**The Norfolk Christian League Cup Rules – Adult**

**Control of Competition**

1. The management of the competition shall be vested in the management committee of the league and they will have the power to deal with these rules and any matter for which no specific provision is made in these rules, or the rules of the league.

**Organisation of the Competition**

1. The competition shall be conducted on a knockout basis.
2. In the event of a draw after 90 minutes, an extra-time period of 10 minutes each way shall be played. If the scores are still level at this point the match shall be decided by kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the Laws of the Game.

**Provisions for removal/exclusion from the competition**

1. A team found to have played an ineligible player may be removed from the competition and fined up to £30. If the game is ordered to be replayed then the offending club shall also be ordered to pay the expenses incurred.
2. In the event of a club failing to play a cup fixture without satisfactory explanation, the offending club will be dealt with by the management committee which may include forfeiting the match and/or a fine up to £50

**Venue for Matches**

1. The Final shall be played at a venue and on a date agreed by the management committee.

**Reporting Results**

1. Teams will contact the league secretary with the result of the game via Full Time within 24 hours of the games completion or may be fined £30
2. Teams must complete fulltime sheets by 3 days of the fixture or they may be fined £30
3. Teams must complete and exchange team sheets as well as providing a copy to the referee at least 15 minutes prior to KO. Failure to do so may result in a fine of £20.

**Club Colours**

1. For all finals, if there is a colour clash, then the choice of which team will wear their first choice kit will be decided by the toss of a coin completed by a member of the management committee.

**Eligibility of Players**

1. A player is cup tied and therefore ineligible if he/she has played for another team in any previous round of this league cup competition.
2. No player may play in the Semi-Final or Final unless he/she has played in at least 2 League or League Cup games in the competition or was registered to the team prior to 1st October in the current playing season. In exceptional circumstances special permission may be obtained by the management committee to play an otherwise ineligible player. Applications for special permission must be submitted in writing to the League Secretary.
3. Any player who has played in a more senior fixture in two or more of the three consecutive matches played immediately prior to the fixture will not be eligible to play in that fixture. For the purposes of this cup competition a more senior fixture is defined as (Anglian Combination).

**Provisions Concerning Match Officials**

1. In all rounds except the final, the match fees shall be split equally.

**Trophies**

1. Winning teams must return the trophy by the end of March of the following season or may be fined up to £20.