

## **Rules of the Cavan / Monaghan Under Age League**

### **1 TITLE**

The League shall be known as the Cavan/Monaghan Football Underage League and where appropriate referred to in this document as the CMUL or the Committee.

**2 OBJECTIVE** The objective of the League shall be to promote the game of Association Football (soccer) in Counties Cavan, Monaghan and their environs through the setting up and playing of fixtures and competitions for teams up to sixteen years of age for boys and girls. Girls may play on boy's teams in accordance with the current rules of the SFAI.

Where deemed suitable by the Committee, divisions consisting of only girl's teams may be set up and be eligible to play in CMUL girls competitions.

### **3 LEAGUE COMMITTEE**

(a) The League and its competitions shall be run by a League Committee (known throughout these rules as the Committee) to include an officer board consisting of a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Hon secretary and Hon Treasurer each of whom shall be elected by the member clubs on an annual basis at the League AGM and a minimum of six (6) Committee members, all of whom shall be elected by the member clubs on an annual basis at the League AGM.

(b) The Committee at its first meeting of each season shall define and allocate the roles of Registrar, Fixture secretary's, Child officer, SFAI delegated, and any other roles or duties deemed suitable from amongst those Committee members contained in (a) above.

(c) No more than two (2) members of any one member club can serve at the same time on the Committee in any capacity, in order to remain a member of the Committee all such club representatives must be a current member of their respective club.

d) Any club failing to return any CMUL trophy within the time frame laid down by the Committee shall render itself liable to a fine.

### **4. Behaviour / Fines**

a) All member clubs are fully responsible at all times for the behavior and actions of its players and officials.

(b) Membership of a current club shall not disbar any individual from serving on the Committee in any capacity but any Committee member or officer must absent him/herself from and not partake in any discussion debate or decision making on any matter coming before the Committee (or its sub-committees) in relation to his/her own club.

(c) The Committee shall have the sole right to utilize the league's assets on behalf

of the League.

(d) The Committee shall have power to deal as it sees fit with any matter concerning the League. Its member clubs and its competitions not otherwise mentioned within these rules.

(e) The Committee shall meet at least every month during the season and at such other times as required the Committee shall have the full authority to act outside of regular meetings on any matter required including the organization and running of the League's various competitions.

(f) The Committee (or its subcommittee's) may investigate any cases of rough play or misconduct and deal with referee's reports, club complaints and protests.

(g) The Committee shall comply with all current SFAI rules relation to the forwarding of copies of requested information and records of the League to the SEN.

(h) The Committee may set up and administer a web site dealing with the operations of the CMUL and it shall have sole discretion over the content published on any such web site.

#### **5. DUTIES of the LEAGUE OFFICERS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Chairman** Shall chair all AGM, EGM, Committee, club delegate, and sub-committee (of which he/she is a member) meetings, he/she shall be entitled to be an ex officio member of all League subcommittees and have a vote on any matter requiring such at Committee (or Sub-committee) meetings. In the event of a tied vote he/she will also have the casting vote if he/she chooses to exercise that right.

**Vice-chairman** Shall assist the Chairman, as required, in the carrying out of his/her duties and shall chair all meetings of the Committee in the absence of the Chairman., in the event of the Chairman and the Vice-chairman being absent from any such meeting, the Committee shall appoint a person from those present to act as Chairman for the duration of that meeting only.

**Hon. Secretary:** Shall keep accurate minutes of all Committee club delegate, AGM, EGM and any other relevant meetings where he/she is in attendance he/ she shall be entitled to be an ex officio member of all League sub-committees and issue to all clubs the minutes of delegate meetings within ten (10) days of their completion.

All correspondence to the League from member clubs must issue through the relevant club Hon. Secretary, correspondence from other sources may not be dealt with at the Committee's discretion all outgoing correspondence from the Committee must be issued through the League Hon. Secretary, where he/ she is absent or unavailable the Committee shall appoint a substitute for such duration as it sees fit. The Committee shall have discretion over the method of correspondence to be used including the use of emails.

**Hon. Treasurer:** Shall be responsible for all financial matters concerning the

League, he/she shall sign all payment cheques which must also be signed by one other co-signatory, those co-signatories shall be the current Chairman and Hon. Secretary. Shall present a financial report to all Committee and club delegate meetings and be responsible for the timely lodgment of all incoming funds with the league's designated bankers. Present a yearly financial report to the member clubs at the AGM all such reports shall require to be formally adopted by the member's clubs at the relevant AGM. Shall recommend to the Committee the level of membership and registration fees to be implemented for the coming season. Shall recommend on an annual basis a suitably qualified person or company to act as the league auditor the appointment of whom shall be approved for the following season by the member clubs at the relevant AGM.

**Fixtures Secretary/s** shall be responsible for the setting of all fixtures, the keeping of accurate League tables in his/her relative age group/a and have the final decision in all matters relating to his/her relevant fixtures including requests for postponements, but with the exception of awarding walkovers which decisions shall be the preserve of the Committee.

**P.R.O.:** Shall work under the sole direction of and be responsible to the League Committee for the promotion of all League activities within the policies and guidelines laid down by the Committee.

**S.F.A.I Delegate/s:** shall represent the League to and liaise with the SFAI on all relevant matters and shall report as required to the Committee.

**Registrar:** Shall keep and store accurate record of all team and player registrations, make such records available to any current member club for inspection as per the rules governing any such request, be responsible for the return of all registration form counterfoils and relevant documentation to the member clubs. He /She will not be held accountable for the accuracy or veracity of any details entered by member clubs on any player / team registration form /s received and accepted.

**Committee Members:** Shall carry out all duties and responsibilities assigned to them by the Committee and report as required to the Committee. No CMUL Committee member or office holder may represent take part in debate or in any way influence any League discussion or decision/a affecting his/her club.

**Child Officer:** Shall be responsible for and carry out the current regulations and policies as laid down by the FAI and any other relevant bodies

## **6. SUB-COMMITTEES and APPOINTMENTS**

The Committee shall appoint elected personnel to the following roles and bodies and all such personnel must be current members of the Committee:

Fixtures Secretary/s.

Delegates to the SFAI

Public Relations Officer.

Disciplinary Committee which shall comprise of three (3) members.

Child Officer

Any other sub-committee that may be deemed necessary.

## **7 CLUB MEMBERSHIP**

(a) Membership of the League is open to any soccer club in counties Cavan, Monaghan and their environs all member clubs must satisfy the Committee regarding their playing area and changing facilities.

(b) Membership for existing clubs is renewable prior to the start of each season by way of completing the official application form which must be forwarded to the Hon. Secretary of the League by 30th June each year.

(c) It shall be a strict condition of the approval of applications for League membership that each club shall have completed the relevant application form and supplied the information required thereon. Non-receipt by the League of the completed application form will be taken to mean that the club/s concerned do not seek readmission for the new season.

(d) All member clubs must notify the Hon. secretary of the League in writing immediately of any subsequent change/s to the details on its application form.

(e) All member clubs must have in force a current and valid, third party liability insurance policy a copy of which must be produced if requested by the Committee.

(f) The Committee shall have the power to remove any team or club from membership of the League for misconduct.

The Committee shall have sole control over the right of entry into the League and shall have the power to refuse to accept the entry of any team or club into the League for the following season/a if in the opinion of the Committee such a team or clubs, previous misconduct warrants such a refusal.

## **8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

(a) The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held in the month of June on a date set by the Committee at least twenty-eight (28) days notification shall be issued to all current member clubs of the date of the relevant AGM the agenda for which shall consist of:

Minutes of the previous AGM

Matters arising from same

Chairman's address

Hon. Secretary's report and its adoption.

Hon. Treasurer's report and its adoption

Amendments/additions/deletions to these rules.

Election of League Committee.

Appointment of League auditor.

Any other business.

(b) Each club in current membership of, and financial good standing with the

League shall be entitled to send one delegate per registered club to represent it and vote at the AGM.

(c) These rules may only be changed at the AGM or a valid EGM and all proposed amendments/additions/deletions to these rules must be submitted in writing, to the Hon. Secretary of the League no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the relevant AGM.

(d) All proposed amendments/additions/deletions to these rules for consideration at an AGM can only be submitted by the current Hon. Secretary of a current member club and must also be signed by the current hon. secretary of one other current member club both of which clubs must be in financial good standing with the League.

(e) A two thirds majority of those present and voting shall suffice to carry or defeat any proposed amendments/additions/deletions to these rules provided such amendments/additions/deletions have been forwarded and received in the prescribed manner.

(f) All nominations for election to the Committee must be posted/mailed to the Hon. Secretary of the League no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the relevant AGM.

(g) All such nominations must be signed by the current Hon secretary of a current member club and must also be signed by the current Hon. Secretary of one other current member club both of which clubs must be in financial good standing with the League.

(h) Numbering/ lettering of these rules shall be amended as result of any changes made at an AGM or EGM

(i) Member clubs not in good financial standing with the League may be refused admission to and or representation at any AGM Club Delegate Meeting or EGM.

### **9. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM)**

(a) An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the League may be called at any time by the Committee.

(b) A request for an EGM can be submitted by the member clubs and any such request must be made in writing/email to the League Hon. Secretary giving at least thirty (30) days notification of such a request and be signed by the Hon. Secretaries of at least six (6) current member clubs of the League all which must be in financial good standing with the League.

(c) Any such request from the member clubs to stage an EGM must state the business to be discussed at that EGM and only such business can be discussed at that EGM.

(d) A non-returnable fee of €100 in the form of a bank draft only must accompany any such request. Where a request from the member clubs to call, an EGM has been granted by the Committee the League Hon. secretary shall give at least 14

days' notification of the date venue and time of that EGM to the member clubs. Any proposed amendments/additions/deletions to these rules which form the basis of a request from the member clubs to call an EGM must be submitted in writing and must accompany such request as per the procedures for request/email an EGM.

(e) The Committee or its sub-committee/a shall have the power to deal with any alteration by the Committee.

(f) Each club registered to the League and represented at an EGM shall be entitled to one vote. A simple majority of those present and voting shall decide any matter subject to a vote at an EGM.

### **10. CLUB DELEGATE MEETINGS**

(a) A meeting of delegates from all current member clubs shall be held on a designated day of each month during the current season notification of which may also be issued to the local press and or media.

Each member club must send one (1) delegate to such meetings, he/she must be a current member of the relevant club and must sign the attendance book to verify their attendance at any such meeting. Member clubs which fail to be represented at delegate meetings shall be fined €25 for each nonattendance, unless they have requested and received prior permission to be excused from attending that meeting. No member club can be granted more than two excused absences. The Committee shall investigate any further absences and may impose additional sanctions.

### **11. CHILD OFFICERS**

All member clubs of the League are bound to comply with the current requirements of the FAI child welfare programme and policies which include the appointment of a club child officer the name and contact details of whom must be submitted to the League Hon. Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> February each year.

### **12. REPRESENTATIVE TEAM MANAGEMENT and STRUCTURES**

(a) The Committee shall have the sole power to appoint and dismiss team managers or management structures for teams representing the League, such positions may or may not be advertised publicly and no monetary reward or professional contract will be entered with any such appointee/s.

(b) Appointed team managers shall have the right to recommend assistants and structures but only the Committee shall have the right to agree to implement such structures and make any appointments.

(c) No member of any representative team management shall have the right to fund raise without prior application to and the approval of the Committee.

(d) Where Committee permission has been granted for such fundraising all monies collected must be returned to the League Hon. Treasurer and only the Committee shall decide upon its disbursement.

(e) Where vacancies arise within the representative team management structures

the Committee shall have the sole right to appoint any such replacement/s.

(f) All team managers and or their backroom staff shall be responsible for the entire actions of the relevant squad/s of players and shall attend meeting called by the committee in relation to team matters.

### **13. TEAM and PLAYER REGISTRATIONS and TRANSFERS**

(a) Before taking part in any of the CMUL or SFAI competitions eddy players must be registered on a current official block registration form and FAI Net Registration issued by the Committee.

(b) It shall be the sole responsibility of each member club to ensure the on time forwarding of all player and team registration forms to the League. All such block forms, and any single player registration form/a attachments will form a team and be regarded as such for the purposes of all CMUL rules.

(c) Where any club enters more than one team in any age group such clubs must clearly enter on the registration forms the division in which each team shall be playing, uncompleted forms in this regard will not be accepted or processed for registration.

(d) No player or team registration forms will be accepted or validated without the accompanying relevant registration fee/s.

(e) It shall be the sole responsibility of the member clubs to ensure the accuracy of the details entered on any registration form submitted to the League for the purposes of competing in the CMUL or the SFAI'S competitions.

(f) All clubs will be supplied with their registration form counterfoil/s, it shall be the responsibility of the member clubs to retain and store all registration form counterfoils which must be produced upon request from the Committee under any circumstances.

(g) Player/team registration forms must be posted to the Registrar, within the prescribed time limits, to the address noticed to the member clubs.

(h) First time registrations of players must be accompanied by an original birth certificate for all such players.

(i) No player can sign for and be registered to more than one member club in any one season without being properly transferred from his/her original club on an official League transfer form. Original club shall mean the club to which the player has been first registered to for the relevant season. Transfers will only be allowed up to 15th October in any season and all transferred players must be re-registered to his/her new team.

(j) No player can play for more than one team in his/her club at the same age group in any one season without being transferred on an official transfer form. Transfers will only be allowed up to 15th October in any season and all transferred players must be re-registered to his/her new team.

(k) To be eligible to represent the League in any match a player must be registered

with a club in the League for the season commencing in the year of the tournament.

(l) Team registration forms must be forwarded to the Registrar at least ten (10) days prior to the start date of the relevant season proof of postage on the relevant day or date specified by league committee shall suffice to comply with this rule.

(m) Following that team registration any other player must be registered the day prior to playing in any CMUL fixture proof of postage on the relevant day shall suffice to comply with this rule.

(n) A current member club Hon. Secretary can request a search of player registrations upon payment of the fee of €10 to the League Hon. Treasurer a maximum of three (3) player's names shall only be searched on any one team, the search shall be conducted at a time and place suitable to the Registrar.

(o) Any club found guilty of playing unregistered player/a shall be fined for each unregistered player this fine is in addition to any other penalties imposed which may include the deduction of match points or loss of cup match.

(p) Players must have been born on or after 1st January of the relevant year to be under age. Breach of this rule i.e. the playing of over age player's whether deliberately or not shall result in the automatic removal of the offending team from all CMUL competitions for that season the suspension of the team manager for (12. Months?) the remainder of that season'?) and the forfeiture of all cup positions and League points gained for that season.

(q) Where a team has been removed from the League for breaching the registration rules the player's registrations will then become the property of / the League and teams from within member clubs may make application to re-register such players subject to a maximum of three (3) such players being allowed to be signed by any one team.

(r) Players cannot be signed and re-registered under these circumstances after the 31st March in any season such players will not be subject to the transfer deadline but cannot play for another team if he/she has previously played in the same knock out competition.

(s) Players cannot play for more than one team in the same knock out type competition in the same season.

(t) Where any player/s is the subject of a protest regarding non-registration, or being over age the Committee shall have the power to require the submission of all documentation as it sees fit to assist in the investigation of such cases, all member clubs shall be bound to produce such documentation and deliberate failure to do so may be judged as an attempt to hinder any such investigation and considered an admission of wrong doing.

(u) When a player becomes a registered player with a team in the League, it shall be an offence for any official member of any other club or any other person to



request encourage or influence that player, or to approach his/her parents/ guardian/friends 'to seek a transfer to another team or to participate in any training coaching or games under the auspices of another team. Such offences shall be deemed to be "poaching" and any person/club found culpable shall render himself/herself and for his/her team liable to a fine and/ or suspension and/or removal from the League.

(v) All registration fees must be paid in full and on time, the last date for receipt of such payments will be notified to the member clubs at the League AGM.

Payment for all registration fees shall be by way of cash, cheque, bank draft or postal order only.

(w) No team or player will be deemed to be registered unless the relevant registration fee has been paid. There shall be no limit to the number of eligible players signed and registered to any team, however no player can be registered to any team in the League who is currently registered to another League that season.

(x) The Committee shall have full power to impose whatever sanction it deems appropriate on clubs which fail to meet their financial obligations to the League.

#### **14. APPEALS:**

Each club, its official's, managers, players and members shall be bound by the decisions of the Committee and its subcommittee's subject to any onwards appeal. Any such appeal must comply with the SFAI'S current rules on appeals.

#### **15. COMPETITIONS:**

These are catered for under the Competition Rules of the CMUL and shall be subject to annual review and alteration by the Committee

#### **16. FIXTURES:**

These are catered for under the Competition Rules of the CMUL.

#### **17. PROTESTS:**

These are catered for under the Competition Rules of the CMUL.

Competition Rules of the Cavan/Monaghan Underage League (9/3/2012) For the purposes of clarity the following abbreviated terms shall apply throughout these rules with the same meaning:

League - Cavan/Monaghan Underage Football League

CMUL - Cavan/Monaghan Underage Football League

Committee - The League Committee

### **1. Jurisdiction**

(a) All rules in this book are applicable solely to games and competitions played under the jurisdiction of the CMUL and shall be subject to annual review and situation event or circumstances which arises and is not specifically covered within these rules.

(b) The committee or its sub-committee/s shall have the power to deal with any situation event or circumstances which arises and is not specifically covered in these rules.

(c) No CMUL Committee member or office holder may represent, take part in, debate, or in any way influence any League discussion or decision/a affecting his/her club.

## **2. Divisional Structures**

(a) The Committee shall form teams into divisions for each age group on the basis of approved applications received from clubs in membership of the League at the start of each season as follows:

(b) Under 8, 9 and 10 will be per the FAI PDP format.

(c) Under 11 will be per the FAI PDP format.

(d) Under 12 etc. will be per the FAI PDP format.

(e) Divisions for teams will be formed by the Committee and details issued to member clubs prior to the commencement of each season.

(f) Member clubs will have 14 days from date of those issued to request a change of team/s division.

(g) The committee shall have the sole right to grant or deny any such request for placement in division/s.

## **Team and Player Registration**

These are catered for under the Constitution and Rules of the CMUL.

### **Player Transfer**

These are catered for under the Constitution and Rules of the CMUL.

### **Team Disbandment/Withdrawal**

These are catered for under the constitution and Rules of the CMUL.

## **3. Competitions and Fixtures**

(a) All CMUL matches in whichever of (to competitions, shall be played according to these rules.

The Committee shall be responsible for the setting up of management and control of all CMUL competitions and fixtures and no team or club may alter the fixture details issued by the League without the express consent of the Fixture secretary. Breach of this rule may result in disciplinary action being taken, the level of which shall be at the discretion of the Committee.

(b) The circumstances surrounding the failure of any team to fulfil its fixture/s shall be dealt with by the Committee under the consideration of a walkover.

A fine of €50 for any team at any age level that fail to appear for a match.

(c) Any team conceding or deemed to have conceded a walkover by the committee shall be liable to a fine, the level of which shall be determined by the Committee and having the game awarded to their opposition.

(d) Any team conceding more than two walkovers in any combination of CMUL

fixtures in any one season shall be requested by the league committee to attend a meeting where a representative of both the team they are associated to and member of the club must attend to explain their situation.

(e) Any team conceding more than two walkovers in any combination of CMUL team may be liable to removal from the League and all catered for under the provisions of Rule 12 of the CMUL constitution rules.

(f) Any Club requesting a match postponement must do so no later than 14 days in advance to the relevant Fixtures Secretary.

(g) In all CMUL games of a knock out nature the appointed referee will decide if pitches are playable on the day. If pitch or weather conditions should cause a postponement the home team must find an alternative pitch or the fixture will revert to their opponents' ground. This rule shall also apply where local authorities declare a pitch unplayable.

(g) Any game started and later abandoned for weather or pitch conditions shall result in loss of home advantage and the game being re-fixed in the ground of the team originally drawn away.

(h) All weather playing surfaces shall be used for CMUL. games provided these are in complete compliance with and certified as such the current FAI standards/ codes. This certification shall be available for inspection on demand.

(i) All visiting clubs must be notified by home clubs 48 hours in advance of the kick off time should there be the possibility that an artificial surface of the required standard and certification will be used. This notification shall include any restrictions on footwear.

(j) All CMUL matches in whichever of its competitions, shall be played according to these rules, the home team shall be responsible for stewarding and marking of the pitch etc. Both teams shall each supply two footballs of the regulation size and quality.

(k) Players forename and surname must be entered in block capitals on the match card, failure to adhere to this rule shall leave the offending team open a sanction.

(l) All match cards must be filled in by a responsible adult mentor from each team. The match card must be signed by two adult team mentors' whose signature shall attest to the proper eligibility and accuracy of the players details on that card (adult in this rule is to mean over 18 years). Clubs shall carry full responsibility for all details of players entered onto any match card irrespective of whoever signed the match card.

(m) In CMUL Cup games home advantage shall apply to the team drawn firstly, this shall not apply to finals games where a neutral venue shall be nominated.

(p) In small sided games roll on-roll off substitutions are allowed as per FAI PDP format.

(q) Where a clash of playing colours occurs it shall be the responsibility of the

home team to change to an alternative set of playing colours.

(r) Where a team ceases to exist for whatever reason and having played fewer than three (3) games in its League division shall have their results stand and any such teams scheduled to play any such team shall be awarded the match points or progress to the next round of any game of a knock out nature.

(s) Claims for the award of a game must be sent in writing by registered post and signed by the relevant club Hon. Secretary to the Hon. secretary of the League within five days following the fixture date, for the purposes of this rule Saturdays, Sundays and Bank/Public holidays are excluded.

#### **4. Protests**

(a) Any club in doubt as to the eligibility of its opponents shall, by making representations to the referee at half time be at liberty to obtain the signature and dates of birth of any three opposition players. Any team's refusal to accede to such a request will be regarded as an effort to conceal an irregularity in registration and/or overage and shall be a breach of this rule.

(b) At the end of a game a club shall be at liberty to obtain the signature and date of birth of any substitute who was introduced to the game after the half-time interval. All such signatures and dates of birth shall form the basis of any protest and be produced at any subsequent protest hearing.

(c) Clubs may search the registration form for an opposition team by applying to the Registrar and the payment of the current search fee a maximum of 7 players details may be searched under the procedures for lodging any one protest.

(d) Protests can only be lodged and dealt with by the League where they emanate from a game played by the protesting club against their opponents. No third-party protests will be dealt with by the League.

(f) Teams found guilty of playing an overage player/s shall if they had won the game forfeit that game to the opposing team be removed from the competition from that stage and be removed from membership of the League for the remainder of that season.

(g) Teams found guilty of playing an over-age player/s shall if they had lost the game, be removed from membership of the League for the remainder of that season and forfeit any match points or trophy won.

(h) Teams found guilty of playing an ineligible or unregistered player/s shall if they had won the game forfeit that game to the opposing team, be removed from the competition from that stage and incur a fine the level of which will be determined by the Investigating committee.

(i) Teams found guilty of playing an ineligible or unregistered player/s shall, if they had lost the game be liable to suspension and incur a fine the levels of both of which will be determined by the investigating committee.

(j) Following the removal of a team under this rule its registered players will be

catered for under the provisions of Rule 12 of the CMUL constitution rules.

(k) Protest as to overage or any other cause must be sent by registered post to the League Hon. Secretary within five days following the date of the game and be accompanied by the appropriate fee as determined by the Committee and notified to the member clubs prior to the start of each season. For the purposes of this rule Saturdays Sundays and Bank/Public Holidays are excluded.

(j) An exact copy of the protest must also be sent by registered post within the same timeframe to the club against whom the protest is being lodged.

(m) Counter protests must be lodged within a further five clear days by registered post to the League Hon. Secretary accompanied by a similar fee and an exact copy sent within the same timeframe by registered post to the Hon. Secretary of the club which lodged the original protest for the purposes of this rule Saturdays, Sundays and Bank/Public Holidays are excluded.

(n) Protest fee/s or counter Protest fee/s must be sent by cash, cheque, postal order or bank draft only to the Hon. Secretary of the League, any such fees sent by any other method will be invalid and nullify the protest or counter protest.

(o) Protests shall be dealt with by a subcommittee of three current members of the Committee, protest sub-committee's decisions shall be final and binding subject to the right to appeal onwards to the SFAI.

(p) No decision of the Committee or its sub-committees may be appealed to the League itself all appeals must be forwarded to the SFAI according to the SFAI rules governing such appeals.

## **5. Referees reports**

(a) All referee's reports shall be dealt with and clubs may be required to attend at disciplinary hearings at the discretion of the Committee or its sub-committee.

(b) Players sent off in CMUL games are automatically suspended from their next game in the competition in which he/she was sent off. Where such a player's team has been eliminated from the competition in question the automatic suspension will take effect for his/her next competitive game at the age group where he/she is registered. Subject to a review the referee's report the sanction may be increased by the investigating committee. Where a player is sent off in a SFAI game they automatically suspended from their next competitive game subject to review.

(c) In cases where players are likely to receive more than the automatic match suspension a copy of the referee's report if available shall be issued to the player's club and the player accompanied by his / her club shall in all cases, be offered the opportunity to attend a hearing by a disciplinary committee.

Failure by the player or his/her club to attend this hearing shall result in the case ' being heard and dealt with in his/her absence.

(d) No parents of players who are the subject of any disciplinary hearing shall be permitted to attend any such hearing; the player's club officials shall be deemed to

be his/her representative at any such hearing.

## **6. Trophies**

(a) Under 8 & Under 9 football in the CMUL shall be played on a non-competitive basis.

(b) In all age groups and formats, teams shall be promoted or demoted prior to the start of any new season as far as possible on their standing from the previous seaports League competition.

(c) The CMUL is the sole owner of all trophies competed for under its jurisdiction, clubs shall be responsible for the safe keeping of trophies whilst in their possession and all trophies shall be returned when requested and in good condition. Clubs returning damaged trophies or responsible for lost trophies will be liable for the repair or replacement of same. Any club failing to return any CMUL trophy within the time frame laid down by committee shall render itself liable to a fine.

## **7. Behaviour**

(a) All member clubs are fully responsible always for the behavior of its player's technical staff and supporters. The Committee or its sub-committee/s shall have the power to deal with reports or complaints against such person/s brought to its notice through whatever reporting fashion.

(b) No player shall be expected to pay any fine imposed under the jurisdiction of the CMUL all fines for player of adult misconduct shall be imposed against his/her club which shall be responsible for its payment as per rule.

(c) Any CMUL fine imposed which is not the subject of an onward appeal must be paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of issuing of 'the notice of that fine. Failure to pay fines within this time frame may result in additional sanctions being imposed.

## **8. Laws of the Game**

(a) All matches shall be governed by current FIFA laws of the game.

(b) Duration of games;

U8's, U9's & U10's per FAI PDP format.

Under 11, 12, & 13 per FAI PDP format.

U14 per FAI PDP format. Under 15 & per FAI PDP format.

(c) Games of a knockout nature, shall if ending in a draw be decided by playing 10 minutes each half extra time.

(d) Small sided games of a knock nature shall if ending in a draw be decided by playing 5 minutes each half extra time.

(e) Where extra time fails to produce a winner, the game shall be decided by using FIFA penalty shootout rules

(f) In all games of a League nature: three points will be awarded for a win one point for a draw and no points for a loss.

(g) In all League type competitions the winner and runner in each division shall be

determined by the highest number of match points accrued.

(h) No team shall win or finish runner-up in any division based on goal difference or any other system other than match points accrued.

(i) Where more than one team has accrued the same number of match points for winner or runner-up position at the conclusion of the division's schedule of games, a knock out basis play-off game shall be staged by the League to separate the teams.

(j) Size of footballs to be used:

U 7 & 8 per FAI PDP format.

U9's 10, 11, 12 FAI PDP format.

U 13, 14, 15 & 16 FAI PDP format.

CMUL committee reserves the right to refuse admission of any team to the league who over the course of the previous season failed to appear for a significant number of fixtures.

CMUL season should commence no later than the second weekend of September of that year unless the current season structure should be changed by either the CMUL committee or the SFAI/FAI governing bodies. Exceptions to this rule will be in cases of extremely exceptional weather conditions.

If a member club has to cancel a fixture on its ground due to availability or unplayable pitches for two consecutive weekends, then they must seek alternative venues to play their home fixture for the following weeks home fixtures.

The committee shall also hold the right to actively seek alternative facilities for that club if required.

All finals shall be played on one/two days and a cover charge on the day.