

# **THE 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. For season 2020/21 only, the management committee reserves the right to suspend/terminate the competition, at any time, due to unforeseen circumstances e.g. bad weather, further lockdowns due to Covid 19 or any other pandemics etc.
3. The management committee shall draw, before the start of the competition, clubs in couples for each round for the whole competition. There will be a preliminary draw of eight clubs, with the four winning clubs going into the full, first round draw. There will be no exemptions.
4. All matches in the competition including the semi-finals and final shall be played 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, 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 match official’s fees/travel expenses 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 net proceeds of the final 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 mementoes will be presented to each of the finalists, if funds permit. Upon written request from either of the two clubs contesting the final, being received with seven days after the match, the management committee may grant permission for additional mementoes 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 and Temporary Dismissals also applies to this cup competition.
10. The management committee shall decide the neutral venue for the final taking into account the location of the finalists.