



The Glasgow Football Association

Cup Competition Rules Season 2019/20

- 1 The cup shall be called “The City of Glasgow Cup”.
- 2 The President and the Secretary of the Association shall be, for all intents and purposes, the legal owners of the trophy, in trust for the Association.
- 3 The competition will be played annually in accordance with the laws of the game.
- 4 **Membership**
All clubs in membership of the Glasgow Football Association shall be eligible to compete for the trophy.
- 5 **Participation**
Each club wishing to participate in the Competition for the ensuing season shall notify the Secretary of the Glasgow Football Association in writing, no later than the 31st day of May in each year.
- 6 **Fixtures**
The competition will be played on a league basis, with each club meeting each of its opponents twice (once home and once away), giving a total of 8 league games per club during the 2019/20 season.

After all league matches have been played should any of the five clubs have the same points total, the club with the better goal difference shall be placed in the higher position. Should any of the clubs have an identical goal difference, the teams with the most goals scored shall be placed in the higher position. If the number of goals scored is equal, then the winners of the relevant head to head league matches shall be placed in the higher league position. If after all considerations teams remain equal then both teams will contest a Play-off, with the home team being decided by the toss of a coin. In the event of a Play-off being level after 90 minutes, the winner will be ascertained by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA regulations.

Final:

The Final Tie will be contested by the top two teams in the league with the tie taking place at a neutral venue. In the event of the final tie being level after 90 minutes, the winner will be ascertained by the taking of penalty kicks in accordance with FIFA regulations.

The Secretary of the Glasgow Football Association will arrange the respective fixtures list and the matches must be played within the dates stipulated by the committee.

7 Ground

Matches should take place at a recognised League ground. In any match, if there is reason to believe that it may not be in a fit condition for play, the Secretary shall, at the request of either Competing Club, appoint an official to inspect the ground. The official's decision shall be binding.

8 Eligibility of Players

In order to be eligible to play in the Competition:-

- (a) A player need not be registered for the Club he represents. Registered players will be eligible to play while on a Temporary Transfer/Development loan with another club playing in the Scottish Professional Football League.
- (b) In the case of 1st Teams participating in the City of Glasgow Cup, teams must field a minimum of 6 recognised 1st Team players in the starting line-up.
- (c) In the case of Colt Teams participating in the City of Glasgow Cup, players who qualify as U21 players (born on or after 1st January 1999), are eligible to play in the competition.
- (d) A Colt Team shall be permitted to play a maximum of two overage players in any match.
- (e) No more than two Trialists may play for a club in any one match, as long as they are eligible to do so. An individual trialist may play a maximum of three matches in the competition in any one season for any one club.
- (f) A maximum of five substitutes can be used from a total of seven players named on the team lines, within a maximum number of 3 stoppages, excluding the half-time period. A Player who has been substituted may not play in that match again.

9 Team Lines

- (a) Not later than 75 minutes before the start of a match, each club shall hand to the referee a list and to its opponent a duplicate, both of which shall be signed by an accredited official of the Club. Names, addresses and dates of birth of the players must be included on this form which will be provided by the Glasgow Football Association.
- (b) Within three days of the match, the referee shall send to the Secretary of the Glasgow Football Association the lists that were handed to him by the competing clubs.
- (c) The Secretary of the Glasgow Football Association shall keep a register of names of all players who take part in the competition.

10 Club Colours

In each match, if the colours of the competing clubs are similar, the away club shall change and play in distinctive colours.

11 Match Officials Fees

These will be paid to the match officials by the home club/s within 14 days of the match taking place.

12 Appointment of Referee and Referee Assistants

Match officials will be appointed by the Scottish Football Association via the Secretary of the Glasgow Football Association.

13 Disagreement on the Date of a Match

If two clubs are unable to reach agreement on the date on which to play, the matter will be referred to the Secretary of the Glasgow Football Association who, in conjunction with the Committee, will adjudicate and whose decision shall be final and binding.

14 Abandoned Matches

In the event of any tie in the competition being subject to abandonment for any reason, the committee shall have full power to make a decision as to what action should be taken.

15 Admission Prices

In all matches in the competition, excluding the Final, the minimum admission charge as set by the Committee shall be Adults £5.00; U16's and Concessions £2, with the home team retaining all revenue. Cup Final prices will be set by the Committee.

16 Presentation and Awards

The Committee shall present to the winners of the Final Tie, the Glasgow Football Association Challenge Cup which they shall hold for one year. The players in the final tie will be presented with medals, as will the match officials.

17 Alterations to the Rules

The Committee shall have the power to alter the competition format and any associated rules including but not limited to clauses 6, 7 and 8 as they, from time to time, may deem appropriate.

18 General

Any matters not provided for in these rules shall be dealt with at the discretion of the Glasgow Football Association and upon any question of interpretation of these rules, the decision of the Committee shall be final and binding.