

## ToalsBet.Com Steel & Sons Cup rules review 2024-25

Previous Rule	New Rule
Entry for permission to compete in the competition shall be made on the Online Affiliation Form, not later than 30 June and shall be accompanied by an entry fee of £10.00. It shall be the sole responsibility of clubs to enter in order to participate in the competition. This application shall affect a club for one season only.	Entry for permission to compete in the competition shall be made <b>online via Comet FMS</b> <del>on the Online Affiliation Form</del> , not later than 30 June and shall be accompanied by an entry fee of £10.00. It shall be the sole responsibility of clubs to enter in order to participate in the competition. This application shall affect a club for one season only.
Rationale: Updated to reflect that competition entries are completed on Comet.	

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5. a Ground must be that on which the Club normally play league fixtures and be approved by the IFA Intermediate Committee as being suitable for Intermediate standard football by 30 April for the forthcoming season.	5. a Ground must be that on which the Club <del>normally</del> play league fixtures and be approved by the IFA Intermediate Committee as being suitable for Intermediate standard football <del>by 30 April for the forthcoming season.</del>
Rationale: Removed 'Normally' and a deadline for the Ground being approved.	

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5. c In the event of one of the competing Clubs lodging an objection that the ground of its opponents does not meet the required standard, the Emergency Committee shall investigate and decide the outcome. The objection must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association at 5 days prior to the date fixed for the match (in drawn games 48 hours) accompanied by a deposit of £100.00 to cover expenses. In the event of the objection not being sustained, the deposit will be forfeited, but should the objection be sustained the Club objected against shall be required to refund same through the Secretary of the Association previous to the Tie being played. No protest will be entertained after a match as to the standard of the ground provided there has been sufficient time to enable Clubs to take advantage of this Rule. Objections, under this Rule, must be sent to the Secretary of the Association by special delivery and must be submitted by the Registered Secretary of the Club.	5. c In the event of one of the competing Clubs lodging an objection that the ground of its opponents does not meet the required standard, the <b>Steel &amp; Sons Cup</b> <del>Emergency</del> Committee shall investigate and decide the outcome. The objection must be lodged with the Secretary of the Association <b>at least</b> 5 days prior to the date fixed for the match (in drawn games 48 hours) accompanied by a deposit of £100.00 to cover expenses. In the event of the objection not being sustained, the deposit will be forfeited, but should the objection be sustained the Club objected against shall be required to refund same through the Secretary of the Association previous to the Tie being played. No protest will be entertained after a match as to the standard of the ground provided there has been sufficient time to enable Clubs to take advantage of this Rule. Objections, under this Rule, must be sent to the Secretary of the Association by special delivery and must be submitted by the Registered Secretary of the Club.

Rationale: Amended to 'Steel & Sons Cup' from 'Emergency' Committee as they are the appropriate body and also introduced 'at least' 5 days rather than being specifically and only 5 days.

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<p>8a A player shall be ineligible to compete in the Steel and Sons Cup Competition if he has:</p> <p>I.</p> <p>played in a full Senior international match (competitive or friendly) at any time</p>	<p>8a A player shall be ineligible to compete in the Steel and Sons Cup Competition if he has:</p> <p>I.</p> <p><del>played in a full Senior international match (competitive or friendly) at any time</del></p> <p><b>played in the current or previous 3 seasons in a senior International Match</b></p>
<p>Rationale: Aligned rule to the Intermediate Cup rules</p>	

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<p>8a A player shall be ineligible to compete in the Steel and Sons Cup Competition if he has:</p> <p>II. played in more than 12 matches in Senior Competitions during the current season</p>	<p>8a A player shall be ineligible to compete in the Steel and Sons Cup Competition if he has:</p> <p>II. played in more than 12 matches in Senior Competitions during the current season</p> <p><b>(a senior match being a match in one of the recognised 'senior' competitions – ie NIFL Premiership and Championship, Irish Challenge Cup, NIFL League Cup, Co Antrim Shield, Mid Ulster Cup, North West Challenge Cup) during the current season except if player has taken part in such senior match/es as a player for an Intermediate club.)</b></p>
<p>Rationale: Additional clarity on what merits 'Senior Competitions'. Wording is aligned to the Intermediate Cup rules.</p>	

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<p>10. Any club not completing the Team Sheet in the prescribed manner shall be liable to a fine not exceeding £10. 00. It shall be at the Committee's discretion whether or not such Club should be allowed to remain in the competition.</p>	<p>10. Any club not completing the Team Sheet in the prescribed manner shall be liable to a fine not exceeding <del>£10.00</del> <b>£25.00</b>. It shall be at the Committee's discretion whether or not such Club should be allowed to remain in the competition.</p>

Rationale: Amended to £25 in line with Intermediate Cup rules.	

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<p>11. A Club may, at its discretion, use three substitute players at any time in any match, except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. The substitutions can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. Only three substitutions by each side will be permitted in any match. The maximum number of substitutes permitted to be nominated by each side is five and must be nominated prior to the commencement of the match.</p> <p>A fourth substitute may take part exclusively during extra time in all rounds of the competition.</p>	<p>11. A Club may, at its discretion, use three substitute players at any time in any match, except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the Referee. The substitutions can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. Only three substitutions by each side will be permitted in any match. The maximum number of substitutes permitted to be nominated by each side is five and must be nominated prior to the commencement of the match.</p> <p><del>A fourth substitute may take part exclusively during extra time in all rounds of the competition.</del></p>
Rationale: No longer required as matches will go straight to penalties therefore there won't be any extra time.	

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	<p><b>12. After the team sheets have been completed and submitted to the Comet Football Management System, and if the match has not yet kicked off, the following shall apply:</b></p> <p><b>a) If any of the first eleven players named on the team sheet are not able to start the match due to unexpected physical incapacity, they can be replaced only by any of the five (5) substitutes named on the confirmed team sheet. The substitute(s) in question can then be replaced by a player(s) not named on the initial team sheet, so that the quota of substitutes is not reduced. During the match, three (3) players can still be substituted. The replaced player(s) must be removed from the</b></p>

	<p><b>team sheet and not be available for selection for this fixture.</b></p> <p><b>b) If any of the five (5) substitutes named on the team sheet are not able to be fielded due to unexpected physical incapacity, they can be replaced by any player not named on the confirmed team sheet, so that the quota of substitutes is not reduced. During the match, three (3) players can still be substituted. The replaced player(s) must be removed from the team sheet and not be available for selection for this fixture.</b></p> <p><b>c) Any amendments to the team sheet in accordance with points a) and b) above must be communicated to the opposing team manager in the presence of one of the Match Officials as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the match.</b></p>
<p>Rationale: New rule to cover the scenario of replacing players after the submission of the Team Sheet.</p>	

<b>Previous Rule</b>	<b>New Rule</b>
<p>13 b</p> <p>In all rounds of the competition, including the Final, should scores be level after 90 minutes, 2 x 10 minute periods of extra time will be played. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time, the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the conditions approved by the International F.A. Board.</p> <p>In the case of protested ties the Committee shall decide the dates and venues. In the Semi-Final ties the ground, which shall be neutral, shall be chosen by the Steel and Sons Cup Committee. In the Final tie the Committee reserve the right to select the venue.</p>	<p>13 b</p> <p>In all rounds of the competition, including the Final, should scores be level after 90 minutes, <del>2 x 10 minute periods of extra time will be played. If the scores are still level at the end of extra time,</del> the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark in accordance with the conditions approved by the International F.A. Board.</p> <p>In the case of protested ties the Committee shall decide the dates and venues. <del>In the Semi-Final ties the ground, which shall be neutral, shall be chosen by the Steel and Sons Cup Committee. In the Final tie the Committee reserve the right to select the venue.</del></p>

Rationale: Committee have determined that Extra Time will no longer be played with games now decided by a penalty shoot out. Also removed wording in relation to the Committee selecting venues as new wording for this is included in rule 14.

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	<p><b>14. In the Semi-Finals and Final, the venue shall be chosen by the Committee and shall be neutral unless otherwise determined by the Committee who may, upon request, permit the match or matches to be played at the registered home venue of either of the participating teams.</b></p>
<p>Rationale: New rule to provide clarity on the decision making process/authority for selecting venues for the Semi Finals and Final.</p>	

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<p>17. The winning club shall undertake to return the Steel and Sons Cup to the Association Secretary in good condition, on or before 1st day of October next. When the winning Club shall have been declared, the Secretary of the Association shall hand the Cup to its representatives on receiving a document to the following effect, and subscribed by representatives of the club:</p> <p>We, A.B., President of the Y.Z. Club, and C.D., E.F. and G.H., members of and representing the said Club, which has now been declared to have won the Steel &amp; Sons Cup, and the said Cup having been delivered to us by J.K., Secretary of said Association, do hereby, on behalf of said Club, and individually and collectively engage to return the same to the said J.K., or Secretary of the Association for the time being on or before the 1st day of October next in like good order and condition. No party, other than the Secretary of the Association, is authorised to have engraving or similar works undertaken on the trophy.</p>	<p><del>17. The winning club shall undertake to return the Steel and Sons Cup to the Association Secretary in good condition, on or before 1st day of October next. When the winning Club shall have been declared, the Secretary of the Association shall hand the Cup to its representatives on receiving a document to the following effect, and subscribed by representatives of the club:</del></p> <p><del>We, A.B., President of the Y.Z. Club, and C.D., E.F. and G.H., members of and representing the said Club, which has now been declared to have won the Steel &amp; Sons Cup, and the said Cup having been delivered to us by J.K., Secretary of said Association, do hereby, on behalf of said Club, and individually and collectively engage to return the same to the said J.K., or Secretary of the Association for the time being on or before the 1st day of October next in like good order and condition. No party, other than the Secretary of the Association, is authorised to have engraving or similar works undertaken on the trophy.</del></p>

The Steel and Sons Cup will be insured by the winning Club whilst in the possession of that Club.	<del>The Steel and Sons Cup will be insured by the winning Club whilst in the possession of that Club.</del>
Rationale: Rule has been removed as it has been superseded by rule 20.	

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19(c) In the final Tie, after deduction of expenses the remaining portion shall be divided thus:- 33% to the Association and the balance equally divided between the Clubs engaged. Should a draw take place the net proceeds after deducting expenses shall be:- 20% to the Association and the balance equally divided between the Clubs engaged.	19(c) In the final Tie, after deduction of expenses the remaining portion shall be divided thus:- 33% to the Association and the balance equally divided between the Clubs engaged. <del>Should a draw take place the net proceeds after deducting expenses shall be:- 20% to the Association and the balance equally divided between the Clubs engaged.</del>
Rationale: The Final is played to a finish therefore this wording is not required.	