

## THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION RULES

### 1. DEFINITIONS

Throughout these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1.1 “The Competition” or “The League Cup” or “The Cup Competition”** means The Scottish Football League Cup Competition organised by the Scottish Football League by whatever title it shall be given by The Scottish Football League Board (as after defined);
- 1.2 “Board”** means the Committee of Management of The Scottish Football League which shall organise the Competition;
- 1.3 “The Scottish Premier League”** means the combination of association football clubs known as The Scottish Premier League;
- 1.4 “The Scottish Football League” or “The League”** means The Scottish Football League under whose auspices the Competition will run;
- 1.5 “The Scottish Football Association”** means The Scottish Football Association Limited;
- 1.6 “Club(s)”** means each member from time to time of The Scottish Premier League and each member from time to time of The Scottish Football League;
- 1.7 “The Scottish Football League Rules”** means the Rules in force from time to time of The Scottish Football League;
- 1.8 “The Scottish Premier League Rules”** means the Rules in force from time to time of The Scottish Premier League;
- 1.9 “The Chief Executive”** means the Chief Executive of The Scottish Football League (who also acts as the Secretary of the League);
- 1.10 “Home Club”** means the Club on whose ground the Competition match should be or should have been played, or where ground sharing is in operation or the Clubs play at a neutral venue, the Club whose name appears first;
- 1.11 “Official”** means any person having a function or duty or position involving authority or trust with a football club including without prejudice to the foregoing generality any person who is able to exercise control over the majority of the board or committee of any such club (whether or not such a person is himself intimated to the Registrar of Companies as holding the office of director or is otherwise held out to be a member of the committee of management of such a body if not incorporated).

**1.12** “**Visiting Club**” means the Club which should play or should have played any Competition match on the ground of the Home Club; and

**1.13** “**The Joint Committee**” means the Committee consisting of any two representatives of The Scottish Football League and any two representatives of The Scottish Premier League.

## **2. THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP**

The Competition shall be known as The Scottish Football League Cup. The Board may from time to time re-name the Competition in terms of any sponsorship agreement or agreements which may be concluded.

## **3. CONTROL OF THE COMPETITION**

Subject to the provisions of Rule 23 (*Responsibility of Clubs/Behaviour of Spectators*) hereof the day to day control and administration, organisation and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Board.

**3.1** If The Scottish Football League, The Scottish Premier League or any club in membership of either League shall propose any alteration, addition to or deletion from or to these Rules (“**the Proposal**”) it shall request the Joint Committee to give consideration to the Proposal.

**3.2** No change to the Rules of the Competition shall be made unless approved by the Joint Committee. If a Proposal is approved by the Joint Committee the Proposal shall require to be approved by The Scottish Football League and The Scottish Premier League in each case in accordance with their respective Rules.

**3.3** The members of the Joint Committee shall have equal voting rights and in the event of a tied vote, any Proposal shall be deemed to have been rejected.

**3.4** For the purposes of these Rules no meeting of the Joint Committee shall be quorate unless all the members are in attendance.

## **4. FORMAT**

The Competition shall be contested by all Clubs of The Scottish Football League and The Scottish Premier League.

**4.1** In the event that five clubs qualify for UEFA Club Competitions, those five clubs will be exempt from playing in the Competition until the Third Round. In any season where fewer than five Clubs qualify for UEFA Competitions the number of exempt Clubs shall remain at five and the Clubs qualifying for the UEFA Club Competitions shall be augmented by the next highest placed Club or Clubs in The Scottish Premier League at the end of the preceding season.

- 4.2** For the First Round the thirty lowest placed clubs of The Scottish Football League and The Scottish Premier League at the end of the preceding season, which are not participating in the UEFA Club Competitions, will play a single tie on the ground of the first named club. This Round will be “seeded” and the “seeds” will be the fifteen highest placed clubs at the end of the preceding season. The fifteen winning clubs will qualify to play in the Second Round.
- 4.3** For the Second Round, the seven lowest placed clubs of The Scottish Premier League at the end of the preceding season will be inserted into a ballot with the winners from the First Round. This Round will be “seeded” and the “seeds” will be the eleven highest placed clubs at the end of the preceding season. Those clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first named club. The eleven winning clubs will qualify to play in the Third Round.
- 4.4** For the Third Round, the five clubs which are participating in the UEFA Club Competitions, together with the eleven clubs qualifying from the Second Round, will then be inserted into a ballot. This Round will be “seeded” with the clubs occupying the eight highest positions at the end of the preceding season being “seeded”. These clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first named club. The eight winning clubs will qualify to play in the Fourth Round.
- 4.5** In the event that six clubs qualify for UEFA Club Competitions, those six clubs will be exempt from playing in the Competition until the Third Round.
- 4.6** For the First Round, the thirty-two lowest placed clubs of The Scottish Football League and The Scottish Premier League at the end of the preceding season, which are not participating in the UEFA Club Competitions, will play a single tie on the ground of the first named club. This Round will be “seeded” and the “seeds” will be the sixteen highest placed clubs at the end of the preceding season. The sixteen winning clubs will qualify to play in the Second Round.
- 4.7** For the Second Round, the four lowest placed clubs of The Scottish Premier League at the end of the preceding season will be inserted into a ballot with the winners from the First Round. This Round will be “seeded” and the “seeds” will be the ten highest placed clubs at the end of the preceding season. Those clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first named club. The ten winning clubs will qualify to play in the Third Round.
- 4.8** For the Third Round, the six clubs which are participating in UEFA Club Competitions, together with the ten clubs qualifying from the Second Round, will then be inserted into a ballot. This Round will be “seeded” with the clubs occupying the eight highest positions at the end of the preceding season being “seeded”. These clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first named club. The eight winning clubs will qualify to play in the Fourth Round.

- 4.9** For the Fourth Round in either event, the eight winning Clubs will be inserted into an “unseeded” ballot. These Clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first named Club. The four winning clubs will qualify for the Semi-Final Round.
- 4.10** For the Semi-Final Round, the four winning clubs will be inserted into an “unseeded” ballot and each Semi-Final Tie shall be a one match tie played on a date and venue decided by the Board. The two winning Clubs will qualify for the Final Tie.
- 4.11** For the purposes of this Rule 4, in determining the highest placed Club, the Clubs in The Scottish Premier League shall be deemed to be higher than the Clubs in The Scottish Football League at the end of the preceding season.
- 4.12** In the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Semi-Final Rounds, if the scores are equal at the end of the ninety minutes, an extra thirty minutes will be played and, if still undecided, the winner shall be ascertained by taking kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by the International Football Association Board.
- 4.13** The Final Tie will be contested on a date and venue decided by the Board.
- 4.14** In the event of the Final Tie resulting in a draw, an extra thirty minutes will be played and, if still undecided, the winner shall be ascertained by taking kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by the International Football Association Board.
- 4.15** All ties will be played as directed by the Board.
- 4.16** The half time interval shall be of fifteen minutes duration.
- 5. DISLOCATION OF MATCHES**
- Dislocation of Cup matches, from any cause whatever, shall be immediately reported to the Chief Executive by the Club(s) concerned, and it shall be the duty of the Home or ground Club in each instance to notify immediately the appointed match officials of such dislocation.
- 5.1** The Home or ground Club must similarly advise the match officials as soon as possible of all relevant details concerning the re-arrangement of the dislocated match.
- 5.2** Any Club without just cause failing to fulfil its fixture obligations in respect of a Cup match on the appointed date or dates shall be liable to be disqualified and/or subject to such other punishment as the Board may determine.

- 5.3** The Club failing to fulfil its obligations under this Rule 5, shall be liable to pay compensation for any expenses actually incurred as a direct result of the failure. The amount of compensation will be decided by the Board.
- 5.4** It is the responsibility of the Home or ground Club to ensure that a qualified medical practitioner, or failing which, a qualified paramedic, is in attendance throughout the match.
- 6. SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS**
- 6.1** A Club may at its discretion use three from up to five nominated substitutes. In the event that five substitutes are nominated, one of their number must be a goalkeeper.
- 6.1.1** The substitution can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission.
- 6.1.2** The substitute players must be nominated in accordance with this Rule 6 and in any case prior to the commencement of the game.
- 6.1.3** Not more than three substitutes from each Club shall warm up on the pitch perimeter at any one time.
- 6.2** Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of players participating in any Cup match (including the names of the nominated substitutes) to the referee and a representative of its opponents in the presence of the referee sixty minutes before the advertised time of kick-off.
- 6.3** Any Club failing to carry out these provisions will be dealt with at the discretion of the Board.
- 6.4** Any substitutions during the match must be recorded by the Club on the substitution slips and handed to a match official prior to each substitution taking place.
- 6.5** Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury or due to extenuating circumstances be unable to participate after the submission of the list of players to the referee and prior to kick-off, he may be replaced at the discretion of the referee provided the opponents are informed prior to kick-off. Any alterations made to a completed list of players pursuant to Rule 6.2 must be formally endorsed in writing by an Official and signed by the referee as evidence of his consent pursuant to this Rule 6.5.

**7. TROPHY**

The winners of the League Cup shall hold the trophy and when it is handed over to the winner, that Club shall grant an obligation to return same to the Chief Executive if and when required and in any case prior to the commencement of the next season's Competition in the like good order and condition in which it was received.

**7.1** It shall be the responsibility of the winning Club to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club.

**7.2** The winners and runners-up in the Competition will receive such awards as the Board may decide.

**8. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

Players taking part in the Competition must be registered in terms of Scottish Football League Rules or Scottish Premier League Rules as appropriate.

**8.1** No Club shall play, or list as a named substitute, any player who, in the same season, has already played or been a named substitute for another Club in the Competition.

**8.2** It shall be the responsibility of each Club participating in the Competition to ensure that its players are eligible to play in any League Cup match. If a player participates in a League Cup match, such player being ineligible to play in the Cup match as a result of his suspension by The Scottish Football Association or for any other reason, the Club for which the player participates in the League Cup match shall be liable to such penalty as the Board may decide.

**8.3** Any Club infringing this Rule may be disqualified from the Competition and the tie awarded to its opponent.

**9. ADMISSION MONIES AND SHARE OF GATES**

**9.1** In all rounds of the Cup Competition, excluding the Semi-Finals and Final Tie, the Board Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission or the actual minimum admission price, whichever is the greater for adults, juveniles and senior citizens shall, after deducting 15% by the Home Club, be divided equally between the two Clubs participating in each tie. Prior to the commencement of the Cup Competition in each season, the Board shall fix the Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission in respect of both the clubs in membership of The Scottish Premier League and each division of The Scottish Football League. The share of admission money in terms of this Rule must be paid to the Visiting Club within ten days of the date of the match. Any Club failing to pay, detail or return as before provided, or any Club failing immediately to report non-payments of receipts due to it, shall be dealt with as the Board may think fit.

- 9.2** Any Club wishing to charge less than the Board Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission must obtain the consent of its opponents prior to the match taking place and the agreed admission prices shall be divided as hereinbefore mentioned.
- 9.3** Where Scottish Premier League clubs are in opposition against each other, the Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission shall be the prices set by the Board for The Scottish Premier League clubs in terms of Rule 9.1 hereof. Where Scottish Football League Clubs are in opposition the Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission shall be those charged by the Club in the higher division.
- 9.4** In all rounds of the Cup Competition, excluding the Semi-Finals and Final Tie, Clubs shall only be entitled to deduct a limit of 10% of the total number of spectators admitted to the match in the Competition subject to such limit not exceeding 1,000 persons. The numbers in excess of this figure must be returned in the gross gate and divided in the ratio of 75% adult, 25% juvenile and senior citizens of the Board Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission with the Visiting Club.
- 9.5** Payment for tickets sold by a Visiting Club together with the details of tickets sold, and the return of unsold tickets, must be made to the Home Club within ten days of the date of the match taking place. Any Club failing to pay, detail or return as before provided, or any Club failing at once to report non-payments of receipts due to it, shall be dealt with as the Board may think fit.
- 9.6** In each tie in the Semi-Final Round of the League Cup Competition, after paying match expenses, 5% of the net receipts will be retained by the League and 20% of the remaining balance will be deducted and paid as ground rent to the respective Clubs which provided the neutral venues. The remaining receipts from both ties shall be pooled and divided equally among the four competing Clubs.
- 9.7** In the Final Tie of the League Cup Competition, after paying match expenses, 5% of the net receipts will be retained by the League and 20% of the remaining balance will be deducted and paid as ground rent to the Club which provided the neutral venue. The remaining receipts shall be divided equally between the two competing clubs. The allowance to be paid to each Club providing a neutral venue shall be calculated on the entire receipts for the Stands, Enclosures and Ground admissions after providing for the aforementioned deductions so far as applicable to such ground.

**9.8** In the Semi-Final and Final Ties, payments for tickets sold by each competing Club together with details of tickets sold, and the return of unsold tickets, must be made to the League within ten days of the date of the match. The League shall be entitled to offset all TV and sponsorship revenues relating to the Ties due to the Club against all sums due by the Club to the League in terms of this Rule. Any Club failing to pay any balance due to the League or detail or return as before provided within 10 days of receipt by the Club of said revenues from the League shall pay a penalty of £3,000 to the League together with interest on all sums due to the League and such interest shall be calculated on a daily basis at a rate of 5% per annum over the Bank of Scotland base rate.

**10. DIVISION OF RECEIPTS IN REPLAYED LEAGUE CUP MATCHES**

In the event of any League Cup Tie up to and including the Fourth Round, being unfinished owing to fog or other causes over which neither competing Club has any control, or being ordered to be replayed, the entire gate receipts of the replayed Tie, after deduction of 15% by the Home or ground Club, will be divided equally between the two competing Clubs.

**10.1** In the event of a Semi-Final Tie being unfinished owing to fog or other causes over which neither competing Club has any control, or being ordered to be replayed, the entire receipts of the replayed Semi-Final Tie, after paying those expenses as provided for in Rule 9.6, shall be pooled and equally divided among the four competing Clubs.

**10.2** In the event of the Final Tie being unfinished owing to fog or other causes over which neither competing Club has any control, or being ordered to be replayed, the entire receipts at the replayed Final Tie, after deduction of those expenses as provided for in Rule 9.7, will be divided equally between the two competing Clubs.

**11. GROUND RENT - NEUTRAL VENUE**

In the event of a neutral venue being used other than in the Semi-Final Rounds and Final Round of the League Cup Competition, the host Club, unless otherwise mutually agreed between the relevant parties, will be entitled to a ground rent of 15% of the match revenue based on the entire receipts for the Stands, Enclosures and Ground admissions, less match expenses.

**12. FINANCIAL RECORDS**

All Clubs shall keep detailed financial records and the Board may arrange for an inspection of all such records with particular reference to turnstile arrangements.

**13. MISCONDUCT IN PRE-ARRANGING RESULTS**

Any Club, Official, match official, player or other agent, offering or receiving a bonus or any other inducement, to or from another Club, Official, match official, player or other agent, to influence the result of a match, shall be deemed guilty of serious misconduct and shall be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine, or any other sanctions or conditions which the Board may think fit.

**14. CLUB COLOURS**

When two competing Clubs having the same or similar first choice colours engage in a League Cup match, the Visiting Club shall play in its second or third choice playing kit which must be different and distinct from the Home Club's first choice playing kit. At least 48 hours prior to all matches in the various rounds of the Cup Competition, excluding the Semi-Finals and Final Tie, the competing Clubs shall establish written contact with each other and the match referee to advise of the exact colours and description of the respective Clubs' playing kits. In the event of a clash of colours on match day and the Visiting Club not having with them their second/third choice registered playing kit, then the Visiting Club will require to play in the Home Club's second/third choice registered jerseys and/or shorts and/or socks.

**14.1** Both Clubs shall change under similar circumstances, when playing on a neutral ground.

**14.2** In the event of any dispute with regard to the playing kit to be worn by either Club, the referee's decision shall be final.

**14.3** Goalkeepers shall wear colours which distinguish them from the other players and from the referee.

**14.4** The players' jerseys and shorts must be clearly numbered and the numbers must be distinct in colour from the remainder of the players' kit.

**14.4.1** The numbers must appear on the back of the players' jerseys and must be not less than 25 cms in height. The numbers of the players' shorts must appear on the leg and must be not less than 10 cms in height.

**14.4.2** Those players participating in the match shall be numbered in accordance with the list handed to the referee before the match.

**14.4.3** There must be no change of numbers during the match except on a change of goalkeeper.

**15. REPORTS OF RESULTS**

Reports of the results of each game and attendance statistics on forms provided by the League must be sent by the Club Secretary to the League within three days after each game. Clubs failing to comply, or making any error therein or any omissions therefrom shall pay a fine of such amount as the Board may fix. Teamlines for Cup Ties must be in the hands of the Chief Executive by 11.00 a.m. on the day following the Tie.

**16. FULL STRENGTH TEAMS TO BE PLAYED IN ALL MATCHES**

Each Club shall play its full strength team in all matches, unless some satisfactory explanation be offered to the Board. In the event of the explanation not being deemed satisfactory, the Board shall have power at its discretion to impose a fine.

**17. REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES**

The Chief Executive shall keep a List of Referees whose names have been approved by the Board, from which the match officials shall be appointed for all League Cup matches.

**17.1** By accepting the appointment for a game, each match official shall be deemed to have given any consent which may be necessary for the purposes of Part II of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 or any statutory modification or re-enactment for the time being in force, for the recording and broadcasting of that game by or on behalf of the League.

**17.2** The tariff for referees and assistant referees shall be decided by the Board.

**17.3** The League shall pay the fees and expenses of match officials in all matches.

**17.4** The referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and each Home or ground Club must take every reasonable precaution to keep its ground in a playable condition.

**17.5** Referees shall, at the request of the Chief Executive, or with the consent of the Chief Executive at the request of either of the competing Clubs, visit the ground on a date and time before the advertised time of kick-off. Referees shall, in these circumstances, adjudicate on the fitness of the ground and take any appropriate decisions and the Home Club and Chief Executive shall be notified accordingly.

**17.6** Match officials shall normally be present at their appointment at least one and a half hours prior to the advertised time of kick-off. In the event of an earlier inspection being required, the referee or his/her substitute shall be entitled to a fee for such inspection, which shall also be paid by the League.

- 17.7** By accepting the appointment for a game, or to carry out a pitch inspection, each match official shall be deemed to accept that he or she is classified as self-employed with regard to accounting for payments due in respect of fees paid to him or her by The Scottish Football League.
- 17.8** The consent of the referee must be obtained before the kick-off can be altered from the advertised time.
- 17.9** Referees must report late starts and late arrivals of assistant referees or themselves. Assistant referees who are late must also forward an explanation to the Chief Executive immediately.
- 17.10** The match officials shall have both teams prepared to enter the field of play together five minutes prior to the kick-off time.
- 17.11** The referee and assistant referees must report to the Chief Executive of The Scottish Football Association and the Chief Executive, all cases of misconduct of players, Officials or spectators, etc., within three days of the occurrence.
- 18. STADIA**
- No League Cup Tie shall take place at any stadium where the playing area is covered or partially covered, without the prior written consent of the Board.
- 18.1** The Board shall have powers to determine reasonable criteria with regard to stadia in respect of each division in accordance with the terms of The Scottish Premier League and The Scottish Football League Stadia Criteria Guidelines as laid down from time to time.
- 18.2** At all matches played at the grounds of Clubs in The Scottish Premier League, spectators must only be admitted to individually numbered seats in accordance with the relevant deadline for compliance with this requirement as intimated by H.M. Government following upon its adoption of the final report by Lord Justice Taylor which recommends this practice, such deadline having been confirmed by The Scottish Stadia Committee in each case.
- 18.3** In the event that a Club, designated by this Rule elects, or is ordered, to play a scheduled or rescheduled home match at another ground, then this requirement shall likewise apply to such a match.
- 18.4** No Club shall arrange for any match in which it is involved to be shown or relayed in whole or in part by closed circuit television, giant screens or other visual means either at or to its ground or to other locations, unless the prior written consent of the Board has been obtained. Any consent shall be given on such terms and conditions as the Board may decide.

**18.5** Clocks in a stadium provided for the purposes of showing the amount of time played may run during the match, provided they are stopped at the end of normal time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This requirement also applies in the event of extra-time being played (i.e. after 15 minutes of each half).

**19. PLAYING FIELDS**

Matches shall be played on a natural grass surface or on an artificial surface which complies with the quality standards set by UEFA and/or FIFA and approved by the Board.

**20. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO CONTRIBUTION OF ARTICLES TO NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALS**

**20.1** A player or Official may participate in a responsible manner in radio and television programmes, permit his picture to be taken, write or inspire books, newspaper, match programmes or magazine articles, contribute to a “blog” on the internet, contribute to a social networking or micro-blogging site, or endorse commercial products, providing:

**20.1.1** that none of those activities shall in any way infringe the terms of this Rule 20 or be injurious to the interests of the League, any Club, or an Official of another Club and that none of them shall be in breach of the Rules and Bye Laws of the Scottish Football Association Limited or of the League or of The Scottish Premier League any other organisation of which those bodies or a Club may be members; and

**20.1.2** that the player or Official in undertaking these activities shall not use the name, badge, emblem or strip of any Club without the prior written consent of the Club and shall procure that the copyright in any photograph or recording making use of the Club’s name, badge, emblem or strip shall vest in the Club as the case may be.

A referee shall be permitted to discuss points of play related to a match strictly in accordance with instructions promulgated by the Scottish Football Association Referee Committee and approved by the Board from time to time.

**21. ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITING CLUBS**

Unless otherwise instructed by the Board, each Home or ground Club must make provision for a reasonable number of visiting supporters at every home match in the Competition.

**21.1** In the event of any dispute arising between competing Clubs as to the provision to be made for visiting supporters at any League Cup match, the Board shall, upon application made by either party, consider and adjudicate upon the matter.

- 21.2** No Club shall charge higher admission prices for visiting supporters for accommodation comparable with that used by supporters of the Home Club. This requirement does not apply to special local arrangements for members, season ticket holders, family enclosures, senior citizens and juveniles.
- 21.3** The Home or ground Club shall forward to the Visiting Club complimentary tickets, as aftermentioned, so that they will be in the hands of the Visiting Club on or before the fifth day before the game (unless under circumstances which render this impossible) - ten for Directors' Box, forty for the Stand and fifteen for players.
- 21.4** No Official or player of the Visiting Club shall be entitled to enter the Home Club's Ground etc., without a ticket.

**22. PROVISION OF NEW FOOTBALLS**

A new ball of first grade quality shall be used for each League Cup match. For so long as a ball is provided by the League to any of the participating Clubs, each Home or ground Club must ensure that the ball supplied is the ball used in the foregoing matches.

**23. RESPONSIBILITY OF CLUBS/BEHAVIOUR OF SPECTATORS**

Each competing Club shall take all such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure the good conduct and behaviour of its supporters at any ground. A Club playing at its own ground or allowing its ground to be used for a match in which it is not participating shall also take all such steps as are reasonably practicable to ensure the good conduct and behaviour of all spectators at that ground.

- 23.1** In the event of a report being made to the Board that the misbehaviour of spectators has had a material effect on the result of a match being upheld, the Board may declare the match and result void and order the match to be replayed on such ground and on such date and on such conditions as the Board shall think proper.
- 23.2** In the event of a match being abandoned due to a field invasion, the Board shall have power to have the match replayed or to allow the result to stand.
- 23.3** Any such report shall be lodged with the Chief Executive in writing no later than 5.00 p.m. on the sixth day following the day of the match and shall only be considered if made by the referee or by a Club participating in such match.

**24. APPEALS**

Any Club, Official or player aggrieved by a decision of the Board in terms of these Rules shall have the right to appeal to the Joint Committee which shall have the power to uphold, vary or overturn any such decision.

**24.1** The appeal shall be deemed to have succeeded and the Board's decision set aside unless a majority of the members of the Joint Committee determine otherwise.

**24.2** The Joint Committee shall have the power to overturn any Board decision which is the subject of appeal to the Joint Committee and to impose in place thereof any decision considered appropriate by the Joint Committee including remitting the matter back to the Board or to vary any sanction imposed by the Board.

**25. COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

In connection with the Cup Competition, The Scottish Football League shall, subject always to the prior approval of the Joint Committee, have power to conclude and administer contracts on behalf of all Clubs with commercial sponsors, broadcasters, publishers and others for the benefit of all Clubs competing in the Competition.

**25.1.1** Such contracts shall include, but not be restricted to:

- a)** sponsorship of the League Cup;
- b)** transmission and recording by any means of the fixtures in the League Cup;
- c)** commercial exploitation of The Scottish Football League's name, badge, emblem, and trademark in connection with the League Cup; and
- d)** publications including sound and video recordings relating to the history and fixtures of the League Cup.

**25.2** Clubs shall take all reasonable steps to assist in securing compliance by The Scottish Football League with its obligations to third parties in implementing the terms of such contracts and in particular shall without prejudice to the foregoing generality make available appropriate facilities for the transmissions, recordings, publications or official photographs and any copyrights of Clubs required by The Scottish Football League in connection with such transmissions, recordings, publications or official photographs.

**25.3** Clubs may enter into commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements provided Clubs ensure that such arrangements or agreements do not conflict with commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements negotiated by the Board on behalf of The Scottish Football League for the benefit of all Clubs competing in the Competition.

- 25.4** All commercial income received in terms of any contract referred to in this Rule shall be administered by the Scottish Football League and shall be distributed on a basis approved in advance by the Joint Committee.
- 25.5** The Scottish Football League may require any Club to provide services and facilities pursuant to any contract relating to sponsorship or commercial involvement in the League Cup Competition.

**26. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLUBS TO SPONSORS**

Subject as aforesaid and without prejudice to the generality of Rule 25 (*Commercial Arrangements*), each Club must, if required by the sponsor, make available the following services and facilities:

- a)** admit the sponsor to its ground for the purpose of photographing any match;
- b)** make available perimeter advertising boards in appropriate positions;
- c)** acknowledge the sponsor on the cover of the match day programme;
- d)** acknowledge the sponsor in at least one public address announcement prior to the match;
- e)** make available one page of advertising or editorial material in the match day programme;
- f)** provide 10 (or in the case of Semi-Final and Final Ties such greater number as the Board specify) complimentary tickets and tickets at face value as directed by the Board in terms of any sponsorship agreement or agreements;
- g)** provide suitable hospitality for the sponsors and their guests as directed by the Board in terms of the sponsorship agreement or agreements, and
- h)** provide any other services which the Board may reasonably require to comply with any sponsorship agreements concluded.

**THE SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION**

**BOARD MINIMUM RECOMMENDED PRICES OF GROUND ADMISSION**

First Division £12.00 Juveniles and Senior Citizens £6.00

Second Division £10.00 Juveniles and Senior Citizens £5.00

Third Division £9.00 Juveniles and Senior Citizens £4.50

Scottish Premier League £18.00 Juveniles and Senior Citizens £12.00