

Leinster Football Association Junior Cup Rules

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Eligibility

This competition is open to all clubs playing at Junior level above division three affiliated to any league that is affiliated to the Leinster Football Association unless suspended from playing in this competition for whatever reason.

Player Status

A Junior player is one who is competing with a Junior Club and is registered with the league in which he is playing at least 1 (one) working day prior to any game in the competition, with the following exceptions

- A player who has taken part in the FAI Senior Cup, Divisional Association Senior Cup, National League Cups, or in competition of similar status or other cups in the Intermediate grade after August 31st
- A player who has played more than five (5) games in the Intermediate Division of the Leinster Senior League, or a league of a similar status, during the current season unless he has been regraded. A team may not play more than four (4) players who have been regarded from Senior / Intermediate football, in any game
- A player playing for a JUNIOR CLUB in the LEINSTER SENIOR CUP or FAI SENIOR CUP does not lose their Junior status

No player may play for more than one team in the competition in any one season

Grounds

Grounds must be properly marked and be in a playable condition, grass cut, etc or otherwise club will be fined. This is subject to a referee's report or a designated LFA match delegates report

If the home teams pitch is unavailable / unplayable, and they cannot find an alternative ground, the game will automatically be switched to the opponents ground when refixed. The home team on the day must pay the full referees fee.

The ground for the semi final must be an enclosed ground and must be capable of allowing an admission fee to be charged if directed by the LFA Junior Committee

The pitch for the semi final must be at a minimum roped off and all spectators must stand behind this rope

Officials

Referees will be appointed by the relevant league that the home club participates in for all fixtures before the quarter finals

From the quarter finals onwards, Referees and Assistant Referees will be appointed by the LFA Junior Committee. An official match delegate will be appointed to represent the LFA at these fixtures also

Kick Off times

All kick off times are as defined in the LFA Junior Cup draw booklet and should be the same time and day as their league division

However in the interest of fair play, if a distance to be travelled for an 11am kick off by the away team is deemed to be excessive by the LFA Junior Committee or the General Secretary/Administrator, the kick off time may be changed to a time that suits all parties

Competition

Penalties will be used to decide all matches that end in a draw after ten minutes each way extra time, including the semi finals and final

Saturday and Sunday sections may be merged at any point in the competition and first drawn club will have choice of day

Postponements will not be granted. Clubs seeking “free weekends” from their league should note that they may be required to fulfil cup fixtures on those dates

Abandoned games will be investigated by the Junior Committee and if the match is being refixed, the venue shall be decided by the Committee

Clubs must play in their registered colours. In the event of a clash, the home team must change

Teams may nominate up to seven substitutes in writing to the referee before the match but may not use more than five of the named substitutes

The winning team shall be presented with the LFA Junior Cup and should be returned to the Association by February 28th undamaged and in good condition. Failure to do so may result in the club being fined or billed for the repair or replacement of the cup

Each team in the final will be presented with twenty medals, eighteen for the players and one each for the manager and secretary. Any extra medals required must be ordered and paid for through the Association

Discipline

Players ordered off in a match shall be automatically suspended for the next match in the competition. If they lose, their automatic suspension shall be served in their next domestic match. Any additional suspensions shall be forwarded to the club secretary

There is no appeal against an automatic one match suspension except in the case of mistaken identity

Any player, official or club may be requested to attend before a Disciplinary Committee based on the referees report, persons failing to attend without a satisfactory reason shall be dealt with as the committee deems fit

Any team who gives a walkover in the competition can be fined up to €200 and may be excluded from the next seasons competition

Protest and Appeal Procedure

All protests must be made by registered post to General Secretary LFA, and an exact copy must be sent to the club being protested against.

Protest must be made within four working days of the game taking place and must include protest fee of €100.

Fee must be paid by bank draft or postal order. Cheque or cash will rule the protest out of order.

Protest must be addressed to. General Secretary, Leinster Football Association, FAI Headquarters, National Sports Campus, Abbotstown, Dublin 15

If a club is unhappy with the decision of the LFA Junior Committee, they may appeal that decision to the LFA Senior Council within four working days of the decision being appealed against being received.

An exact copy of the appeal must be sent to the LFA Junior Committee

Appeal fee is €200

Fee must be paid by bank draft or postal order. Cheque or cash will rule the appeal out of order.

Appeal must be addressed to. General Secretary, Leinster Football Association, FAI Headquarters, National Sports Campus, Abbotstown, Dublin 15

Home team to text result to 086 7700829 immediately after match