

ERNEST ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL

SECOND DIVISION

CUP COMPETITION

1. The Competition shall be called “The Northern League Second Division Challenge Cup Competition”.
2. The Competition shall be for all Clubs competing in the Northern League Second Division and shall be under the management and control of the Management Committee of the League.
3. The Management Committee shall draw the clubs in couples. These shall compete and the winners shall be drawn and shall compete in the same manner and this shall be continued until the end of the Competition.
4. The 1st Round shall be arranged to be played on or before 15th October, the Second Round on or before the end of November and the 3rd Round before the end of February, the dates for the semi-finals and final to be fixed by the Management Committee. The Committee shall have power to postpone any league fixture for any game in the Competition. All matches in the Competition shall be played under lights, on dates to be arranged by the Secretary. If a match is postponed on two occasions because of any reason the Secretary has the power to play the match at the ground of the second drawn Club.
5. Any player shall be qualified to play in any round of the Competition who, at the date when the round or re-play is played, would be qualified to play a Northern League game, provided that no player shall play for more than one Club in the Competition in any one season. In the Semi-final Ties and Final Ties a player must have been registered 14 days prior to the date on which these ties are played.
6. The gate money taken at matches, after expenses, to be equally divided between the home and visiting clubs. Expenses referred to are Police, Printing, Referees’ Charges and travelling expenses of visiting team charged at £4 per mile one way on the shortest road distance (via AA Route Planner) between the grounds of the competing clubs. The visiting team must receive their share of the gate within two weeks of the match. The nett proceeds of the Final Tie to go to the funds of the League. Where floodlights are used for all the match a fee of £50 may be charged by the home club.

7. In the event of the scores in a match being level at the end of 90 minutes play, the winners will be determined by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the International Board decision contained in the Laws of the Game.
8. The winning club shall hold the Silver Challenge Cup for the year and in addition sixteen Medals or other suitable Memento's will be presented to each of the Finalists, if funds permit. Upon written request from either of the two clubs contesting the Final Tie, being received with seven days after the match, the Management Committee may grant permission for additional memento's to be purchased, at the club's expense, for other players who have taken part in the Competition during the current season.
9. League Rule 6.8 also applies to the Cup Competition.
10. The Management Committee shall decide the neutral venue for the final tie taking into account the location of the finalists.