



LIMERICK DISTRICT LEAGUE COMMITTEE

GENERAL RULES

1. The Committee shall be called the Limerick District League Committee.
2. The offices of the Committee shall be in the City of Limerick, Headquarters Jackman Park.
3. The objects for the Committee are to promote, foster and develop the game of Association Football in the City and County of Limerick and adjacent areas.
4. All Clubs comprising of the League shall be affiliated to the Football Association of Ireland through the Divisional Association.
5. In the interpretation of these rules the following words and expressions shall have the following meaning, unless excluded by the subject or context.
 - (a) Committee shall mean Limerick District League Committee.



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- (b) Clear days shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays, unless it specifies calendar days.
 - (c) M.F.A. shall mean the Munster Football Association.
 - (d) F.A.I. shall mean Football Association of Ireland.
6. The Committee shall have the power to deal with as they think fit, any club, club official, members, or players of any clubs in membership of this Committee guilty of misconduct or in breach of these rules, or in any way acting in manner prejudicial to the interests of this Committee. Subject always to the right of appeal to the Munster Football Association.
7. All clubs playing association football in the city and county of Limerick and adjacent areas shall be eligible for membership, subject to approval by the Committee, and said clubs must have their own playing field, L.D.L.C. reserve the right to refuse admission to any new club.
8. Each Club shall forward to the Hon. Secretary its name and address of Secretary, Phone no. and Email Address,



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- Club colours and nominate home ground. All officers names of said club.
9. Clubs changing their secretaries or secretaries changing address are required to notify Hon. Secretary of the Committee of the alteration at once. Disciplinary action will be taken against Clubs who fail to comply with this rule.
 10. All rules passed at the A.G.M. be brought in immediately if possible.
 11. Clubs requesting to run tournaments must fill in a M.F.A. tournament form and said form must be signed by L.D.L. secretary.
 12. The Hon. Officers of the Committee shall be, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar and Child Liaison Officer to be nominated in writing to the Secretary each year on or before the 30th April, and to be elected at the A.G.M. by a clear majority of the representatives in attendance and voting.



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More than one nomination for any one position and an election will be held for that position. Successful candidates must receive 50% plus 1 of the vote.

13. The management Committee to conduct the business shall consist of Honourary Officers, Child Liaison Officer and six (6) other members to be elected at the A.G.M. Nominations for committee must be in writing by the 30th April each year. Only in the event of insufficient nominations in writing will nominations be taken at the A.G.M. All nominations must be sent to the Hon. Secretary, and said nominations must be signed by Chairman and Secretary on club headed note paper.
14. Committee members must have served two (2) years on L.D.L.C. before they are eligible fo election to any Officership.
15. Should a vacancy occur, within the six (6) committee members, the Committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy by co-opting another member of any Club not represented at time of co-option, or a neutral member.



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- 15A Should a vacancy occur of the honorary officers, the Committee shall not have the power to fill the vacancy from their members or by co-option, a special delegate meeting will be called and the position will be filled through a vote from delegates, no Club shall be eligible to have more than one representative in a direct or indirect capacity.
16. The Chairman, or in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee, and shall conduct business in accordance with the ordinary rules of procedure, of which he shall be judge. In the case of an equity of votes on any motion the presiding Chairman shall have a casting vote as well as a deliberative one.
17. An officer, or a member of the Committee, shall be removed:
- (a) If he absents himself from three consecutive meetings of the Committee, without special leave of absence or reason satisfactory to the Committee;
 - (b) Professional players and professional referees are ineligible for membership of the Committee. In the current year.



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18. In case of protests, appeals or investigations of any kind, members of the Club, or Clubs, with vested interest who are on the Committee shall not have the privilege of being present except in the capacity of a witness and such member shall not be entitled to vote at any subsequent meetings of the Committee on matters arising from such previous appeal, protest or investigation.
19. At the A.G.M. or any special A.G.M. all questions shall be determined by roll call unless a demand be made by a member of the meeting supported by at least a fourth of the representatives in attendance and voting for a ballot. Clubs wishing to question any actions of the management Committee on any matter must submit same in writing one week prior to the A.G.M.
20. Gate receipts in all local games plus finals played in Jackman Park will be first 100 euro to the Limerick District League, after referees fees are paid balance to be divided three ways between the Limerick District League and both teams.



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21. The Hon. Secretary shall keep a true record of proceedings of the Committee in the manner as prescribed by them, and shall present a report of the season's work at the Annual General Meeting.
22. The Hon. Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Committee and keep regular accounts of same. He shall submit statements and receipts and disbursements at the Annual General Meeting and to the Committee at the first meeting of every second month.
23. The Hon. Registrar shall be responsible for the registration of all players under L.D.L.C.
24. A Fixture Secretary is to be elected at all A.G.M.'s independent of the League Hon-Secretary with full responsibility of all matters pertaining to the fixtures, referees, appointments and league tables etc. This position would be classed as an officer of the League.
25. No Club or players shall be permitted to play in any matches with Clubs not affiliated to the F.A.I., except with the special permission of the F.A.I.



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26. Any infringements of any of the rules of the Committee and of the Laws of the game, shall render the offending Clubs and member of same and offending player of a Club liable to expulsion, fine, or such other penalties as the Committee may think fit.
27. A player or member of a Club may not, during the period of his suspension play or take part in any match or fixture under F.A.I., M.F.A. or L.D.L.C. hold any office in his Club or act in any capacity under this Committee.
28. In the event of any ungentlemanly behaviour on the part of a player in any match under the jurisdiction of the committee, such a player shall be cautioned by the referee and the incident and player reported to the committee. In the event of violent conduct the referee shall rule the offending player out of play and order him off the grounds, transmitting his name and number to the committee. The committee shall have the power to suspend, fine or otherwise deal with any player proved guilty of ungentlemanly behaviour or violent conduct on



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- the field of play. Players or officials who assault a referee will stand suspended until their case is decided by the Limerick and District League. Hearing will commence within one week of the incident. Suspensions exceeding 12 months will be notified to the Munster Football Association and the Football Association of Ireland.
29. Players ordered off the field of play by a referee during any game, must serve a one game automatic suspension, with the team that they were sent off with, as per FAI rule, and need not if so desired appear before the committee, unless requested to do so by the committee. Players may explain in writing his own reason if he so wishes, said explanations must be handed in for the first committee meeting after the sending off, otherwise the incident will be dealt with or without the players representation.
30. Any player, manager or member of a Club appearing before the L.D.L.C. may be accompanied by another member of that Club.



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31. Players ordered off the playing field by the referee in F.A.I., M.F.A. Youth and Junior Cup Competitions, Oscar Traynor and Inter Youth Competitions do not appear before L.D.L.C. but must serve a one game automatic suspension as per F.A.I. rule.
32. Members of the Committee shall have free admission to all grounds under their jurisdiction.
33. Every Club is responsible to the Committee for the actions of its players, officials and spectators, and is required to take all precautions necessary to prevent spectators threatening or assaulting officials and players during or at the end of matches.
34. Once the L.D.L.C. accept that a person has been duly nominated by one club for the A.G.M. no further nominations are necessary for that person.
35. The Committee shall have power to call upon Club members and players of a Club to produce any books letters, documents and any other evidence the Committee may desire.



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36. The AGM which shall consist of the Hon Officers and members of the committee and two delegates per club. Clubs will be given seven days notice of the AGM together with the agenda of the meeting. This will be sent to all clubs electronically. Secretary's Report together statement of accounts to be given out at meeting.
37. Special General Meetings may be called by the Committee as they deem necessary. A Special General Meeting shall also be called upon receipt by the Hon. Secretary of the Committee of a requisition signed by the secretaries of at least two thirds of the Clubs, accompanied by a deposit of 250 euro payable by bank draft or postal order to defray expenses incurred. No business shall be conducted at such meetings except that specified in the requisition to, or in the agenda issued by the Hon. Secretary of the Committee. Seven days notice to be given to Clubs.



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38. The Committee shall have power to suspend or otherwise deal with, as they consider fit, any of it's members, or any Hon. Officer of the Committee who in it's opinion may be deemed guilty of conduct likely to bring discredit on the Committee or the game, divulging information regarding business transacted or to be transacted by the Committee, shall be deemed misconduct under this rule. Members or officers who feel aggrieved by the result of a decision under this rule shall have the right of appeal to the M.F.A.
39. No amendments or additions shall be made to these rules except with the consent of the majority of the Clubs as represented by delegates at the A.G.M. All proposed alterations, amendments or additions to Rules must be lodged with the Hon. Sec. in writing on or before the 30th April in each year. Particulars of all proposed alterations, amendments or additions to Rules must be forwarded to the Clubs 7 days prior to the A.G.M.
40. Fixtures will be played over the Christmas period as Limerick District League Committee sees fit.



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41. General discussion must take place after all elections and voting and rule changes at all future A.G.M.'s.
42. All fees, fines and registration fees to be determined annually by the incoming L.D.L.C.
43. All fees must be paid to the Treasurer who will give an official receipt for all monies received.
44. Half fees must be paid on distribution of forms balance to be paid by January 1st. new clubs to pay full fees on entry.
45. All outstanding fines must be paid in full before clubs will receive forms before start of every season.
46. The L.D.L.C. shall be entitled to hold, occupy, sub release, license, hire, charter and grant rights and privileges in respect of or otherwise deal with lands, perioditaments, houses, buildings and all property of every nature, kind, description and tenure belonging to the L.D.L.C., or in respect of which they may have any



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estate, interest, rights, or license to deal with same commercially, to purchase lands and buildings and to borrow monies for such purposes and to grant mortgages and give security over any of it's property and shall be entitled to sell or dispose of it's property as it sees fit.

47. All the property of the L.D.L.C. shall be vested in trustees who shall deal with such property as Directors, by resolution of the committee, (of which an entry in the minute book shall be sufficient evidence).The trustees shall consist of not more than six or less than three and shall be appointed by the L.D.L.C. at a special meeting of the members to be called by after the passing of the resolution they shall hold office until death, resignation or removal by L.D.L.C.They shall carry out all directives of L.D.L.C. in connection with requisition or disposal of property and in respect of all dealings relevant to the use of property.The L.D.L.C. shall have power to appoint or replace trustees at its absolute discretion. Such decision shall require a minimum of two thirds of the L.D.L.C. members to so vote.



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48. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any matter not provided for in these rules.



L.D.L.C. JUNIOR AND YOUTH RULES FOR ALL LOCAL COMETITIONS

1. All competitions shall be annual and subject to the approval of the Committee and shall be open to all Clubs affiliated to the F.A.I. through the L.D.L.C.
2. A player who has lost his Junior status ie, who has played more than five (5) Senior matches in the current season is ineligible to play in these competitions until he is regraded by L.D.L.C.
3. No Club or Clubs shall have the power to postpone a fixture and any Club or Clubs doing so will be adjudged to have given a walk-over, the Committee shall have power to deprive both Clubs of the points and shall fine or otherwise deal with both Clubs.
4. Players must be registered on official forms supplied by the Committee, this form must be filled in accordingly and the signature of the player must be signed by himself. A player is deemed registered when the form is properly



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received by the registrar and accompanied by the appropriate registration fee. The registration period will be from 1st June to 31st March each year as per F.A.I. Rule.

5. When a player signs a form for a Club he automatically becomes a member of that Club and cannot assist another Club unless he is transferred.
6. All professional forms and agreements must be sent to the F.A.I.
7. Senior players and U/20 players whose registration/contract expires naturally at the end of his current season ie. 30th Nov. (Summer Season) a transfer form is not required for the player to register with another Club in another league.
8. A player is eligible to play in a league or cup match if there is at least one (1) calendar day between the date of receipt of the registration form by the registrar of the league and the day of the match.
9. Professional players must be reinstated to Amateur status by the F.A.I. Players wishing to be regraded, this can be



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done at any weekly meeting of the L.D. League. Players needing regrading must have played 5 or more games at Senior level. Players that need to be reinstated must apply to the F.A.I. Domestic Committee with the relevant information. Closing date for regrading is Jan. 31st.

10. Registration forms can only be inspected on Monday evening following the weekend games at the residence of the registrar, between the hours of 7p.m. to 9p.m. or at a pre-arranged time. Midweek games same shall apply on the evening following the game, again between 7p.m. and 9p.m. Two (2) members only, of any club to inspect forms, at registrars residence.
11. Youth and Junior players signing two or more forms, shall be deemed illegal players, said players must appear before L.D.L.C. after doing same. He shall accordingly be suspended for six (6) weeks and fined the appropriate fee. Suspension commences on appearing before L.D.L.C. After serving suspension said player must sign a new form for whichever Club he so desires.
12. A Club knowingly inducing a player to sign more than one form shall be liable to be dealt with as Committee see fit.



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13. The closing date for all transfers shall be before the 31st January of each year. Any bona fida application to clubs by players made prior to this date shall be in order provided the committee be notified in writing to the Secretary before this date. Players must appear on their own before the Limerick & District League. And the transfer windows shall be from the 1st June to the 30th of September inclusive, and the 1st of December to the 31st of January inclusive.
14. Transfers must be sent by registered post to the Registrar on official transfer form and must be accompanied by L.D.L.C. registration form plus transfer fee of €25.00. No transfer fee is required for internal transfers (within the same Club). L.D.L.C. Transfer and registration forms must be with the registrar of the League at least (1) one calendar day, between receipt of the transfer and registration forms, and the day of the game.
15. Referees cards must be filled in correctly by the Manager or Club Officer of the contesting Clubs prior to the conclusion of the match with the full Christian and



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surname of the players taking part in said match. **Players names must be in block letters. Please note, players names must correspond with their numbers on their jersey and the match-card.**

16. The home team must change colours when meeting teams with similar registered colours.
17. Any objections to pitch, post etc. must be conveyed to referee before start of game in writing, in turn Referee sends objection with matchcard to L.D.L.C.
18. The Committee shall have power to fine Clubs for late start of games.
19. The home team must be responsible for the marking of the pitch and must have it in playing order. Also note the home team must pay all the referee fees.
20. In the case of abandoned or unfinished matches, the Committee shall investigate into the cause of same and shall have power to order a replay, or award the game.
21. Any infringements of any of the rules of the Committee or



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Laws of the game shall render the offending Club and any member of same liable to expulsion, suspension, fines, or such other penalties as the Committee may think fit.

22. No Club or players shall be permitted to play in any matches with Clubs not affiliated to the F.A.I., except with the special permission of the F.A.I.
23. Clubs must ensure that all players entered on referees official match card must be signed and registered players of that Club team. This includes players who appear on match card, but do not participate in the actual game.
24. Five substitutes be allowed at all games under the jurisdiction of the LDL.
25. In all local Cup games up to and including all local finals F.I.F.A. penalty rule shall apply, after extra time, when necessary.
26. Clubs who have more than one Junior team are allowed to play players from their B/C teams, or lower, in their first team, without transfer. This applies in League matches and the Lawson Cup only.



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27. Protest must be forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee and a copy of same to the Club concerned by registered post bearing postmark within four (4) clear days after the match has been played. A period of 48 hours after the receipt of protest shall be afforded the Club protested against to lodge a cross protest or appeal. In no circumstances will a Club be allowed to withdraw a protest. **Both Clubs must appear at meeting to answer protest.**
28. Each protest must be accompanied by a fee of €50.00, payable by bank draft or postal order, the onus of proof of a protest shall be with the protesting club.
29. A Club failing to appear in answer to a protest when called upon or failing an explanation of their absence satisfactory to the Committee shall be fined or dealt with as the Committee think fit.
30. Clubs, players, or members of Clubs and all others dissatisfied with the decision of the Committee shall have the right of appeal to the M.F.A. and in turn the F.A.I., as per rule.



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31. A player or member of a Club may not, during the period of his suspension, play or take part in any match or fixture under this Committee, or hold any office in his Club or act in any capacity under this Committee.
32. The suspension of a Club/Team shall disqualify all players of such Club/Team from matches or fixtures under this Committee and the Association of the F.A.I., during the period of suspension.
33. Any member of a suspended Club who may be on the L.D.L. Committee shall not act in such capacity, or any other capacity under the auspices of the L.D.L. Committee.
34. Any player selected to play in any International or any other match arranged by the F.A.I. or its Affiliates and who without good and sufficient cause refuses to comply with the arrangements for the playing of the match, or fails to play in such match, may be adjudged to be guilty of misconduct, and such player, or any Club which may be deemed to have encouraged such player to such misconduct, may be dealt with as the Disciplinary Bodies shall deem appropriate.



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35. Any club withdrawing one (1) of their teams from the League, it must be their lowest team. Results to date will stand and remaining fixtures of the withdrawn team will be classed as walkovers. Clubs withdrawing teams from the League will be fined €100.00 minimum.

Premier League clubs shall not be allowed to withdraw teams from the Premier League once they have lower teams.

36. Any team giving two (2) walk-overs in any local games in the one season will be removed and fined €60.00 (minimum).
37. Re Local Cup Fixtures, if home team pitch is unplayable after one inspection, match will be refixed for the opponents ground.
38. All Cup draws are to be made at a delegate meeting and said draws will appear in local papers.
39. Every officer and member of the Committee shall be indemnified by the L.D.L.C. against all costs, losses and expenses incurred by them, respectively, in or about the



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discharge of their respective duties, except such as may happen from their respective wilful acts or defaults.

40. A list of fixtures is sent out to all club secretaries at the start of the season with all local fixtures for the season and with the F.A.I. and M.F.A. draw dates included.
41. L.D.L. cannot make teams play more than one midweek fixture per week. Unless a team requests to play more.
42. That the Limerick & District League at their discretion shall have the power to form the makeup of each league at the start of each season. Only 1 team per club in any one division.
43. For transparency purposes, all fixtures are to be compiled on disk and that all fixtures be saved in the interest of all clubs involved until the end of the season.
44. When L.D.L. request the Chairman and Secretary of a club to attend weekly meeting of league, in their absence, they may send any two (2) committee members of said club.



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45. Any team who has no playing pitch, when they are playing their second round league game. They must pay the referee his full match fee on the day.
Also, they must pay the home team €50.00 for the use of their pitch.
46. Clubs wishing to check match card with the referee, must do so immediately after the game and can copy the names from the card. The card must remain at all times with the referee. The referee need not have the other club present to witness same being done.
47. Clubs unable to attend the weekly meeting of L.D.L. for registration forms & transfer forms, may send a request to register. Stating the type of forms required and the number of forms required, also including a stamped addressed envelope. Forms will be sent by return post to the club.
48. All disciplinary rules are governed by the Football Association of Ireland (see F.A.I. Rule Book).
49. All agreements between the Limerick & District League and the Limerick Senior Team, must be made available to the clubs.



50. No member of the Limerick & District League to sit on the board/committee of a senior soccer team.
51. The Committee shall have the power to deal with any other matter that arises and is not covered by any of these rules.
52. That the secretary of the Limerick District League is automatically the league's representative to the FAI.

The fixture secretary is automatically one of the league's representative's to the M.F.A.

53. In all local competitions, a team may consist of only 2 players that have been regraded in the same season. Consist shall mean, named on the match card.
54. In the event of a clash of rules, between the Limerick District League rules and those of the Football Association of Ireland, the rules of the Football Association of Ireland superceed all other rules.
55. That all correspondence and notifications i.e. letters, sending off and cautions notifications can be sent to clubs electronically i.e. via email.



LIMERICK DISTRICT LEAGUE COMMITTEE STANDING ORDERS

1. Meetings shall be held on each Tuesday unless otherwise arranged by agreement. All meetings shall be at 7.30 and shall not conclude later than 10.30.

Should any matter arise in the interval between the meetings of the committee, as fixed by standing orders, and which in the opinion of the Hon. Officers shall be deemed sufficiently urgent they shall have power to instruct the Secretary to forthwith summon the Committee in accordance with number three of standing orders. Six members shall form a quorum. A record shall be kept by the Secretary of the attendance of members at each meeting.

2. The Secretary shall place the notice on the agenda in the order received by himself.
3. The Secretary shall give notice to each member of every



special meeting together with an agenda of the business re same.

4. At all meetings of the Committee the Hon. Secretary shall present the minutes of the last preceeding Committee meeting. He shall read such letters as may be necessary or that any member of the Committee desires to have read. The Chairman, or in his absence the acting Chairman, shall request the proposing and seconding of the minutes.
5. Each member on speaking shall address himself to the Chairman and to any other of the Committee. During the time any member is speaking all other members shall remain seated unless a member rises to a point of order.
6. All questions shall be determined by a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by any one member of the Committee.
7. The business under any notice upon the agenda shall not, except by consent of the Committee, be proceeded with in the absence of the member of the Committee in whose name it stands, unless he has given written authority for it to be taken up by some other member.



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8. If the Chairman at any Committee meeting shall be of the opinion that any motion proposed to be made there at is of an objectionable character it shall be competent for him, either before or after the same is brought forward, to put it to the vote, on which no discussion shall be allowed whether the same be entertained or not. If two thirds of the members present decide not to entertain such motion, same shall be considered as disposed of for that day.
 9. Matters, which are not on the agenda paper, shall not be considered by the Committee unless, without discussion, a majority of two thirds of the members present, by vote, consent.
 10. Matters moved by members of council regarding their individual Clubs shall not be entertained.
 11. A decision shall not be rescinded unless the motion to rescind shall be carried by two thirds of the members present and voting. Notice of motion to rescind a decision must be given before the date of the meeting, at which such motion is to be taken.
 12. Standing orders shall not be suspended unless the motion



to suspend obtains a majority of two thirds of those present and voting.

13. Clubs wishing to have an interview with the council at the weekly meeting must do so between the hours of 8.00 to 9.00 or by special arrangement with the Secretary of the league. One (1) officer and one (1) other member to attend.
14. Note: If any member abruptly leaves the meeting or storms out of same - the next meeting he attends, he must apologise to the committee, re - his behaviour, before the meeting starts, or he will not be allowed to take part in said meeting or any other subsequent meeting, until he apologises for same.
15. The Committee has the right to change any of the above rules by two thirds to help speed up the agenda of each meeting so that all business can be finished on the night.



YOUTH & U17 RULES

1. All Players both U17 and U18 must be under the age of 17 and 18 on the 1st January that the season ends to qualify to play in U17 and U18 competitions.
2. Players registered with clubs Under 17 and/or Youth Teams shall be deemed eligible to play with the club's Junior Team without signing a Junior Registration Form.
3. Youth (u-17/u-18) players cannot assist the Junior team of any other Club without a transfer to that Club.
4. Youth (u-17/u-18) clubs who have more than one team in a grade are allowed to play players from their B, C or lower Team in their first team in league games only without transfer.
5. Postponements will be granted to U17 and U18 teams who have registered players involved in a certified school tour if the club provides written confirmation from the organising school that registered players are involved in any such tour.