

Annexe 26

Junior Boys Top 4 Cup

Article 1 - General

1. All rules contained within the Football West Competition Rules and Annexe 9 of those rules are valid for the Junior Top 4 Cup unless otherwise specified in this document.
2. Where a rule in the Football West Competition Rules or Annexe 9 of those rules appears to conflict with these rules, the rule in this document takes precedence.
3. Any protest or complaint which, if upheld, would affect the result of a semi-final must be lodged in writing on club letterhead, accompanied by the relevant fee where appropriate, by noon on the Tuesday following that semi-final. Protests or complaints received by Football West after that time will not be considered under any circumstances.

Article 2 - Competition Format

1. Teams which finish in the highest four positions in each Junior Boys League division in the regular season, with the exception of the 14s Premier Division, will compete in the Junior Top 4 Cup. Entry is compulsory.
2. Semi-finals will be played between the team finishing first and the team finishing fourth in each division. The team finishing first is designated the home team.
3. Semi-finals will also be played between the team finishing second and the team finishing third in each division. The team finishing second is designated the home team.
4. Finals will be played between the winning teams from each semi-final in each division.
5. In all fixtures, if the scores are level at full time, then the outcome of the fixture will be decided by kicks from the penalty mark as specified in the FIFA Laws of the Game.
6. In the event that a team is not ready to commence the fixture within 5 minutes following the scheduled kick-off time, the offending team will be deemed to have forfeited that fixture.

Article 3 - Players

1. A player may not participate in more than one Top 4 Cup competition.
2. To be eligible to participate in a Junior Top 4 Cup fixture, a player must have been named on a team list and eligible to play for the team in question for at least 75% of fixtures after June 30, 2012. Any such fixtures may include Junior Cup fixtures.
3. Applications for an exemption to the eligibility criterion as specified in paragraph 2, in cases of injury, sickness, absence or any other reason, may be made to Football West in writing at least 3 business days before the relevant fixture. Football West will assess each case on its merit and any determination regarding the player's eligibility is final.

For the avoidance of doubt, no exemption will be granted to any player whose absence was caused by suspension.