

Annexe 20

Metropolitan Cup

Article 1 - General

1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and Annexe 4 of those rules are valid for the Metropolitan Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Annexe 4 of those rules appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this document takes precedence.

Article 2 - Competition Format

1. Only teams in the Metropolitan League may compete in the Metropolitan Cup.
2. Entry is compulsory for teams in the Premier Division and Division One.
3. Entry is voluntary for all other teams. Automatic entry will be granted to all teams in divisions other than Premier Division or Division One. A team which does not wish to compete must inform Football West in writing **by 5:00pm on Friday 16th March 2012**. Withdrawals received after this date will not be accepted and the club will be expected to fulfil its cup fixture requirements.
4. The clubs competing in each round of the competition will be drawn in pairs at random. The pairs will play a fixture subject to the Laws of the Game and the Competition Rules and relevant Annexes and the winner of each fixture will compete in the next round and be drawn in the same manner. This procedure will be continued until the final of the competition.
5. A preliminary round may be held to ensure that the following rounds can be played by the correct number of teams to ensure that only two teams remain at the end of the competition.
6. After the draw of each round, participating clubs will be informed of the fixture date, time and venue.
7. In all fixtures, should scores be level at the full-time whistle, the outcome of the fixture will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as described in the FIFA Laws of the Game.

Article 3 - Players

1. A player may not play for a team in the Metropolitan Cup if, in the same season, he has previously played for:
 - a) a different team in the Metropolitan Cup
 - b) any club in the State Cup, State Reserves Cup or State 18s Cup
 - c) any club in the Sunday Cup or Sunday Reserves Cup
 - d) any club in the Masters Cup

Penalty for Breach

Forfeit

2. To be eligible to participate in a semi-final or final, a player must have played in a minimum of 6 different fixtures for the team in question prior to that semi-final or final.

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Forfeit

3. A player is exempt from the restriction specified in paragraph 2 if that player is a goalkeeper, and the club can establish to the satisfaction of Football West that no other eligible goalkeeper is available to participate. Absence due to injury must be accompanied by a medical certificate at least 2 business days before the fixture. Football West's decision on any application is final.

Penalty for Breach

Forfeit

4. An unused substitute in a competition without interchangeable substitutes is deemed NOT to have played in a fixture.

Article 4 - Squad Lists

1. Football West reserves the right to request a squad list for each competing team in a fixture. If requested, such a list must be provided in writing 4 days prior to the fixture.