**STANDARD CODE OF RULES FOR MINI SOCCER AND YOUTH FOOTBALL COMPETITIONS (SCORY) - CHANGES – 2022-2023**

| **No.** | **RULE** | **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS** | **RATIONALE** |
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|  | Rule 1  Definition of “Scholarship” | “Scholarship” means a Scholarship as ~~set out in Rule C3.1.1~~ defined in ~~of the rules of~~ The FA rules. | Updated reference. |
|  | 2.I | Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, ~~Charter Standard~~ England Football Accredited and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. | Charter Standard has changed its name to England Football Accreditation. |
|  | 4.A | Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary *by [ ]* and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee for each Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election. | This amendment gives the Competition the option to provide a deadline to Clubs for submission of written applications for admission. |
|  | 8.I | Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a Club (see Rule 8.G). | To clarify who can vote at an AGM and in what capacity. |
|  | 9 | (A) Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM.  (B) The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.  (C) At least seven (7) days’ notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.  (D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.  (E) Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.  (F) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a Club (see Rule 9.D). | To clarify who can vote in an SGM and in what capacity.  Introduction of alphabetised paragraph references brings the formatting of Rule 9 of SCORY into line with that used in the corresponding provision in SCOR. |
|  | 14 | Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at an SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season, except in exceptional circumstances where approved by Sanctioning Authority and The FA. | This amendment is needed to give flexibility to Competitions to amend their rules in exceptional circumstances (such as a pandemic). However, such amendments must still be approved by the relevant Sanctioning Authority and The FA. |
|  | 18.F | It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Player to:-   1. Play for more than one Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred. 2. Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except if the provisions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) apply, or where the Competition adopts Rule 18.P. 3. Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through the Player Registration System for registration that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.   Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. | Amendment reflects introduction of new Rule 18.P. |
|  | 18.H | Subject to compliance with FA Rule C~~2~~ when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club’s consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or [ ] days after receipt of such transfer.  In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision. | The amendment to the first paragraph reflects the change in the numbering of Rule C. |
|  | 18.P (new rule) | *If a Club wishes to cancel a Player’s registration within the Competition, it must make a request via The FA’s electronic player registration system giving the reasons for the request. The Competition may either approve or decline the request.*  *If a Player’s registration is cancelled he/she will not be eligible to play in the Competition for a period of [x] days from the date of cancellation.* | This reflects the ability of a Club to cancel a Player’s registration via The FA’s electronic systems subject to the consent of the Competition. Competitions may specify their own timeframe for a Player whose registration has been cancelled to re-register. |
|  | 20.A | All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, and 9v9 football, the Rules as set down by The FA.  Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a Competition Match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.  The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Matches on another ground.  Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA’s Register of Football Turf Pitches. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.  The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20(C).  Overhead netting is allowed for 5v5 and 7v7 mini soccer if the overhead netting height is at a minimum of 6m.  No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 affiliated matches.  Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are ideally removed for affiliated matches but if they cannot be removed then discretion is given to the match official to restart the match in accordance with the laws of the game. | This amendment clarifies when overhead netting can be used and the approach to be taken with respect to pitch divider wires. It follows recommendations made by the FA Facilities Expert Advisory Group. |