**Guidance on the changes for season 2014/15 to the**

**Standard Code of Rules (Youth)**

This note is aimed at explaining the major changes that have been agreed by Council to the Standard Code of Rules for youth competitions for season 2014/15.

**Rule 5(M)**

The Rule has been expanded to cover U7, U8, U9, and U10 Mini Soccer.

**Rule 8(C)**

The Rule has been amended in line with FA Rule C4(A) following feedback from County FAs and youth leagues. Players are now permitted to play up an age group, regardless of format. It also provides for children to be able to play football as soon as they reach the age of 6, however it should be noted that children attaining the age of 6 during the playing season (i.e. after 31 August) may not play up an age group until the following season.

**Rule 10(D)**

The phrase “The away Club shall seek and acknowledge receipt of such particulars” has been changed from an optional clause to mandatory.

**Rule 11(D)**

The amendment clarifies that leagues may collect but not publish results for U9 and U10 Mini Soccer as well as for U7 and U8.

**Rule 12(A)**

The final sentence of paragraph one has been removed further to the changes listed at 11(D).

**Rule 20**

This amendment clarifies that those abstaining from a vote are not counted for the purposes of this Rule, but only those voting either for or against the motion.

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