

MID-ULSTER FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

LADIES MID ULSTER CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION

RULES 2021

Name

1.

The Cup shall be called "Ladies Mid-Ulster Cup."

Annual Competition

2.

The Competition shall be annual and open to all registered Ladies Clubs of the Association with invited clubs subject to approval of the Mid Ulster F.A. Council.

Entries Etc.

3.

Application for permission to compete in this competition shall be made not later than 01st. June, accompanied by an entrance fee decided annually by the Council. This decision shall affect the club for one season only. Only one team from each club shall be permitted to compete.

Qualification of Players

4.

To be eligible to play in the competition players must be eligible to play for their club in their respective league competitions.

No player shall be eligible to play in this competition for more than one club in the same season. Clubs must satisfy themselves as to the eligibility of their players.

Any club playing an ineligible player shall be removed from the competition and may be debarred from the competition for three seasons.

The committee shall have the power to suspend any offending player or official and may impose a fine not exceeding £50 for each ineligible player and may withhold the cup and mementos if they are satisfied that such club has violated the rules during the course of the competition.

Completion of Match Sheet

The secretary or other responsible official of each competing club shall enter the full names of players on the referee's card and must certify the accuracy of the information supplied. Any club not completing the referee's card in the prescribed manner shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £20. It shall be at the Council's discretion whether or not such clubs should be allowed to remain in the competition. The referee's card may be inspected by the secretary or other responsible official of either of the competing teams at the conclusion of the match or on application to the secretary of the Association.

Substitutes

5.

A club at its discretion may use three substitute players at any time in any tie, except to replace a player who has been expelled by the referee.

The substitution can only be made when the play has stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission. Only three substitutions by each side will be permitted in any tie and a maximum of five substitute players may be nominated prior to the commencement of the tie. **Exceptionally, a fourth substitute may take part exclusively during extra time in all rounds of the competition.**

6.

Each club must forward to the secretary of the Association each year, the name and addresses of its Secretary, its telephone number and its colours. In the event of a change of Secretary or telephone number, the same must be notified to the secretary of the Association.

7.

The teams which are in each instance first drawn in the ballot and known as the "Home" team shall play on the ground registered with the Association. If the registered ground is available it will not be necessary for the visiting team, or the secretary of the Association to receive any further notification, but if the match is being transferred to another ground it will be the responsibility of the team drawn at home to notify both their opponents and the secretary of the Association within reasonable time of any such transfer.

Suitable changing accommodation with showers should be provided by the home club.

When postponed games must be played

(7A)

In the event of the match not taking place on the date arranged owing to the ground being declared unplayable by the Referee or in the case of public Grounds by Local Authorities.

The teams shall forthwith arrange to play one week later.

In the event of the match not taking place on the second arranged date due to circumstances as in 7(A) the clubs will arrange to play the following week on the grounds of the "Away Team" and if not played on this day due to weather conditions arrangements must be made to play at the same location on the following week.

(7B)

In the event of a match not taking place on the second attempt at the grounds of the original "Away" team the tie will revert from the following week to alternate weeks at the home and away grounds.

Duration of Match / Extra Time

8.

In the event of a drawn match extra time shall be played and should the score be equal at the end of extra time the match shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the conditions approved by the International P.A. Board.

Protests

9.

Protests and appeals must be received by the secretary of the Association per **Special Delivery Letter** bearing post mark within two days (Sunday not included) after cause of the protest or appeal accompanied by a deposit of £50.

A copy of the protest or appeal must be sent **Special Delivery Letter** to the club protested against, bearing post mark within two days (Sunday not included) after cause of the protest or appeal.

Any objection to the ground or goal posts or ball must be lodged in writing by the captain for the day with the referee. The referee shall have the power to have such objections made right before the game starts. Protests against ineligible players must give the names of players protested against and also cause of protests.

Referee and Assistant Referees'

10.

The competing clubs in all but the semi-final and final ties shall appoint the Assistant Referees', unless otherwise arranged by the Council, but in all the matches the Council shall appoint the referee, who has the power to dispense with the services of the Assistant Referees' in case he finds one or other giving decisions at variance with the facts and appoint substitutes.

If no referee is appointed, or arrives to officiate at a match the practice of the two teams tossing for the referee should not occur and the match should not take place.

11.

Any club intending to scratch must give notice to the Secretary of the Association and to the secretary of the opposing club, such notice to be received at least four days before the date of the match. Any club failing to conform to this rule shall be dealt with by the Council who have the power to compel the offending club to pay such expenses or may take such action as they may deem expedient.

12.

The venue for the Semi-Final shall be the home ground of the first drawn in the Semi-Final draw.

13.

In all matches other than the Semi-Finals and the Final, the club on whose ground the match is played shall take all receipts and pay all expenses.

14.

In each semi-final and final the competing clubs and the Council shall equally share receipts after deduction of match expenses. Mementos for the winners of the Final may be awarded.

15.

In the event of two teams having the same registered colours the home team to change.

16.

The secretary shall inform each club in the competition of the name of their opponents and their colours.

Clubs failing to play

17.

Any club failing to play the club against which it has been drawn within the time intimated and without sufficient reason for doing so, shall be adjudged to have lost the match and should either refuse to compete, such clubs shall be dismissed from the competition. The Council shall have the power to deal with the offending club or clubs, player(s), official(s) as they may think fit and to deal with any other matter not provided for in these rules.

18.

In semi-final and final ties, The Assistant Referees' shall be appointed by the Council.

Intimidation by Spectators

19.

If the Council are satisfied that the supporters of the club which has the choice of ground have systematically interfered with the play of visiting clubs by verbal and / or physical intimidation, the Council shall have the power to order the match to be played on another ground, neutral if possible.

20.

In a Semi-Final or Final tie, or any other tie played on a neutral ground, where opposing have similar colours, both teams shall change unless they are agreed that only one need do so.