season.
- A2.2** Where these Regulations require the Board to make a determination as regards participation in the Reserve Cup the Board shall, in making its decision, have regard to what it considers to be in the best interests of the League and the Reserve Cup and may take into account such factors as it considers appropriate including the timing of the application, the Football performance of the Club in the preceding Season, including in the Reserve League, performance and participation in the Reserve League and/or other competitions of young players, including in any schemes or arrangements for the time being organised by the Scottish FA and the facilities, investment and staff engaged and deployed in the training and development of young players.

#### **B Competition Format and Basis of Competition**

- B1** The Reserve Cup shall take place and be governed by these Regulations and by the Rules and Regulations of the Scottish Professional Football League and shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game. All Clubs and Players participating in the Reserve Cup shall be bound by and comply with these Regulations (and any rule, regulation, direction, decision or determination issued pursuant to these Regulations).
- B2** 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 Reserve Cup with a view to

fulfilling the Reserve Cup principles set out in these Regulations.

- B3** In all rounds, other than the First Round Group Stage, the Reserve Cup shall be conducted on a 'knockout' basis with the winner being the Club with the greater number of goals at full-time. If the scores are equal at full time or no goals have been scored, the winner shall be determined by taking Penalty Kicks.

#### **First Round Group Stage**

- B4** An approximate total of 12 Clubs shall participate in the First Round Group Stage of the Reserve Cup and shall be divided into 3 groups of 4 Clubs. Participating Clubs will each be allocated by the Board, in its sole discretion, to one of the 3 Groups.
- B5** Each Club in each Group will play each other once in a 'round robin' format so that each Club will play at least 3 Group Matches, either 2 as the Home Club and 1 as the Visiting Club or vice versa, in the Group Stage.
- B6** In the Group Stage the Club in each Group Match having scored the greater number of goals at full-time, i.e. after 90 minutes plus added time, shall be allocated 3 points and the Club having scored the lesser number of or 0 goals shall be allocated 0 points.
- B7** In the event that at full time in a Group Match the score is tied or there have been no goals scored then each Club shall be allocated 1 point and Penalty Kicks (being kicks taken from the penalty mark in accordance with the procedures laid down by the International Football Association Board's Laws of the Game) shall be taken with the winners of the Penalty Kick competition being awarded 1 bonus point.
- B8** When each of the Clubs participating in each of the Groups shall have played all Group Matches the winner and runner up of each Group shall be determined on the basis that the Clubs with the greatest allocated points in the group shall be the Group winner and runner up. In the event that 2 or more Clubs are equal on points at the top of a Group or in position two, the Group winner and runner up shall be determined by the application of the following criteria in the following order:-
- (i)** overall goal difference, with the greatest positive goal difference ranking highest;
  - (ii)** most goals scored;
  - (iii)** most away goals scored;
  - (iv)** most matches won;
  - (v)** most Away matches won; and
  - (vi)** drawing of lots using a procedure determined by the Board.

The higher or earlier criteria will first be applied, and lower or later criteria will only be applied where a 'higher' or 'earlier' criterion has failed to identify the Group winner and runner up. Where there are more than 2 Clubs to be differentiated based on these criteria and at any stage one or more of such Clubs is lower on the application of the criteria of 2 or more Clubs then such lower Club(s) 'drops out' at that stage of the application of the criteria and no further criteria is applied to it to determine the Group winner and runner up. The goals scored in any Penalty Kick competition shall be excluded from determining the rankings of Clubs pursuant to this Regulation B7. The

score at full time shall be taken as the final score.

### **Semi-Finals**

- B9** The 3 Group winners and the best runner up best-identified as set out in the preceding Regulations shall qualify and be eligible to play in the Semi-Finals of the Reserve Cup.
- B10** In the Semi-Final of the competition, the 4 Clubs identified as set out in B8 & B9 shall be included in a ballot to determine which will play against each other in each of the Semi-Finals.

### **Final**

- B11** The winner of each of the Semi Finals shall contest the Final. The two winning Clubs shall be included in a ballot to determine home advantage. The Clubs will play a single Match at the venue of the first drawn Club.

### **Prohibited Conduct**

- B12** Any Club, Official, Player, Trialist 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, 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 Match in the Reserve Cup shall, subject to the terms of these Regulations, be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate. Any Club in any way involved in or concerned, whether directly or indirectly with any such payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement shall be in breach of these Regulations and be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or, as the case may be, a Commission shall consider appropriate.

### **C Match Arrangements**

- C1** The half time interval in all Matches shall be of fifteen minutes' duration.
- C2** All Matches, including any re-scheduled Match, will be played on a date and at a time and venue determined by the Board. Reserve Cup Matches shall normally be scheduled by the Board to be played on Tuesday afternoon at 2pm.
- C3** Reserve Cup Matches shall, unless rearranged on the application of the competing Clubs and with the approval of the Board, or on the instruction of the Board, be played on the dates and times scheduled at the commencement of the Season.
- C4** 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 Match.

- C5** The appointment of Match Officials shall be the responsibility of the Scottish FA in accordance with the agreement reached between the SPFL and the Scottish FA from time to time.
- C6** A Club shall be entitled to apply to the Board for the postponement of any Reserve Cup Match where five or more of its Players are unavailable through international selection and, following receipt of such an application, the Board may postpone and rearrange the Reserve Cup Match.
- C7** Both teams shall enter the field of play together, along with the Match Officials, no later than five minutes prior to the kick-off time.
- C8** All Reserve Cup Matches shall be of 90 minutes' duration, with two equal halves of 45 minutes. However, any Reserve Cup Match that, from any cause whatever, falls short of 90 minutes' duration may be ordered to count as a completed fixture or to be replayed in full as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine.
- C9** The ball or balls to be used in all Reserve Cup Matches shall comply with the Laws of the Game and be of a type as shall be specified by the Board from time to time.
- C10** At and during all Reserve Cup Matches, the Home Club shall have available for use 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.
- C11** Within 2 hours of the end of a Reserve Cup Match, the Referee of that Match shall send a Match Report by fax or email, if available, to the League and to the Scottish FA containing details of the result of the Reserve Cup Match, the participating Clubs team lists, the substitutes used, if any and the name of any scorers. The Board may from time to time determine the form of such Match Report.
- C12** No Reserve Cup Match shall be postponed except on the instructions of the appointed Match Referee or a pitch inspector or by the Board.
- C13** If a Reserve Cup Match is postponed other than by the Board, such postponement shall be reported as soon as reasonably practicable to the Secretary by the Referee concerned and, where it has been postponed with the consent of the Board, it shall be the duty of the Home Club to immediately notify the appointed Match Officials of such postponement.
- C14** In the event of any Reserve Cup Match being postponed or not being played or being abandoned or being ordered to be played or replayed, it shall be played on a date and at a time as determined by the Board.
- C15** No Club shall, unless the circumstances of the failure are outside the control of the Club concerned and could not have been reasonably foreseen and reasonably anticipated and remedied prior to the Match, fail to fulfil its fixture obligations in respect of any Reserve Cup Match on and at the appointed or rescheduled date, time

and venue.

**C16** For the purposes of Regulation C15, a representation by a Club that it will not or intends not to fulfil a fixture obligation or that it will do so only subject to a condition or conditions which are or are found to be unacceptable to the Board shall be deemed to be in breach of Regulation C15 notwithstanding that the Board has or may have rescheduled or later reschedules the Match concerned.

**C17** Without prejudice to any other sanctions, which may be imposed for a breach of these Regulations, any Club failing to fulfil its fixture obligations shall be liable to pay compensation for any expenses necessarily incurred by the opposing Club and/or the Company in terms of Match Official and/or any venue costs as a consequence of the failure. The amount of compensation will be at the discretion of the Board which will consider each such case on its merits.

## **D Players, Coaching and Technical Staff**

**D1** In order to be eligible to Play for a Club in a Reserve Cup Match a Player must be: -

- (i)** League Registered with that Club; or
- (ii)** at the date of the relevant Match, the subject of a Temporary Transfer to another Club by the Club concerned; and
- (iii)** aged 15 years or more on the date of the relevant Match.

**D2** An authorised Official of each Club participating in a Match, must deliver to the Match referee, with a copy to an appropriate Official of the opposing 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, including the name(s) of the Club's nominated substitute(s), not less than 75 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time. Clubs shall be entitled to specify up to 20 such Players on such form. The completed form delivered to the referee and copied to the opposing Club shall state:

- (i)** the Reserve Cup in which the match is to be played, the Clubs which will participate in the Match and the date, time and place of the scheduled Kick-off;
- (ii)** the full names of the Players who may Play for the Club in the Match, their squad numbers, if any, their dates of birth and the designated team captain; and
- (iii)** as the first Player listed, the Player who will fulfil the role of goalkeeper in the starting 11.

**D3** 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 concerned may add the

name of another Eligible Player to the Match Information Form as a Player or a substitute Player provided that:

- (i) the most senior member of coaching staff present for that Club has certified that the injury or incapacity is such that the Player in question cannot reasonably be expected to enter the field of play;
- (ii) if the Player in question has been named in the starting eleven they may only be replaced by any of the up to nine substitutes initially listed on the Match Information Form. The substitute in question may only then be replaced by an Eligible Player not initially listed on the Match Information Form, so that the quota of substitutes is not reduced;
- (iii) if the Player in question has been named as one of the nine substitutes, they may only be replaced by an Eligible Player not initially listed on the Match Information Form; and
- (iv) if the Player in question is a goalkeeper and no substitute goalkeeper has been initially listed on the Match Information Form, the Player may be replaced by an Eligible Player not initially listed on the Match Information Form.

**D3.2** Any amendment/supplement to the Match Information Form pursuant to Regulation D3.1, shall be immediately communicated by the relevant Club to the Match referee, an appropriate Official of the opposing Club and to the media. The Club concerned must, upon request, provide the Company with the necessary medical certificates.

**D4** In the case of Clubs participating in the Reserve Cup, provided there is 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 Reserve Cup Match. Each of such Trialists may only be included on Match Information Forms as a Trialist on a maximum of three occasions in Reserve Cup Matches, by such Club during a Season

**D5** It is the responsibility of each Club participating in the Reserve Cup to ensure that its Players are eligible to Play in any Match.

**D6** No Club shall Play, or list as a named substitute, any Player or 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 by another Club in the Reserve Cup.

**D7** Subject that a Club must make all of the substitutions which it wishes to make during an individual Reserve Cup Match within a maximum of three stoppages, excluding the half-time period which shall not for this purpose be counted as a stoppage, but is a time when substitutions may be made, only up to a maximum of five nominated substitutes for any one Club may participate by taking the field of play in an individual Reserve Cup Match except in the event that Extra Time is played in any Match, where in such case a 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 in a Reserve Cup Match may not take any further part in that Match. The list of twenty Players referred to above must include at least one recognised goalkeeper, who must start the Match.

- D8** 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. 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 D2.
- D9** No more than five substitutes from each team shall warm up along the pitch perimeter at the same time. Substitutes who are warming up on the pitch perimeter shall wear colours sufficient to distinguish them from those worn by the Players (including goalkeepers) participating in the Reserve Cup Match in question.
- D10** The Players' shirts must be clearly numbered on the back and the Players' shorts may be numbered providing that they are clearly numbered on the left-hand side at the front and in accordance with the Match Information Form. Any such numbers and letters must be in compliance with the style and conditions approved by the Board.
- D11** One Player for each Club shall be nominated as captain for the Reserve Cup Match on the Match Information Form and shall wear a distinguishing armband to indicate his status. If the captain for the time being ceases to participate in a Reserve Cup Match another Player shall be designated as captain and he shall wear an armband as aforesaid.
- D12** Clubs must play in colours registered by them with the SPFL in respect of Reserve League Matches in accordance with the Reserve League Regulations.
- D13** At least 72 hours prior to all Matches, excluding the Final, the competing Clubs shall notify each other and the Secretary of the kit it intends its Players to wear in the Match. The competing 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.
- D14** No Club participating in a Reserve Cup Match shall be permitted to play in shirts the colour of which is likely to cause confusion with the outfit worn by the Match Officials. When the colours of two competing Clubs are alike or similar, the Visiting Club shall change to its second-choice colours or a combination of its first and second choice colours (or, if applicable, third choice colours) provided that these do not include any of the basic colours of the Home Club colours to be worn in the same Reserve Cup Match by both of its outfield players and its goalkeeper.
- D15** The colour of the goalkeepers' shirts in a Reserve Cup Match must, in all cases, be clearly distinguishable from the colours of the shirts worn by all outfield Players of both participating Clubs and from those of the Match Officials.
- D16** If so determined by the Board, the shirts of all Players in Reserve Cup Matches shall carry the League logo and/or, the name/logo(s) of the title or other sponsor of the

League, on one or both sleeves, as specified from time to time by the Board.

- D17** The colours of clothing worn by ball attendants at a Reserve Cup Match must not be likely to cause confusion with the colours of either of the competing Clubs or Match Officials.
- D18** Any Club breaching or failing to carry out the provisions of any of Regulations D1 to D4 (inclusive) in relation to a Reserve Cup Match may be dealt with by means of a Defined Sanction in terms of the Rules of Procedure.
- D19** Subject to any medical or similar circumstance arising during and in relation to the Match, which shall require attendance of a member of staff away from the Match venue, each Club participating in a Reserve Cup Match shall have in attendance for the whole of such Match at the Match Venue, a minimum of four staff members, other than Players, comprising not less than two coaches (one of whom must have at least a current A coaching license), a minimum of one physiotherapist (as a minimum Health and Care Professions Council registered as a physiotherapist with a recommendation that such physiotherapist has a current sports first aid qualification from an approved Scottish FA provider) and a minimum of one goalkeeping coach (who must have or be working towards a goalkeeping coaching license).
- D20** In order to protect the pitch and unless otherwise agreed between both participating Clubs, the following procedures shall be adopted by Players and Officials in the periods immediately before and after and at half time during a Reserve Cup Match:
- (i)** the pitch shall only be used for warming up or warming down by Players named on the lists of Players provided to the Referee not less than seventy-five minutes before the time of kick-off;
  - (ii)** pre-match warming up by either team shall not commence until at the earliest 45 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time, shall not last for more than 30 minutes, and shall end not later than 10 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time;
  - (iii)** if portable goals are provided they shall be used for all goalkeeping drills other than crossing practice;
  - (iv)** the goalmouth area shall be used by goalkeepers only if portable goals are not provided or for crossing practice and then only for not more than 20 minutes;
  - (v)** for the purposes of warming up and warming down each team shall use only part of the pitch between the edge of a penalty area and the half way line or as otherwise directed by the groundsman;
  - (vi)** all speed and stamina work shall be undertaken off the pitch parallel to the touchline opposite the side to be patrolled by the assistant referee or, in the absence of sufficient space at that location, in that part of the pitch described in Regulation D18 (e) or as otherwise directed by the groundsman;



- (vii) Players using the pitch at half time shall give due consideration to any other activity or entertainment taking place on the pitch at the same time;
- (viii) the Home Club may water the pitch at half time provided that it gives reasonable notice to the referee and the other Club that it intends to do so and that any such watering is carried out evenly over the entire length and width of the pitch; and
- (ix) any warming down after the conclusion of the Reserve Cup Match shall last for no longer than 15 minutes and for that purpose neither penalty area shall be used.

## **E Match Officials and Technical Area Facilities**

- E1** Each Club shall provide technical areas in accordance with the Rules and the Laws of the Game.
- E2** The Match Officials for Reserve Cup Matches shall be appointed by the Scottish FA.
- E3** The Match Officials must report to the Scottish FA all cases of misconduct and Unacceptable Conduct of Players, Club Officials or Spectators within three (3) days of the occurrence.
- E4** The match fees for Match Officials payable before any deductions shall be as determined by the Board. In the case of postponed matches, half the above fee will be paid to Match Officials who report to the ground.
- E5** Match Officials shall be entitled to claim expenses as determined by the Board.
- E6** Match Officials who inspect grounds as directed by the Board shall be paid a fee as determined by the Board plus expenses (including time lost if applicable).
- E7** No Club or Club Official or other person acting on behalf or in the presumed interests of a Club shall pay or offer to pay a Referee or Assistant Referee.
- E8** Match Officials shall use all reasonable endeavours to be present at the relevant Match venue at least one and a half hours prior to the scheduled time of kick-off. The Referee shall decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and each Home Club must take every reasonable precaution to keep its ground in a playing condition and, where necessary, shall re-mark the ground during the half-time interval. The Home Club may, where weather or other conditions make it appropriate, require the Referee to visit the Match venue two hours or more before the scheduled time of kick-off of any Reserve Cup Match.
- E9** The Board may require the Referee to complete a report on the condition of the playing surface in a form specified by the Board from time to time.
- E10** The football proposed to be used in the Match and the replacement footballs must be submitted by the Home Club to and approved by the Referee before the commencement of the Match.

**E11** In addition to the normal type of ball, an orange or yellow ball which complies in every respect with the requirements of the Laws of the Game must be made available by the Home Club for Reserve Cup Matches. The selected ball must be used throughout the Match unless otherwise determined by the Referee.

**E12** A referee supervisor may be appointed by the Scottish FA to attend Reserve Cup Matches. Clubs must ensure that the referee supervisor is given a prime seat in the main stand and is allowed free access to all areas of the ground.

## **F Grounds**

**F1** Each Club participating in the Reserve Cup must, unless otherwise approved by the Board, play its Home Reserve Cup Matches at one of its Registered Grounds in respect of Reserve League Matches in accordance with the Reserve League Regulations.

## **G Media Co-Operation Requirements**

**G1** At every Reserve Cup Match which is televised or in respect of which moving pictures are to be recorded by or on behalf of the Company, Home 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 Commercial Contract for the purposes of Section I of the Rules and/or these Regulations, 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 Officials on the football management and coaching staff of Clubs for interviews during this period (N.B. the decision whether to speak to such media remains with the individuals themselves and Clubs 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 Company are suitably located for such interviews; and
- (ii) make reasonable provision for the representatives of the Visiting Clubs' official websites.

**G2** At every Reserve Cup Match which is televised or in respect of which moving pictures are to be recorded by or on behalf of the Company, Clubs are 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 Company;
- (ii) ensure that its Players participate in the pre-match "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 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 Section I of the Rules and/or these Regulations which are broadcasting live (N.B. the SPFL's media guidelines provide that post-match interviews should take place within 10 minutes of the final whistle).

## **H General**

- H1** 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 the defined meaning ascribed to it in the Articles or Rules.
- H2** Rules A3 – A18 (inclusive), B1 – B3 (inclusive), C47 - C49 (inclusive), F1 & F2, G1, G3-5 (inclusive), G7, G9-15 (inclusive), G22D to G22F (inclusive), G28, G49, G53 and G54, G56-G64 (inclusive), G68-G83 (inclusive), Section H (all), I33 - I41 (inclusive), I52 – I54 (inclusive) and Section J (all) shall apply to the Reserve Cup.
- H3** Any Club in breach of or failing to comply with these Regulations, including any club which is a member of a Recognised League and which participates in the Reserve Cup, hereby agrees, and its participating 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 Reserve Cup, and shall be liable to be dealt with and sanctioned in accordance with Section J of the Rules.
- H4** Each Club, Player, player, Trialist, Club Official, Match Official, and any other person participating in the Reserve Cup, and/or organisation and/or playing of a Reserve Cup Match, agrees to observe and be subject to, so far as concerning and/or relating to the Reserve Cup, 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 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.
- H5** The provisions of Regulations H2 and H3 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 to comply with.
- H6** Unless expressly otherwise stated, all references to individual Regulations are to Regulations in these Regulations.

**H7** The Home Club shall make and record a digital video record, both moving images and sound, of each Reserve Cup Match played at its Home ground. The standard of such video or film record shall be not less than reasonably sufficient for coaching and match analysis by professional coaching staff of each participating Club. The standard does not require to be of broadcast quality. The Home Club shall, on request and as soon as reasonably practicable, provide the Visiting Club and the Company with a copy of or access to a downloadable copy of such a video or film record. If a copy is provided it shall be on conventionally accessible media and in a readily available format.

**I Commercial Arrangements**

**I1** In connection with the Reserve Cup, the Board shall have power to conclude and administer contracts on behalf of all Clubs participating in the Reserve Cup with commercial sponsors, broadcasters, publishers and others for the benefit of Clubs participating in the Reserve Cup.

**I2** Such contracts include, but are not be restricted to:

**(i)** sponsorship of the Reserve Cup;

**(ii)** Transmission, Radio Transmission, Other Transmission and recording by any means of Reserve Cup Matches;

**(iii)** commercial exploitation of the Reserve Cup, badge, emblem, and trademark in connection with the Reserve Cup; and

**(iv)** publications including sound and video recordings relating to the history and fixtures of the Reserve Cup.

**I3** The Clubs and each of them agree to centrally pool and market their rights, facilities and properties relating to and concerning, Radio Transmission and Transmission of Reserve Cup Matches for exclusive exploitation by the Company of Radio Transmission and Transmission of Reserve Cup Matches.

**I4** Subject that a Club shall not, other than in respect of contracts entered into by the Company relating to Radio Transmission or Transmission of Reserve Cup Matches, be obliged to comply with this Regulation I4 if to do so would result in that Club being in breach of a contractual obligation entered into prior to the Board determining to enter into the contract concerned, the 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 and/or relating to the Reserve Cup.

**I5** The Company shall be entitled, for the purposes or contracts entered into or to be entered into by the Company in relation to the Reserve Cup, 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 and each of them.

- 16** The Company shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights in relation to Other Transmission of Reserve Cup Matches, which would have the object or effect, whether intentionally or otherwise, of preventing or inhibiting the 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.
- 17** Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Reserve Cup, there shall be no and each of the Clubs shall in respect of a Reserve Cup 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 Reserve Cup Match without the approval of the Board.
- 18** The 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 Reserve Cup in relation to Radio Transmission and/or Transmission or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur.
- 19** The 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 Reserve 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 Clubs or any third party in the Other Transmission of Reserve Cup Matches.
- 110** Where a 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 Reserve Cup Match, other than pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Reserve Cup, 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 concerned, within, to or which shall be capable of being received in the British Isles.
- 111** Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Reserve Cup, 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 Reserve Cup Match within any period provided for in a Commercial Contract and in any event not, in the case of a Reserve Cup Match played on a Saturday until midnight on the next day and on any other day until midnight on that day.
- 112** Clubs may enter into commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements relating to their participation in the Reserve Cup provided Clubs 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 Reserve Cup, any other Competition or any Commercial Contracts or Limited Commercial Contracts. All revenue received by the Company in terms of or arising out of any

contract relating to the Reserve Cup other than a Commercial Contract or Limited Commercial Contract, shall be Other Revenue.

**I13** The Company shall not contract in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Reserve Cup so as to require any Home Club to provide, for central exploitation, more than 12 trackside advertising spaces or equivalent at an individual Reserve Cup Match.

**I14** Clubs shall be entitled to generate and, subject to these Regulations, broadcast audio-visual coverage of Matches in the Reserve Cup 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 apply to Matches in the Reserve Cup;
- (ii) this Regulation I14 shall be subject to such modification/amendment at any time as the Board may think expedient; and
- (iii) where a Club is the Visiting Club and wishes to generate such audio-visual coverage the relevant Home Club shall afford the Visiting Club accreditation for the members of its media team at the Match. 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.
- (iv) only Home Clubs shall broadcast Matches in the Reserve Cup on a live or near live PPV basis and Away Clubs and any person or party associated with an Away 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.

## **J Trophy and Awards**

**J1** The winners of the Reserve Cup shall hold the trophy and when it is handed over to the winner, that Club shall return same to the Secretary if and when required and in any case prior to the commencement of the next Season's Reserve Cup in the like good order and condition in which it was received.

**J2** It shall be the responsibility of the winning Club to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club.

- J3** The winners and runners-up in the Reserve Cup will receive such awards as the Board may decide.
- J4** The Board has full discretion to refuse to present a Player of a participating Club with an award (including a medal, trophy, token or other form of prize), which represents their achievement as runner-up and 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.