

35. ASSOCIATION CUP RULES

- (a) All teams that are entered in the AHJSA normal competitive league competitions must enter the Association Cup competitions.
- (a) The first named team will be deemed the home team in all cup draws regardless of where the match is played.
- (b) The AHJSA will supply match balls and pay for referees and assistant referees at all cup semi finals and finals
- (d) In the event of there being no winner at the end of the official period, after an interval of five (5) minutes, a further twenty (20) minutes shall be played consisting of two periods of ten (10) minutes each way without further interval. The golden goal rule does **not** apply. Should there still be no winner at the end of extra time, the match shall be settled by taking five (5) penalties each and then sudden death penalties. Each penalty is to be taken by a different player.
- (e) In the event that it is necessary to determine a best loser (or losers) to progress to the next round regard will first be had to goal difference determined as per competition rule 16; if goal differences are equal then the team who scored the most goals is the best loser. Goal difference and goals scored are to be taken as at the end of full time, or if played, extra time. Penalty goals are not to be taken into account. If teams are still tied after considering goals scored then the Executive will determine a method of deciding which team proceeds as best loser.
- (f) Provided a player is of suitable age, is registered for his/her club, has not previously played for any other team in cup competition during that season and is not under suspension, then he/she may play in cup matches.
- (g) In each team, any player named on a cup team sheet must play only for that team in all subsequent cup rounds. A maximum of five (5) substitutes may play in a match and may be interchanged at any time.
- (h) All players must be registered in accordance with Rule 7.
- (i) A club will forfeit an Association Cup game if unable to field the minimum number of players as stated in Rule 18
- (j) Team sheets are required for all cup matches.
- (k) The duration of Cup matches is the same as for the normal AHJSA league games.
- (l) Any situation not covered specifically in these rules may be referred to the AHJSA Competition Rules and thereafter to the Executive.
- (m) For a player to participate in an Association cup match/game he/she must have been nominated on the team nomination sheet as per Rule 8; must have played a minimum 50% of the season's league games for that team, and is then deemed to be Cup tied to that team. Written application can be made to the Executive to vary the above conditions stating reasons. The Executive decision will be final.
- (n) The Open League Cup and the G League Cup are to be treated as separate competitions. A girl may play in both the G League and Open League cups provided that she has been separately registered on both her G league and Open league team nomination sheets and separately meets the criteria in rule (m) in regard to both teams.
- (o) If a player transfers during the season having played in a cup match for his/her previous club he/she shall not be eligible to play in any subsequent cup rounds for his/her new club.