

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. The management committee reserves the right to suspend/terminate the competition, at any time, due to unforeseen circumstances.
3. The competition will be in the format of knock-out rounds with the management committee making the draws before each round. 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. The Secretary shall have power to postpone any league fixture for any game in this Competition. 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 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 officials fees/travelling 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 League funds. 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 score 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, 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 and Temporary Dismissals also applies to this Cup Competition.
10. The management committee shall decide the neutral venue for the final tie taking into account the location of the finalists.