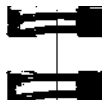


- 4.7 Except where otherwise mentioned, all communications shall be addressed to the Competition Secretary, who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.
- 4.8 A Club must at all times attend satisfactorily to the business of the Competition and/or the correspondence of the Competition or Company.
- 4.9 If a Club is asked to submit a report in relation to any alleged violation of these Rules it may have a personal hearing, providing it notifies its intention of such within fourteen days of the date of notification from the Company, or the case will be dealt with in its absence.
- 4.10 The Board shall have the power to arrange representative matches at their discretion.
- 4.11 A match may be played each season between two clubs nominated by the Board, usually the Competition Champions and the Competition Cup Winners (or, if no Cup Competition is played for, or if the same Club wins both competitions, between the Competition Champions and a club nominated by the Board). The venue and the date for playing the match will be decided by the Board. The distribution of the proceeds of the match, after the match expenses have been deducted, will be decided by the Board.
- 4.12 No Club shall move to another ground or seek to share a ground, including its own, without first obtaining the consent, in writing, of the Board. Any ground sharing agreement for a period in excess of 13 weeks must be in writing and be approved by the Board before being entered into and (except in an emergency) completed by 31st May in each year to be effective for the following Playing Season. A copy of the completed agreement must be sent to the Competition Secretary within 7 days of signing.
- 4.13 Within ten months of its accounting reference date, each Club shall submit to the Company a copy of its full financial statements as presented to its members/shareholders with confirmation that the accounts have been approved at a duly convened general meeting.
- 5. INTERESTS IN MORE THAN ONE CLUB**
Except with the prior written consent of the Board no person, company or business institution (including insolvency practitioners) may at any time be interested in more than one Club or in a Club and any other club playing in a Competition sanctioned by The FA. The definition of "interested" shall be the same as provided for by the Rules of the FA Challenge Cup Competition in force from time to time.
- 6. PLAYERS**
6.1 STATUS OF PLAYERS
The FA Rules will apply in respect of all matters concerning players.
Players will be contract, non-contract or scholars. All players must be registered on forms provided by the Competition. To be eligible, a player of a Club must have obtained an International Transfer Certificate (if required), have signed a Competition registration form and have been registered and approved by the Company in accordance with a procedure set by the Board before playing in any Competition organised by the Company.
It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any player signing a registration form for that Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate.
All players' contracts shall be in the full name of the Club. If the club is a corporate body, the contract must state the full name of the company, and also include the company registration number.
The registration of a player shall be valid for one Playing Season only.
Players' Registration Forms will be made available to Clubs by the League and will be charged in accordance with the Fees Tariff.
The registration of scholars must be in accordance with The FA Rule C3 (a).
A player having taken part in matches for any Club affiliated to any County Association, shall not be allowed to join, or be transferred to, or sign for a Club in the League without first proving to the Officials of his intended Club that he has discharged his reasonable financial liabilities to his previous Club or Clubs and a Club Official may not accept such player's signature without first ascertaining whether such claims have been discharged to the satisfaction of the Club, or Clubs, for which he last played.
In the period between signing a player and receiving written acknowledgement of a player's registration form from the Competition (Registration) Secretary, Club's must take responsibility for ensuring that any player was eligible to sign and play for the Club.
The Board have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any player found guilty of undesirable conduct and to disqualify the player in question from participating in any or all matches in the Competition for a breach of Rule.
Except when specific approval has been given by the Board a Club cannot sign or transfer more than one player, contract or non-contract, from another Club at any one time, unless a period of 14 days has elapsed between each signing.
The Board have the power to place an embargo on the registration, transfer or the loan transfer of players by any Club who are deemed to be in breach of these Rules.



- 6.2 REGISTRATIONS**
6.2.1 In the event of a player signing registration forms for more than one Club, priority of registration shall decide for which Club he is entitled to play. The Club submitting the later form shall be notified of the prior registration of the player and the circumstances under which the registration forms were signed shall be investigated by the Board. Any player found to have signed registration forms for more than one Club or any Club found to have knowingly induced a registered player of another Club to sign a registration form, shall be dealt with by the Board in such a manner as it shall think fit.
6.2.2 At least 11 players must be registered 7 days prior TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF EACH PLAYING SEASON.
- 6.3 FACSIMILE REGISTRATION**
Subject to the provisions of Rule 6.5, a player will only be eligible to play in a match organised by the Company under these Rules if the appropriate forms are received by the Company (including by facsimile) by 3pm Monday to Friday.
No player whose registration is received after 3pm Monday to Friday will be eligible to play in a match organised by the Company on that day. Players not registered by 3pm on a Friday will not be eligible to play on the Saturday or Sunday immediately following.
If a registration form is sent to the Company by facsimile or by email, that form must be received by the Company within 5 days of the sending of the facsimile or email and in default the player shall not be eligible to play in the Competition unless and until a valid registration form is received. The form when received must be identical to that received by facsimile or email. Any Club deemed to have falsified any form will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.8.
The late registration of a player by facsimile or email is not automatically valid and it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure that the player is NOT registered with any other Club. When the player involved was previously registered with another Club, it is necessary for that Club to complete the standard Competition cancellation of registration form or transfer form prior to or at the same time as the registration or transfer to the new Club. The registration time restriction does not apply to reserve team matches. In respect of reserve team matches, registration forms reaching the Competition Secretary (Registrations) after the match in which the player or players take part must be accompanied by evidence proving that the form was signed by the player previous to the time of kick-off fixed for the match; such forms must accompany the match result form.
- 6.4 TRANSFERS**
6.4.1 The transfer of the registration of a contract player from one Club to another must be in writing, on the Competition transfer form, duly signed by the contract player and the two Clubs and forwarded to the Company for approval and registration. Such contract player does not become a bona-fide player of the Club seeking his transfer until that Club has received from the Company a certificate of registration or the provisions of Rule 6.3 have been complied with. The registration of a contract player whose contract is cancelled by mutual consent shall be automatically cancelled upon receipt by the Company of a copy of the relevant FA form.
Where a Club cancels the registration of a player, contract or non-contract, for any reason whatsoever, the Club must notify the Competition Secretary immediately, in writing and such notification must be signed by an authorised signatory of that Club to be valid.
A non-contract player whose registration for a Club is cancelled or transferred for any reason whatsoever, cannot return to his original Club until a minimum of four weeks has elapsed from the date of the cancellation or transfer without the consent of the Board.
6.4.2 Should a Club wish to register a Non-Contract player who is registered by another Club, both Clubs if in agreement must sign the standard Competition transfer form applicable to Non-Contract players. If a non-contract player also registers for a club not in membership of the Competition, his registration for the Competition may be retained by the Club.
When submitting transfer forms they must be accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope for the return of the transfer receipt.
6.4.3 A player may not register for a Club unless at least 14 days have expired from the date of registration with another Club. A Club may not register a transfer of a contract or non-contract player unless that player has been registered with the transferring Club for at least 14 days.
6.4.4 Short Term Loan Transfers - Loans of contract players shall be allowed to or from clubs in membership of: The FA Premier League Limited The Football League Limited The Football Conference Limited The Isthmian Football League Limited The Northern Premier Football League Limited The Southern Football League Limited
Any other Leagues which have been authorised by The FA on such terms and conditions as shall be mutually agreed by the two clubs and the player. For transfers between Clubs in the same Competition the transfer