



## **Tesco Cup – U13 Boys 2009/10 season – Rules and Regulations for English Regional Finals**

### **Qualification of teams**

1. Only one team may enter from each County Football Association
2. The above mentioned team must be affiliated to their County FA
3. Clubs may only represent their Parent County in the Tesco Cup Competition. Where a Club's Parent County FA does not run a County Cup that qualifies for entry to the Tesco Cup, Clubs may, if accepted by another County, represent that County in the Tesco Cup should they be the winners of that County Cup Competition.
4. Where a Club participates in a second County Cup they may only progress into the Tesco Cup to represent their Parent County - should a Club not be eligible to represent the County the County FA may nominate the runner-up Club from their County Cup Final to represent them, if that Club is parented to that County. If neither finalist is parented then a County may choose to run a play-off between the semi-finalists.
5. The above mentioned team must have: a) won the 2009/10 U13 County Cup or b) following exceptional circumstances been nominated by the County FA to represent the County FA in the Tesco Cup. The Tesco Cup Administration Team must be informed of any exceptional circumstances immediately and their decision is final.
6. Team details (team name, players' names, players' dates of birth, affiliation number, secretary details and two sets of team colours) must be supplied to the Tesco Cup administration team no later than Friday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2010.
7. Players must have been registered this season for the team they are representing in this Competition. Teams found to be playing over-aged players will be disqualified.

### **Travelling**

8. The Tesco Cup administration team is not responsible for organising transport to the venues – this must be arranged and paid for by the competing club (or County FA if appropriate)

### **Team colours**

9. Where the colours (shirts, shorts and socks) of the two competing clubs are similar, the club first drawn must change. Clubs must supply two sets of shirts of different colours. Colours must not clash with the black and white outfit worn by the Match Officials. Black or dark blue shirts are not acceptable.

### **Fixtures**

10. The Tesco Cup administration team is responsible for organising the draw and for making all arrangements with the venues. Each team will be responsible for the score sheet for each game they participate in which must be returned to the Tesco Cup administration team immediately after each match.
11. The number of teams participating in each of the Regional Finals shall be decided by the Tesco Cup administration team. For each Regional Final, teams will be entered into a draw to be allocated to a group and a pitch (where applicable).
12. Teams will play on a league basis within their groups until the knock-out stage but the total time played will not exceed the limits for one day set by The Football Association.
13. The matches will be 10 minutes each way with five minutes for half time.
14. Three points will be awarded for a win, two points for a score draw and one point for a no score draw.
15. One team will go through to the English National Final from each English Regional Final. Where there is an even number of groups in the English Regional Finals, then the group winners will play-off to decide who progresses. Where there are an odd number of groups in the English Regional Finals then the winners of each group and the highest scoring runners-up will play-off on a knock

out basis to decide who progresses. The highest scoring runners-up shall not be drawn against the winner of their group unless it is in the Final. In any English Regional Final where there is only one group, then the winners will progress. If two teams are on equal points, it will be decided on goal difference, then most goals scored and if they are still level, they will play again with the first team to score to become the winner.

#### **Kick offs**

16. Teams must be ready for match kick offs when called. The referee will toss a coin for choice of ends.

#### **Match ball and pitch size**

17. Size four footballs will be used.
18. Pitches will meet the minimum criterion as laid down by The FA for the age group.

#### **Medals/prizes**

17. For each English Regional Final, Tesco will provide 20 Winners' medals and 20 Runners' Up medals
18. Each player (maximum twenty per team) will receive a Tesco branded goody bag

#### **Qualification of Players**

19. The competing teams shall consist of 11 players plus five substitutes, each bona-fide (registered) members of their respective Clubs and representing the full playing strength of such Clubs. It is the competing Club's responsibility to ensure that the players shall be duly qualified in accordance with the Rules of the Association. A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing Club (playing in the same county cup) but the members of each respective team may change during the series of matches.

#### **Substitutes**

20. Five named substitutes are allowed in this Competition and must be named prior to kick-off. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football. Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury after the submission of the official Team Sheet to the Referee before the kick off, he may be replaced, provided that the Referee and a representative of their opponents are informed before the commencement of the match.

#### **Match officials**

21. The Tesco Cup administration team will be responsible for appointing club neutral Match Officials (via the local County FA where possible) and for paying their fees. Match Officials will be paid an inclusive minimum fee of £50 for each Final and will also receive medals.
22. The officials will report the results of the matches to Tesco Cup personnel.

#### **Facilities**

23. Changing facilities will be made available at each venue. There will not be a 'home' dressing room and it is likely that the facilities will be shared throughout the day. The Tesco Cup organisers do not accept any responsibility for items left in the changing rooms.

#### **Team accompaniment**

24. All teams must be accompanied by a minimum of two responsible adults, one of whom must be the manager or a coach. They will be responsible for the behaviour of the players on and off the field. Clubs must ensure that these persons have a current FA Safeguarding Children Certificate and an FA Enhanced CRB Certificate for the safety of the children. Clubs are responsible for obtaining parental consent for the individual players. Clubs must also confirm to the Tesco Cup administration team that they have obtained the requisite parental consent for the use of images/photographs throughout the Competition.

#### **Referees' decisions**

25. The referee's decision is final and there will be no appeals.

#### **Discipline**

26. Any player sent-off in the Competition shall not be eligible to receive a medal should their team win or finish runners-up. Cautions and dismissals will be reported to the parent County Football

Association, therefore officials must report all details to the Tesco Cup administration team on the day of the offence.

#### **Insurance**

28. The Tesco Cup administration team is responsible for the provision of Public Liability Insurance for the events. The provision of Personal Accident Insurance cover will remain with the competing clubs to arrange if they require it.

#### **Control of Competition**

29. All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Tesco Cup administration team. Objections relevant to the dimensions or condition of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Tesco Cup administration team unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match. Any dispute occurring between clubs in the Competition shall be referred for determination by the Tesco Cup administration team whose decision shall be binding upon all parties subject to the right of Appeal.
30. The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The Football Association. The Tesco Cup administration team shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce the Rules of the Competition and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition, including any not provided for in the Rules. Except where these Rules provide for the imposition of a set penalty any Club, Official or Player alleged to be in breach of a Competition Rule must be given the opportunity to present their case before the Tesco Cup administration team. The charge and the decision of the Tesco Cup administration team shall be given in writing within seven days of the Competition. All breaches of the Laws of the Game, Rules and Regulations of The Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with F.A. Rules.
31. Within 14 days of the posting of written notification of any decision of the Tesco Cup administration team or the Competition, a Club, Official or Player against whom action is taken may appeal against such decision by lodging particulars in duplicate with the Secretary of the Football Association, including a fee of £50, for adjudication of a Board of Appeal. The grounds of appeal shall be in accordance with FA Rules. The Board of Appeal may order the appeal fee to be forfeited and shall decide by whom the costs of the appeal shall be borne. The decision of the Board of Appeal is final and binding on all parties concerned
32. All decisions of the Tesco Cup administration team shall be binding subject to the right of appeal to the Board of Appeal. Each Member Club shall be deemed to have given its assent to the foregoing Rules and agreed to abide by the decisions of the Tesco Cup administration team subject to the right of Appeal

### **Tesco Cup – U13 Boys 2009/10 season - Rules and Regulations for National & UK Finals**

#### **Qualification of teams**

1. One team from each Regional Final may compete in the National Final
2. Four teams (one representing each Home Nation) may compete in the UK Final.
3. The above mentioned teams must be affiliated to their County FA (or representative FA for the UK Final)
4. Team details (team name, player names, players dates of birth, affiliation number, secretary details and 2 sets of team colours) must be supplied to the Tesco Cup administration team no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2010 for the National Final and by no later than Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010 for the UK Final.
5. Players must have been registered this season for the team they are representing in this Competition. Teams found to be playing over-aged players will be disqualified.

**Travelling**

6. a) National Final - the Tesco Cup administration team is not responsible for organising transport to the venue – this must be arranged and paid for by the competing club (or County FA if appropriate)
- b) UK Final – the Tesco Cup administration team will arrange and provide one night's accommodation (on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010) and a travel grant for the four UK Finalist teams.

**Team colours**

7. Where the colours (shirts, shorts and socks) of the two competing clubs are similar, the club first drawn must change. Clubs must supply two sets of shirts of different colours. Colours must not clash with the black and white outfit worn by the Match Officials. Black or dark blue shirts are not acceptable.

**Fixtures**

8. The Tesco Cup administration team is responsible for organising the draw and for making all arrangements with the venue
9. The matches will be on a knock out basis with the winners of the two semi-finals meeting in the Final.
10. The matches will be 15 minutes each way with 5 minutes for half time. Extra time of 5 minutes each way will be played if necessary. If the end scores result in a draw the winners shall be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, in accordance with the International Board Decision as contained in the Laws of the Game.

**Kick offs**

11. Teams must be ready for match kick offs when called. The referee will toss a coin for choice of ends.

**Match ball and pitch size**

12. Size four footballs will be used.
13. Pitches will meet the minimum criterion as laid down by The Football Association for the age group.

**Medals/prizes**

14. a) National Final - each player (maximum twenty per team) will receive a Tesco branded medal, goody bag and the winning team will receive a winner's trophy, which may be retained by the team/club.
- b) UK Final – each player (maximum twenty per team) will receive a Tesco branded medal and goody bag. Both the winning team and second place finalist team will receive trophies and the other two remaining finalist teams will receive commemorative salvers.

**Qualification of Players**

15. The competing teams shall consist of 11 players plus five substitutes, each bona-fide (registered) members of their respective Clubs and representing the full playing strength of such Clubs. It is the competing Club's responsibility to ensure that the players shall be duly qualified in accordance with the Rules of the Association. A player shall not in the same season play for more than one competing Club (playing in the same County Cup) but the members of each respective team may be changed during the series of matches.

**Substitutes**

16. Five named substitutes are allowed in this Competition and must be named prior to kick-off. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace another player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football. Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury after the submission of the official Team Sheet to the Referee before the kick off, he may be replaced, provided that the Referee and a representative of their opponents are informed before the commencement of the match.

**Match officials**

- 17a) The Tesco Cup administration team will be responsible for appointing club neutral Match Officials (via the local County FA where possible) and for paying their fees. Match Officials will be paid an inclusive minimum fee of £50 for each Final and will also receive medals.
- 17b) The officials will report the results of the matches to Tesco Cup personnel.

### **Facilities**

18. Dressing rooms will be made available at the venue and as only two are likely to be available, they will be shared by the teams as determined by the organisers. There will not be a 'home' dressing room and it is likely that the facilities will be shared throughout the day. The Tesco Cup organisers do not accept any responsibility for items left in the changing rooms.

### **Team accompaniment**

19. All teams must be accompanied by a minimum of two responsible adults, one of whom must be the manager or a coach. They will be responsible for the behaviour of the players on and off the field. Clubs must ensure that these persons have a current FA Safeguarding Children Certificate and an FA Enhanced CRB Certificate for the safety of the children.  
Clubs are responsible for obtaining parental consent for the individual players. Clubs must also confirm to the Tesco Cup administration team that they have obtained the requisite parental consent for the use of images/photographs throughout the Competition.

### **Referees' decisions**

20. The referee's decision is final and there will be no appeals.

### **Discipline**

21. Any player sent-off in the Competition shall not be eligible to receive a medal should their team win or finish runners-up.
22. Cautions and dismissals will be reported to the parent County Football Association, therefore officials must report all details to the Tesco Cup administration team on the day of the offence.

### **Insurance**

23. The Tesco Cup administration team are responsible for the provision of Public Liability Insurance for the events. The provision of Personal Accident Insurance cover will remain with the competing clubs to arrange if they require it.

### **Control of Competition**

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