Newcastle And District Amateur Football League (NADAFL) Rules



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Rule 1: League Title

1.0 The amalgamation of clubs shall be called the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League (NADAFL)

Rule 2: AGM, Management Committee, Complaints, Objections and Protests

2.0 The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held not later than 31st May each year.

2.1 Each club shall be entitled to two representatives with each club entitled to one vote.

2.2 The representative attending this meeting shall appoint for the season the Patrons, President, Vice-Presidents also the Honorary Officials, i.e., Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Match Secretary and a maximum of six members from representative clubs as committee members with the Honorary Officials and the Committee members collectively being the Management Committee.

2.3 Throughout the season the Management Committee may appoint, at its discretion, assistants to all the Honorary offices. The Honorary officials and assistant Honorary Officials will have a vote.

2.4 The Chairman, in case of a tie, is entitled to a casting vote.

2.5 The full business of the League shall be conducted by a Management Committee, consisting of a maximum of six members elected at the A.G.M. who together with the Hon. Officials of the League will have full powers. They may appoint sub-committees from within their members, the sub-committee to be responsible to the Management Committee and the Management Committee to be responsible to a General Meeting of the League.

2.6 The Chairman of the Committee or sub-committee, in the case of a tie, is entitled to a casting vote. Five members to form a quorum.

2.7 Any member of the Management Committee who fails to attend three successive meetings of the Committee without reasonable excuse may be replaced on the Management Committee.

2.8 Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Meetings of the Committee and have one vote thereat but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to themselves or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. In the event of the voting being equal on any matter the Chairman or Acting Chairman, shall have a second or casting vote.

2.9 In the event of a vacancy, occurring within the Management Committee, the said Committee will have the power to co-opt a new member to fill any such vacancy.

2.10 The League Secretary in an emergency may convene a meeting of the Management Committee. Five shall form a quorum.

2.11 Any team wishing to resign from the League at the end of the season must do so in writing on or before date of the Annual General Meeting, otherwise it will be deemed a member of the League for the ensuing season. In the event of this rule not being complied with, the guarantee fee will be forfeited.

2.12 The Management Committee shall have the power to fine, suspend, expel, deduct points or otherwise deal with any team, any member of a team, or any player of a team whose conduct may be deemed objectionable in or in connection with any match or fixture. The Management Committee may act under this rule upon receipt of a referee report. Any club wishing to lodge a complaint must attach a £20.00 fee (via cheque or bank transfer*) and send it by Special Delivery to the League Secretary two days (Sunday not included) from the cause of the complaint, which fee will be forfeited in all cases where complaint has not been sustained. An exact copy of the complaint must be sent to the Club complained against at the same time by Special Delivery. The complaint must be signed by the Club Secretary. Post Office Special Delivery receipts shall be conclusive evidence as to date and time of posting.

*Proof of date and time of bank transfer will lie with the club and must be provided to the league if required.

2.13 Complaints by clubs, other than under 2.12, 5.4 and 6.14 must be lodged in writing with a £20 fee (via cheque or bank transfer*) and signed by the Secretary of the club concerned and must be sent to the League Secretary bearing post mark within two days after the case, otherwise the complaint cannot be considered.

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2.14 The Management Committee shall have the power to deal with offending team or teams, player or players, official or officials as they may think fit to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.

2.15 No alteration shall be made in these rules except at the AGM. Notice must be given in writing to the League Secretary of any proposed alteration in the rules no later than 14 days prior to the AGM, the same to be forwarded to the teams at least seven days before the AGM, for the revision of the rules. These rules shall be in force until the AGM. A 75% majority of those present and voting shall in all cases be necessary to alter the rules of the League.

2.16 Subject to not impacting the League's ability to organize forthcoming games the following will apply. For all discipline issues involving the League, the Management Committee will not deal with or adjudicate on the outcome of such issues or games until the discipline issues have been dealt with by the IFA Disciplinary Committee or relevant Divisional Committee and outcome of same has been transmitted in writing, to the League.

2.17 Appeals against committee decisions must be lodged with the IFA in accordance with the relevant IFA article of association.

2.18 On the League Secretary receiving a requisition signed by half of the clubs they shall convene a General meeting.

Rule 3: Communication and Finances

3.0 All communications must be addressed to the League Secretary at his address who shall conduct the correspondence of the League.

3.1 All subscriptions, guarantees and fines must be paid to the League Treasurer.

3.2 A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League and all funds shall be lodged to the credit of this account. Cheques to be signed by any two of the following Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Match Secretary. Bank transfers to be co-authorised by the treasurer and one of the following Chairman, Vice Chairman

3.3 The League financial year shall end on 30th April.

3.4 Each Club must register the name, address and telephone number of their Hon.Secretary with the League Secretary not later than 30th June and failure to do so may result in a fine the Management Committee deems necessary. In cases where there are alterations in Club Secretaries name or address, particulars must be given in writing to the League Secretary.

3.5 The annual subscriptions for teams shall be determined each season by the Management Committee. Each team must give a guarantee, to be determined by the Management Committee, that they will fulfil all their fixtures, otherwise the fee will be forfeited. All teams must have their subscriptions and guarantee fees paid in full and show receipt for payment of Affiliation fee to the Co. Antrim Football Association or their Divisional Association before fixtures can be played. The Management Committee shall have power to remove any team from the League whose subscription is unpaid by the 1 August.

Rule 4: League Meetings

4.0 The Management Committee will have the power to call meetings of Club representatives as and when they consider necessary, and each club will be entitled to two representatives to attend such meetings. Each Club must, register the name of their representatives with the league not later than 1st August. Only a registered representative may be allowed to represent his or her club. In the case where there are alterations in reps names, particulars must be given in writing to the League Secretary.

4.1 One representative from each of ten Clubs at League meetings shall form a quorum.

4.2 In the event of a Club being unrepresented without satisfactory reason they shall be fined a sum determined by the Management Committee.

Rule 5: Fixtures, Free dates, Match Day and fulfilling fixtures

5.0 Subject as hereinafter, teams must play fixtures on dates arranged by the League except when the ground be covered by snow or declared unplayable by the referee or is taken by senior or parent associations. The referee shall inspect the ground prior to the kick-off and shall immediately give his decision as to fitness of the ground for play. In case of a ground or grounds being covered with snow the League Officials shall have power to postpone such fixtures provided sufficient proof is put before them that the ground is snow-bound.

5.1 Teams must play on all available dates except in case of exceptional circumstances when the special permission of the Management Committee must be requested in writing at least four weeks in advance. Teams must have their League fixtures completed at least three days prior to the AGM.

5.2 All matches must be home and away and must be played on the registered ground of the team unless express permission has been sought from the match secretary at least 24 hours

prior to kick off and both clubs have agreed to the changed venue in writing to the match secretary at least 3 hours before kick off.

5.3 A Club seeking approval to permanently change their registered ground must make a written application to the League Secretary at least four weeks in advance of such proposed change.

5.4 Objections to ground markings, goal posts, ball or colours must be lodged in writing by the captain of the protesting team with the referee before the start of the game. Protests accompanied by a fee of £20.00 (via cheque or bank transfer*) must be sent by Special Delivery to the League Secretary bearing post mark within two days (Sunday not included) from the date of the match, which fee will be forfeited in all cases where the protest has not been sustained. A copy of the protest must be sent to the Club protested against at the same time, by Special Delivery. The protest must be signed by the Club Secretary. Post Office Special Delivery receipt shall be conclusive evidence as to date and time of posting.

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5.5 The home Club will be responsible for providing TWO (2) playable match balls.

5.6 Should a team not appear in reasonable time or fail to fulfil a fixture arranged by the League, they shall forfeit their guarantee fee and the points involved shall be awarded to the opposing team (reasonable time shall be understood to mean that the kick-off will not be delayed more than fifteen minutes by either team after the official starting time). A further guarantee fee must be paid by the offending team to safeguard their League membership. Teams failing to fulfil their fixture a second time will be dealt with by the Management Committee and may be suspended. Should extenuating circumstances prevail in causing a game to be postponed, the Management Committee at their discretion shall have power to waive this rule. Teams unable to fulfil fixtures which have been arranged must notify the Match Secretary and Secretary of the opposing team at least forty-eight hours before the date on which the match is to be played or they will be liable for any expenses incurred.

5.7 Each team shall register its colours with the League Secretary. In the event of two teams having the same colours the home team must change. A goalkeeper must wear a shirt or jersey of distinct colour from that of his own team and also his opponents.

5.8 The shirt or jersey of each player must be numbered in accordance with normal practice, e.g. numbered 1 to 16 so that players can be easily identified.

5.9 The League may order a match to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the League or call on each Club to contribute equally such sum as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season.

5.10 The Management Committee may appoint delegates to select and make arrangements for representative matches.

5.11 Clubs whose players fail to take part in any representative game may be deemed guilty of misconduct. If upon due investigation by the Management Committee a Club is found guilty of such misconduct, they may be dealt with either by fine or otherwise as the Management Committee may in their sole discretion think fit.

5.12 Clubs must not re-arrange fixtures or arrange friendly fixtures to be played on the date on which Representative Matches or the Semi or Final ties of the Cup are to be played

except by the express permission of the Management Committee. Any Club disobeying the rule shall be dealt with as the Management Committee sees fit.

5.13 The Secretary or other Responsible Official of each competing Club shall, 10 minutes before the commencement of the match, CONFIRM the full names of players with corresponding shirt numbers on the COMET system and must certify the accuracy of the information supplied. Failure to confirm the Player Listing may incur a £10.00 fine. The player listing may be inspected on the match day by the Secretary or other Responsible Official of either competing Club.

5.14 Should a team require to change the details of the team once submitted this must be done directly with the Official Referee prior to kick-off

5.15 In the event of the COMET System not being available each club shall provide the referee with a list of players complete with shirt numbers.

5.16 A club submitting a falsified match listing shall be fined as the Management Committee sees fit and the club Official submitting such listing may be suspended for a minimum of twelve months.

5.17 Any individual who is proven to have played in a NADAFL fixture under a false name shall receive a minimum of 12 months suspension from NADAFL and the Club may be fined as the Management Committee see fit.

5.18 If a League match has been stopped by the referee before the completion of the specified time, for any reason stated in Law 5 of the Laws of the Game, the Management Committee shall have power to order such match to be replayed in full, or to allow the result of the match at the time of such stoppage to stand, provided at least 75 minutes play has been completed. This applies only to adverse weather conditions. In the event of the match being abandoned for any other reason, the Management Committee shall decide on an appropriate course of action. This rule does not apply to cup competitions.

5.19 The Home club is responsible to ensure the result of match is input to the League Text Result service. Should the result not be returned within 120 minutes of the match finishing the club may be fined £10.00. The Management Committee may consider extenuating circumstances causing breach of this requirement.

5.20 A match may be postponed in the event of the death of a Player, Senior Club Official (i.e. Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer or Team Manager) or an Immediate Family Member of a Player or Senior Club Official (i.e. father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son or daughter). Requests for match postponements under this rule must be raised with the Match Secretary at the earliest possible time.

5.21 The Management Committee / Match Secretary shall have the power to postpone or cancel any match.

5.22 In the event that a fixture has been postponed, either by a Match official, landlords or Council the home team shall be responsible for:-

a) Notifying the visiting team club Secretary by phone call and or text message and ask for confirmation that the message was received

b) Notifying the Match Secretary by phone call and or text message and ask for confirmation that the message was received

In the event that the match Referee and/or the visiting team attend a ground where the fixture has been previously postponed, the home team shall be liable for all reasonable expenses and may further be dealt with by the Management Committee

Rule 6: Player registration and eligibility

6.0 All matches shall be played under the jurisdiction of the Irish Football Association Ltd. (IFA) and subject to the Laws of the Game. Any bona fide amateur member, as specified in current F.I.F.A. articles, of a Club shall be allowed to play, subject to the approval of the Management Committee, provided they have not played in more than nine (9) senior competitive matches in any senior competition during the current season.

6.1 A bona-fide amateur member of a Club is one who has been duly elected a member in accordance with the Rules of such Club and who has been registered by the Club Secretary on the IFA Central Registration System (COMET) not later than 12.00 noon on the day before playing.

6.2 Registration of players is governed by the IFA Central Registration System as defined in the IFA Articles of Association.

6.3 Players registered within the league can only register with one Club at any point of time.

6.4 The Club Secretary shall keep a full record of all registrations and in the case of protest the Club shall provide the proof of registration to the investigative committee.

6.5 For registrations, it is recommended that a signed form should be logged onto a players profile before a registration is confirmed. The player shall only be considered registered or transferred upon completion of the online procedure.

6.6 No player can be registered with, or transferred to a Club within the league after the 31st March in each season.

6.7 Players will be eligible to play provided a Registration or Transfer form has been confirmed on COMET by 12.00 noon on the day before first playing.

6.8 In the event of a player registering for two or more clubs, priority of registration shall decide to which Club the player belongs.

6.9 A player may sign for the same club within the NADAFL, no more than twice in the same season.

6.10 No NADAFL Club may transfer either directly or indirectly more than four players from any other NADAFL club in any season.

6.11 A player having played ten league games (accumulatively across all teams from a club) for an NADAFL club in any season cannot be registered for another NADAFL club in that season by either transfer within the NADAFL or by transfer from a club outside the NADAFL. Clubs must agree to transfer a player within seven (7) days of request unless they can show good reason why the player should be retained.

6.12 A player whose last club is from outside the jurisdiction of the IFA, submitting a registration form for a Club within the League must have an International Transfer Certificate (ITC) prior to playing in the League. The Club signing the player is responsible for ensuring that the ITC has been received prior to playing the player concerned.

6.13 Any team playing an ineligible player or players (whether through nonregistration or otherwise) may be fined a sum determined by the Management Committee for each ineligible player played and shall forfeit the points won in such a match. In the case of a protest being upheld against a club which has won a match by any violation of this rule, points so won will be deducted from them and awarded to their opponents with a 3-0 score.

6.14 Protests accompanied by a fee of £20 (via cheque or bank transfer*) must be sent by Special Delivery to the League Secretary bearing postmark within two days (Sunday not included) from the date of the match, which fee will be forfeited in all cases where the protest has not been sustained. An exact copy of the protest must be sent to the Club protested against at the same time by Special Delivery. The protest must be signed by the Club Secretary. Post Office Special Delivery receipt shall be conclusive evidence as to date and time of posting.

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6.15. If the Management Committee identifies any irregularities in COMET, any offending team, player or official shall be dealt with as the Management Committee sees fit.

Rule 7: Referees

7.0 The League Secretary shall keep a list of referees approved by the League and no referee shall officiate unless they have been approved and is affiliated to a recognised referees Association. The Match Secretary, League Secretary or any Agent designated by the Management Committee shall appoint referees.

7.1 Where no play is possible owing to causes over which neither team has control, the referee, if present, shall only be entitled to his travelling expenses and half-fee, both payable by the home team.

7.2 If the referee fails to turn up and there is no other Official Referee available, the clubs should toss to decide which affiliated and Qualified Club Referee (QCR), will take control of the match and in such circumstances, this will be considered a League fixture with the home team providing, if necessary, a whistle. Should there be no Official Referee or QCR available the fixture will be recorded as postponed. Only QCR's registered with the competing clubs may be used to fulfil a fixture.

7.3 Should the appointed referee not be in attendance and the clubs agree on a QCR, at the conclusion of the match the HOME team must ensure the Match Secretary is advised by either text or e-mail the name of the person who refereed the game so that COMET can be updated to permit the QCR to enter all the relevant details.

7.4 The home Club shall pay the referee his fee and travelling expenses. Any Club paying a referee more than his just fee and travelling expenses shall be deemed guilty of misconduct and fined. The referees fees and expenses will be as determined by the relevant committee of the Irish Football Association. NB: Tariff for Referees

7.5 In the event of the Referee issuing a caution or dismissing a player or Club Official the Secretary or Responsible Official of the Club concerned shall, at the conclusion of the match, ensure the Referee has the correct name and spelling of the Player or Official's name and address if required.

Rule 8: Divisional Composition, promotion and relegation

8.0 All teams comprising the League shall each season be divided into such sections as the Management Committee may decide. Promotion and relegation shall be at the discretion of the Management Committee.

8.1 Should two or more Clubs be equal in points "Head-To-Head" results are used to separate teams. The points accumulated in the matches between the teams are used to rank them. Whichever team has the best goal difference in the two matches will be placed highest if the points are still equal. If this is not sufficient, whichever team has scored most goals over the two games will be placed highest. If this is not sufficient, a 'play off' will be required on a ground decided by the Management Committee to decide the winner with the proceeds (net expenses) of such a game to be divided equally between the competing Clubs and the League.

In the 'play-off', should the score be equal at the end of normal time, 10 minutes each way shall be played. In the event of the score being equal at the end of extra time the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the conditions approved by the International Football Association Board.

Relegation will also be determined by "Head-To-Head".

8.2 When the winning clubs have been declared, the League shall hand trophies to their representatives and it shall be the responsibility of the Club to keep trophies in good order and condition and to return same to the Management Committee on or before 1st February. Any trophies damaged, lost or destroyed shall be repaired or replaced at the expense of the Club holding same before 1st February. The League shall engrave trophies.

8.3 In addition to the trophy, the League may present mementoes to the winners.

Global/National Pandemics

• All clubs must adhere to all guidelines and protocols issued by the Government/Executive, the Irish Football Association and the NADAFL Management Committee

• If a club are found not to be adhering to the guidelines and protocols, they will be dealt with by the NADAFL Management Committee

• The NADAFL Management Committee shall have the power to warn any club not adhering to guidelines and protocols and in addition shall have the power to impose further sanctions which may include:

- A fine
- A suspension
- A deduction of points
- Expulsion from a competition
- Expulsion from the League

• Representatives of the NADAFL Management Committee may carry out regular pandemic audits on games under the NADAFL remit.

• Any club who has a member who has tested positive will be supported by the NADAFL Management Committee.

• The NADAFL Management Committee will have the power to decide the outcome of any scheduled game that is not played due to the effects of the pandemic

• The NADAFL Management Committee will have the power to deal with all other matters that arise due to the pandemic

HARRY CLARKE CUP RULES

HC1. This competition shall be called the HARRY CLARKE CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION and shall be governed by the Management Committee.

HC2. The competition shall be annual and open to all clubs in full membership of the League. The competition shall be conducted on a knock-out basis.

HC3. No players shall be allowed to play for more than one team in the competition. Each player must be a duly registered member of the Club.

HC4. Any player who has played in any Senior Division of the Northern Ireland Football League, or any Senior or Intermediate Status Cup Competition in the current season shall be deemed ineligible to play in the Harry Clarke Cup. Proof of having played in any of these competitions will be the responsibility of the protesting club.

HC5. No player can play in the final tie of the competition who has not been registered as a member of a Club appearing in the final with the League before the semi-final of the competition.

HC6. A team must play on the ground it has registered with the League. No team shall be allowed to register another ground without special permission from the Match Secretary at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled kick off time. Should the registered ground not be available, they will have to play on their opponent's ground. Should the registered ground of neither team be available the first drawn club, alternatively with their opponents shall be at liberty to secure one acceptable to the Match Secretary.

HC7. Change of venue in accordance with this rule shall be notified by both clubs to the Match Secretary two days before the match. In the event of the match not taking place on the date arranged owing to the ground being declared unplayable, the teams shall play on a date set by the Management Committee.

In the event of the match not taking place on the second occasion, the team that was first drawn away shall have the choice of venue.

HC8. Should a team not appear in reasonable time or fail to fulfil a fixture arranged by the League and without sufficient reason for doing so, it shall be adjudged to have lost the match. Reasonable time shall be understood to mean that the kick off time will not be delayed more than 15 minutes by either team after the official starting time.

HC9. If the referee fails to turn up and there is no other Official Referee available, the clubs should toss to decide which Qualified Club Referee (QCR) will take control of the match and in such circumstances, this will be considered a completed fixture (except for the semi-final and finals, which MUST be officiated by an official referee) with the home team providing, if necessary, a whistle. Should there be no Official Referee or QCR available the fixture will be recorded as postponed. Only QCR's registered with the competing clubs may be used to fulfil a fixture.

HC10. Should the appointed Referee not be in attendance and the clubs agree on a QCR, at the conclusion of the match the HOME team must ensure the Match Secretary is advised by either text or e-mail the name of the person who refereed the game so that COMET can be updated to permit the Referee to enter all the relevant details.

HC11. Semi-final and final ties shall be played at a ground as prescribed by the Management Committee and shall be conducted by an official referee and referee assistants (were the Management Committee see fit).

HC12. In semi-finals and finals each club will be responsible for providing two playable match balls.

HC13. In all ties in the competition, including the final tie, should the score be equal, 10 minutes each way shall be played. In the event of the score being equal at the end of extra time the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the conditions approved by the International Football Association Board.

HC14. In the case of protested ties or replay of same the Management Committee shall decide dates and venues and in the case of postponed ties the Management Committee shall decide the date.

HC15. The receipts of all semi-final ties after deducting expenses shall be divided as follows - one-third to the League and one sixth to each of the four competing teams. The receipts of final ties after deducting expenses shall be divided as follows one third to the League and one third to each of the competing teams. In cases where expenses in the semi-final and finals ties exceed the receipts, the League shall bear the deficit.

HC16. The rules of the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League where applicable shall apply.

HC17. Any team found guilty of playing an ineligible player for whatever reason may be removed from the competition. The Management Committee shall have the power to suspend any player or official or impose a fine set by the Management Committee and may withhold the cup and medals and gate receipts, if they are satisfied that such a club has violated this rule during the course of the competition.

HC18. A team may, at its discretion, use three substitute players at any time in any match except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the referee. The substitutions can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission.

Only three substitutions by each side will be permitted in any match and the substitute players shall be nominated prior to the commencement of the tie. The maximum number of nominated substitutes permitted by each side is five.

HC19. Notwithstanding anything in any Rule, if the Management Committee have any doubt at any time whether arising out of a protest or otherwise, as to the qualification of any player taking part in the competition, they shall have power to call upon such player and/or club to which they belong or for which they played, to prove that they are qualified according to the Rules. Any Club found guilty of fielding an ineligible player in any round of the competition and prior to the next round being played, up to and including the semi-final tie will be dismissed from the competition and the club losing the game in such circumstances shall replace the dismissed club and progress to the next round.

BOBBY DALZELL MEMORIAL TROPHY COMPETITION

The rules of the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League and Harry Clarke Cup Competition shall apply.

THE PURDY CUP

The Purdy Cup shall be for teams competing in Division 1 only. The Rules of the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League and Harry Clarke Cup shall apply, with the following exceptions.

a) The format of the competition shall be decided by the Management Committee.

THE BIGNIAN CUP

The Bignian Cup shall be for teams competing in Division 2 only. The rules of the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League and Harry Clarke Cup shall apply, with the following exceptions.

a) The format of the competition shall be decided by the Management Committee.

THE SHIMNA CUP

The Shimna Cup shall be for teams competing in Division 3 only. The rules of the Newcastle and District Amateur Football League and Harry Clarke Cup shall apply with the following exceptions.

a) The format of the competition shall be decided by the Management Committee.

ADDITIONAL COMPETITIONS

In the event of any additional competitions the Management Committee shall have the power to formulate the rules of such competitions.