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## 1. COMPETITION STRUCTURE

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### 1. General Information

- 1.1.1 All Clubs participating in the Bert Bampton/Youth Cup (**BBYC**) are bound by Football South Coast's (**FSC**) Premier League Competition Regulations (**PLCR**) as disseminated by FSC from time to time.
- 1.1.2 These Regulations shall apply to all BBYC fixtures as administered by FSC and may be amended by Football South Coast at any time.
- 1.1.3 Terms defined in the PLCR shall have the same meaning in these Regulations unless otherwise stated.
- 1.1.4 All Men's Premier League participating Clubs (i.e. Premier League 1, 2 and 3) are required to participate in the BBYC.
- 1.1.5 Both the BBC and YC will be seeded with the top eight teams from the 2025 final league standings being used as the guide.
- 1.1.6 FSC may amend the seeding within the BBYC competition as it deems necessary.
- 1.1.7 All stages of the BBYC shall be played in a knockout format.
- 1.1.8 All round winners will proceed to the next Round.
- 1.1.9 Where required, a Bye round will fill any vacant position in the draw process.
- 1.1.10 The competition progression will be as follows:
  - a. **Round 1:** All clubs drawn across a 32-team bracket template with the top eight (8) Premier League 1 teams from the previous season being seeded.
  - b. **Round 2:** The winners from Round 1 will progress through the bracketed draw.
  - c. **Round 3:** The winners from Round 2 will progress through the bracketed draw.
  - d. **Quarter Finals:** The winners from Round 3 will progress through the bracketed draw.
  - e. **Semi Finals:** The winners of the Quarter Finals will progress through the bracketed draw.
  - f. **Cup Final:** The winners of the semi finals will progress through the bracketed draw.
- 1.1.11 FSC may alter the BBYC format outlined in 1.1.5 through to 1.1.9 at its discretion.
- 1.1.12 FSC may alter fixture kick off times, dates, and venues as it deems necessary and at its sole discretion.

### 2. Team Eligibility

- 1.2.1 A participating Club will be eligible to play in the BBYC if it is registered as a Club with FSC and participates in the 2026 Men's Premier League 1, 2 and/or 3 competitions.
- 1.2.2 All Clubs are only eligible to enter one (1) set of teams in both the Bert Bampton and Youth Cup competitions.

### **3. Player Eligibility**

- 1.3.1 All players must be registered and eligible to play for a participating club in accordance with the current FSC Registration Policy. All players must be approved/active in the registration portal.
- 1.3.2 Players in the BBYC are “Cup-Tied”, specifically:
  - a. A player may only play for one Club during the BBYC in any given year.
  - b. Any player who has played for a Club at any stage of the BBYC is “tied” to that Club for all future BBYC fixtures in the current season.
  - c. To avoid doubt, if a player has played for a Team in any Round of the BBYC (in any Grade) and subsequently transfers or moves to a new Club or Team, that player is no longer eligible to play in a BBYC fixture either for the previous Club or the new Club.
- 1.3.3 The Youth Cup will be an Under-20s competition. Players must not be turning 21 or more during the competition calendar year. The exception is the goalkeeper who can be overage.
- 1.3.4 All Youth Players under 18 must have provided the approved the Parent Consent Form to FSC to be deemed eligible.

## **2. FIXTURE REQUIREMENTS**

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### **1. Substitutions**

- 2.1.1 A maximum of seventeen (17) players may be named on the Team Sheet for both Cup competitions; however, one of those must be a substitute goalkeeper in the Bampton Cup competition (where all substitutes are used).
- 2.1.2 First Grade – five (5) substitutions at three occasions (excludes half-time and full-time). An additional occasion per team is permitted in the event the match goes to Extra Time (only applicable where all five substitutes have not been used)
- 2.1.3 Youth Grade – Interchange rules apply. Unlimited substitutions.

### **2. Ground Officials**

- 2.2.1 Each Club must provide the number of marshals (Ground Officials) as directed by FSC.
- 2.2.2 Ground Officials must:
  - a. Be at least 18 years of age and be listed on the official team sheet/list.
  - b. Be in a clearly identifiable uniform.
  - c. Be visible from the field of play at all times.
  - d. Escort the Match Official(s) to and from the change rooms and the Field of Play at the commencement of the fixture, at half time and at full time, and

- e. Where required, assist the Match Official(s) to ensure a safe playing environment for all players, club officials and spectators.
- 2.2.3 A minimum of four (4) Ground Officials are required from both the Home and Away Clubs for all fixtures.
- 2.2.4 FSC may vary the minimum Ground Official requirements for a BBYC Round at any time at its discretion.

### **3. Players Strip**

- 2.3.1 Teams are required to conform to the following playing strip guidelines.
- a. The 'home' Club is the first named Club in the fixture for the purposes of strip allocation for a fixture, irrespective where the fixture is played. This includes the goalkeeper kits (i.e., lime/fluro for home and orange away).
  - b. The home Club in each BBYC fixture is required to wear their nominated 'home' playing strip as prescribed in the club's application, unless otherwise instructed by FSC.
  - c. In the instance of a strip clash between the home and away team as determined by the Match Official, the away team is required to provide their alternate playing strip.
  - d. A Club may be penalised, and a forfeit win awarded to the non-offending Team if a BBYC fixture does not commence due to an inability to resolve a clash of strips, and it can be established that such Club or Team did not comply with Rule 2.3.1.c.
  - e. There can be no clashes with the playing shirt and socks. Playing shorts may be the same or similar colours.

### **4. Match Balls**

- 2.4.1 The home Club shall provide the appointed Match Official with three (3) Official Match balls (size 5) no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled fixture.
- 2.4.2 In the event the fixture is played at a neutral venue, the responsibility of providing Match balls falls to the first listed Club of the fixture.
- 2.4.3 For the BBYC Final, FSC will supply the Official Match balls for the fixture.
- 2.4.4 All Clubs must use the current official Match ball as distributed by FSC.
- 2.4.5 A failure to comply with Regulation 2.4 will result in a fine at level BR2 under Schedule 1 of the Men's Premiership Competition Rules.

### **5. Match Duration**

- 2.5.1 Each BBYC match must consist of two (2) equal halves of forty-five (45) minutes to total a 'full' regular period BBYC Match time of ninety (90) minutes, excluding any injury time played as determined by the Match Official.
- 2.5.2 If the scores remain equal after full time in regulation, two equal periods of ten (10) minutes (Youth Cup) or fifteen (15) minutes of Extra Time (Bampton Cup) will be played. No golden goal.

2.5.3 Should scores remain level after extra time, Penalty kicks will be taken in accordance with the IFAB Laws of the Game to determine the winner of the BBYC match.

## **6. Hosting of BBYC Fixtures**

- 2.6.1 Refer to annexure 1 with coloured cells denoted as club hosts. This only applies to First Grade, with the Youth Cup paired and scheduled as appropriate each round with a BBC fixture.
- 2.6.2 Each Round will have a designated fixture date: FSC to provide this with the Draft playing calendar. The rounds are subject to change should wet weather impact the schedule.
- 2.6.3 Clubs can nominate an alternate date for their BBYC fixture in all cases except the Cup Finals. This date is not negotiable unless matches have been washed out or there are exceptional circumstances. All involved clubs must have agreed to any alternate date prior to the consideration being given to FSC.
- 2.6.4 Fixtures may be played on an alternate date and time, provided it does not negatively impact the draw or future rounds, subject to FSC approval. The following will apply:
- a. All impacted Clubs have three (3) business days from the draw date to agree on an alternate fixture date, which must not be outside seven (7) days prior to or fourteen (14) days after the FSC scheduled date.
  - b. Such requests are subject to approval from FSC.
- 2.6.5 Where clubs are unable to agree on an alternate fixture date within the prescribed timelines.
- a. The scheduled date as per 2.6.2 will apply unless there is a clash of fixtures for any of the involved clubs.
  - b. In the case of 2.6.5.a FSC will reschedule the fixture(s) to a nominated date it sees fit.
  - c. Should the First-Grade home club venue not be available for these reschedules, the fixtures will be offered to the following Clubs in sequence.
    - i. First-Grade Away Club
    - ii. Youth Grade Home Club (if different)
    - iii. Youth Grade Away Club (if different)
  - d. If a venue cannot be found as per Regulations 2.6.5.c, FSC will find a venue with costs borne by the First Grade Home Club.
- 2.6.6 Kick off times for daytime matches (unless otherwise approved) will be:
- a. 12.15pm – Youth Cup (Under 20's)
  - b. 2.30pm – Bert Bampton Cup (First Grade)
- 2.6.7 Kick off times for evening matches will be (subject to extra time or special approval):
- a. 6.00pm – Youth Cup (Under 20's)
  - b. 8.00pm – Bert Bampton Cup (First Grade)

- 2.6.8 FSC may alter kick off times as outlined in Regulations 2.6.6 and 2.6.7 as it deems necessary.
- 2.6.9 The hosting Club is also required to provide:
  - a. A minimum of two (2) ball persons for all fixtures at the venue.
  - b. An operational scoreboard on match days.
  - c. A fully functional defibrillator
- 2.6.10 A canteen with hot/cold beverages and a variety of food

### 3. FIXTURE DETAILS

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#### 3.1 Admittance to Bert Bampton / Youth Cup Matches

- 3.1.1 The maximum admission prices for BBYC matches are: \$10.00 Adults and \$7.00 Concession
- 3.1.2 The First Grade Home Club are required to provide a gatekeeper and are entitled to all admission fees collected.
- 3.1.3 Where only one (BBC) fixture is scheduled, the maximum admission price will be \$7.00.
- 3.1.4 In the event a sole YC fixture is played, there will be no gate fee.
- 3.1.5 FSC is responsible for the gatekeeping and collection of admission charges for BBYC Semi Final stage matches onwards.

#### 3.2 Match Official Fees

- 3.2.1 BBYC Match Official Fees are as per the table below (subject to change at any time):
  - a. Bert Bampton Cup

	<b>Referee</b>	<b>Assistant Referee 1</b>	<b>Assistant Referee 2</b>
Rounds 1 and 2	\$120	\$67	\$67
Round 3 through to Finals	\$180	\$105	\$105
Semis and Final	FSC to cover Match Official Fees		

#### b. Youth Cup

	<b>Referee</b>	<b>Assistant Referee 1</b>	<b>Assistant Referee 2</b>
Rounds 1 and 2	\$80	\$45	\$45
Round 3 through to Finals	\$90	\$55	\$55
Semis and Final	FSC to cover Match Official Fees		

- 3.2.2 The First Grade Home Club will be responsible for the payment of all Match Official fees for all BBYC matches at the venue. The Match Official fees will be invoiced to Clubs by FSC.

#### **4. DISCIPLINARY MATTERS**

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FSC's Disciplinary and Disputes Regulations (**FSC DDR**) will apply to all BBYC matches in respect to Red Cards, Yellow Cards, and Misconduct matters or otherwise where a player or Club commits a breach of BBYC Regulations.

##### **4.1 Yellow Cards**

- 4.1.1 Yellow Cards in BBYC will not carry over or accumulate into other FSC competitions.
- 4.1.2 Players cannot serve league accumulated cautions in the BBYC competition.
- 4.1.2 A player who receives two (2) Yellow Cards in the BBYC Competition will be suspended from the next BBYC fixture for which they are eligible to play. If the team is knocked out of the competition, no further sanctions will apply.
- 4.1.3 Yellow Cards will incur a \$10 fine for all BBYC fixtures. These will be invoiced by FSC.

##### **4.2 Red Cards**

- 4.2.1 All Red Cards (other than R4, R5 and R7 offences) incurred in this competition will be referred to the Match Review Committee. Red cards will be managed as per the FSC DDR.
- 4.2.2 Any players sent off in the BBYC will be required to be stood down for the next competition fixture. These sanctions will carry over to Men's Premiership fixtures.
- 4.3.3 Red Cards will incur a \$55 fine for all BBYC fixtures. These will be invoiced by FSC.

##### **4.3 Temporary Dismissals**

- 4.3.1 FSC will trial the use of temporary dismissals throughout the Cup competition.
- 4.3.2 Players guilty of showing dissent towards a match official will incur a yellow card and are subject to being dismissed for a period of ten (10) minutes.
- 4.3.3 The temporary dismissal policy will be used to outline the circumstances and provisions regarding breaches.