



League Rules

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Mid Ulster Football League Rules

1) Title

This amalgamation of clubs shall be known as the Mid Ulster Football League, hereinafter referred to as the MUFL.

2) AGM, Management Committee & Banking

2.1) The business of the MUFL shall be conducted by a Management Committee elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than June 30th each year. Each Team shall be entitled to have 2 representatives attending. The representatives attending this meeting shall appoint for the season, the Chair, Vice-Chair and Hon. Treasurer who shall be deemed Hon. Officials. The positions of Hon. General Secretary; Hon. Registration Secretary; Hon. Fixtures Secretary; Hon. Intermediate Referees Appointments Secretary, and Hon. Junior Referees Appointments Secretary shall be appointed by the Management Committee.

2.2) The Management Committee shall be made up as follows; Hon. Officials, 2 representatives from each Intermediate and Junior Division, and 2 representatives from each Reserve Division – 6 to form a quorum. Where possible thereafter, members can be co-opted. The Hon. Officials shall have a vote, and in the case of a tie, the Chair is entitled to a casting vote. The Management Committee may appoint from within its members any number of Sub-Committees. The Sub-Committees shall be responsible to the Management Committee. The Hon. Officials shall be ex-officio members of any Sub-Committee.

2.3) A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Mid Ulster Football League. Funds shall be lodged to the credit of this account. Cheques to be signed by two of the Hon. Officials. All Monies owing to the MUFL must be paid to the Treasurer.

3) Amateur Status

The MUFL is an Amateur competition as ratified by its members. Any payment, except expenses by whoever, in breach of this rule will cause the subject club to be expelled from the MUFL. Any personnel, player or otherwise, involved in such breach will be suspended for 2 years from membership, playing or otherwise, of any club affiliated to the MUFL. Matters relating to this shall be reported to the Irish Football Association.

4) Membership

4.1) Applications for membership of the MUFL shall be made on the forms provided. All clubs must have in place Public Liability Insurance (PLI) as a pre-requisite of membership. PLI to be taken out by the MUFL and clubs may subscribe to the said policy. Clubs who choose to take out their own policy must be able to prove the existence of such a policy on demand from the Management Committee.

4.2) The closing date for applications for membership shall be ordinarily June 15th.

4.3) Clubs currently in membership must pay all fees, including Insurance Premiums by August 1st.

4.4) All Subscriptions and guarantee fees will be determined annually.

4.5) Applications from new clubs must be accompanied by all relevant league and guarantee fees. Failure to provide such fees will render any such application invalid. In the event of any such application being unsuccessful, all monies will be returned.

4.6) Any clubs with fees/insurance premiums outstanding after August 1st may be suspended from all matches under the jurisdiction of the MUFL until all monies owing have been paid in full. Any scheduled MUFL fixtures unplayed under this rule will be subject to the default procedure.

4.7) Any club remaining suspended after 12.00 noon on the Thursday prior to a Saturday fixture or 48 hours prior to the kick-off of a midweek fixture will forfeit the points or cup-tie to their opponents.

4.8) The Management Committee reserve the right to fine any club deemed to be in contravention of MUFL Rules and may distribute a schedule of fines to all clubs in membership prior to the commencement of the season.

4.9) The minimum fine will be determined annually.

4.10) Any club fined under (3.8) above, will be notified in writing of:

3.10.1) The nature of the rule contravened.

3.10.2) The amount of the fine.

3.10.3) The due date by which the fine must be paid. NB: No club will be given less than 7 days in which to pay any fine imposed. If any fines issued remain unpaid after 14 days, the MUFL shall have the right to issue a late payment fine of £25.

4.11) The Management Committee reserve the right to increase the fine for any club who contravenes the same rule on more than one occasion during any one season.

4.12) Clubs who fail to pay fines by the due date will be suspended in accordance with (3.7) above.

5) Divisional Composition, Promotion & Relegation

5.1) The MUFL fully subscribes to the current pyramid system for affiliated football in Northern Ireland. Clubs entering the Regional League due to relegation from a higher tier should be afforded the opportunity to enter the tier immediately below of intermediate football with a guarantee offer within the MUFL for such Mid Ulster Football Association or previous MUFL clubs.

5.2) Current Intermediate teams successfully applying to the MUFL and not subject to (5.1) above will join the Intermediate section at the lowest tier

5.3) The Management Committee will accept applications from current members of Junior status for Intermediate football no later than ordinarily June 15th of the current season. Applicants of this nature must:

5.3.1) Finish either an eligible 1st or 2nd of the top 4 in Junior Division 1 in the current season.

5.3.2) Show that their ground and facilities meet with the approval of the IFA for upgrade to Intermediate status (Ground sharing with another Senior/Intermediate club is approved)

5.4) Successful applications from teams for Junior and Reserve divisions will join the MUFL at the lowest applicable level.

5.5) The clubs comprising the MUFL will be divided in divisions and number as the Management Committee decide. At the end of the competition, the club attaining the highest number of points shall be declared the champion of that division. Should two or more clubs finish equal on points, their final position will be determined as follows:

- Goal difference.
- Goals scored for.
- Results between the teams.

Should Clubs still be equal, then the Management Committee may order a "play-off" on a ground appointed by the Management Committee to decide the final placings. The proceeds of such a game to be divided between the two competing clubs and the MUFL in the following proportions. 50% (net) to the MUFL and 25% (net) to each of the clubs.

Teams finishing in the bottom two positions of the lowest intermediate division and of the Reserve Championship division to be subject to re-election consideration for such division by the Management Committee.

In the case of a club having played during the current season but failing to fulfil all fixtures due to resignation, suspension or dismissal, all record of matches played will be deleted from the current seasons' record. At the end of the season for the purposes of relegation, such clubs will be considered as the bottom club of their division but will not exist in the next lower division in the ensuing season.

In the case of a club having failed to play any matches during the current season either through resignation, suspension, or dismissal, for the purposes of promotion and relegation, it will be considered that such clubs have not existed during the current season.

5.6) All issues regarding promotion and relegation will be determined annually by the Management Committee.

NB: As a guideline, the Management Committee will look to promote 2 teams from each division per season.

5.7) A club wishing to resign from the MUFL at the end of the season must do so, in writing, on or before the date of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of this rule not being complied with, the guarantee fee will be forfeited.

5.8) Cups and trophies are the property of the MUFL. A club declared champion of its division, or a domestic cup winner shall receive a cup or trophy which must be returned in good condition when requested by the MUFL but not later than April 1st of the following season. A club will be fined if it fails to return a cup or trophy in a sound condition by the due date.

5.9) A club returning a cup or trophy in a damaged condition shall be liable for the full cost of repair and/or replacement of the cup or trophy. No repair to any cup or trophy shall be effected by any club unless permission to do so is granted by the Management Committee.

6) Conduct

6.1) All clubs must ensure that their players, officials, members, and supporters conduct themselves in a proper and responsible manner at all games arranged by the MUFL. The Management Committee shall have the powers to investigate all complaints or reports it receives of improper or inappropriate behaviour of players, officials, members, and supporters of any club and shall, where it considers it appropriate, take whatever disciplinary action determined by the Management Committee. Such action will include the powers to fine, suspend or expel any players, club officials, other individual(s) or club concerned.

6.2) In accordance with the IFA Disciplinary Code, the MUFL may take the appropriate action where a player or club member (be it club official or supporter) makes insulting and/or offensive comments in the media or on social media sites regarding the MUFL, referees or individual MUFL Management Committee members or individual referees. The MUFL may also take the appropriate action where a player or club member makes derogatory comments in which they imply bias, question integrity, or otherwise bring the MUFL into disrepute.

7) Correspondence

7.1) All communications must be addressed to the Secretary at his address (postal or email) who shall conduct the correspondence of the MUFL.

To assist with Data Protection all clubs are advised to set up an exclusive club email address for which the MUFL can use to communicate. It is anticipated that the sole user of this address will be the club Secretary, for example secretary@xxxxxfc.com or xxxxfc@email.com

7.2) Clubs must answer correspondence when required to do so. The Management Committee reserves the right to fine any club who fail to answer correspondence when directed so to do.

8) Player Registrations and Transfers

8.1) The MUFL retain the right to determine all policies regarding domestic registration and transfer procedures.

8.2) All player registrations and transfers shall be administered by member clubs via the IFA Comet Football Management System (FMS).

8.3) All mandatory fields of a player record and registration/transfer must be completed in full. For registrations, it is recommended that a signed form should be attached to a player's record before a registration is confirmed. The player shall only be considered registered or transferred upon completion of the online procedure. Any player who is under the age of 18 on the date of registration must have parental or guardian consent as per the Comet FMS. All transfers must be completed in accordance with the Comet FMS.

8.4) The Registration Secretary shall report to the Management Committee any case where a registration is submitted for a player already registered on the system and the Management Committee shall have the right to investigate and take whatever action they deem necessary in each individual case. The Management Committee shall have powers to instruct the Registration Secretary to review registration(s). Any registration which has not been completed correctly shall be reported to the Management Committee. Any club found to have falsified a registration or transfer will be fined up to a maximum of £250.

8.5) No club shall be allowed to register a player after the March 31st in each season.

8.6) A player's registration may be transferred on a permanent basis. No permanent internal transfers shall be permitted after December 31st. External clubs who have teams in the Reserve Championship shall be exempt from this rule. All clubs will be permitted incoming transfers from external sources up to and including March 31st. Additionally, no club, whether a new applicant or current member, shall be permitted to transfer any more than 4 players to play in the MUFL from the same MUFL club during any one season.

8.7) The MUFL will charge an administration fee for all domestic transfers. The Management Committee shall determine the amount of such fee annually. Transfer fees will be collected on a monthly basis, failure to pay as directed will be subject to rule 3.8.

8.8) From Junior Division 1 (including Reserve section) downwards, no player shall be eligible, who, during the current season has played more than 6 senior matches, except that he plays in a senior match for his own club.

8.9) No player shall play for more than one club in the same cup competition in the same season annually.

8.10) Notwithstanding other rules, should the Management Committee have any doubt at any time, and whether arising out of a protest, complaint, appeal, claim or otherwise, as to the eligibility of any player having taken part in any match or matches under the jurisdiction of the MUFL, they shall have the power to call upon such player and/or club to which he belongs, or for which he played, to prove that he is/was qualified to participate in said match or matches in accordance with MUFL rules. Failing satisfactory proof, the Management Committee shall have the power to deal with the matter as they deem appropriate.

8.11) A club found guilty of playing a player whilst under suspension will be reported to the Irish Football Association Disciplinary Committee.

8.12) Any dispute regarding the registration of a player will be dealt with initially by the Management Committee who may refer the matter to the Irish Football Association Player Status Committee.

NB: It shall be the ultimate responsibility of clubs playing in any match under the jurisdiction of the MUFL to ensure that its players are eligible to play in such a match. An unregistered player who appears for a club in any official match shall be considered to have played illegitimately. Clubs should refer in all cases to the IFA Player Registration Regulations.

9) Protests and Complaints

Protests or complaints in respect of all matters that fall under MUFL rules must be received by the Secretary via email attachment on club headed notepaper within 2 days (Sundays not included). Simultaneously, the sum of £40 must be deposited via online banking to the MUFL bank account. Evidence of the payment of such fee must accompany the letter of protest/complaint. Alternatively, protests/complaints to be sent by Special Delivery post and must be received by the MUFL Secretary bearing Post Mark within 2 days (Sundays not included) from the date of the match enclosing a deposit of £40. The fee will be forfeited in all cases where the protest/complaint has not been sustained.

Upon receipt of a valid protest or complaint, the Secretary to immediately forward an exact copy to the club who are being protested or complained about. All parties should acknowledge receipt of emails by return.

Any club deemed to have made a spurious protest or complaint will be dealt with as the Management Committee deem fit.

10) Player Eligibility

10.1) Any team playing an ineligible player or players (whether through non-registration or otherwise) will be fined a minimum of £50 for each ineligible player and a 3-0 win awarded to their opponents.

In the case of a protest being upheld against a club which has won a match by any violation of rule, points so won will be deducted from them and will be awarded to their opponents.

In the case of a protest being upheld against a club which has won a cup-tie by any violation of rule that club shall be expelled from the competition and any successful appellants shall be re-instated.

10.2) In accordance with a determination by the Irish Football Association, the Management Committee shall have the right to investigate the subject and content of any protest or complaint whether the said protest or complaint is deemed in order or not and shall take any action they deem necessary in each individual case.

11) Playing Conditions

Objections as to the ground, goal posts, corner posts or ball must be lodged in writing to the match referee prior to the commencement of the match by a club official or captain. The referee shall have the powers to have such objections made right before the match starts.

12) Club Colours

12.1) Each team shall register its kit colours with the MUFL. No two clubs shall play in the same colour. In the event of two teams having the same colour, the away team must change. All teams are also responsible for registering their kit colours on the Comet FMS and must be confirmed no later than 2 days prior to a fixture. A goalkeeper must wear a shirt of a distinctive colour from that of his own team and his opponents.

12.2) All shirts must be clearly numbered, and all players and substitutes shall wear the numbered shirt that corresponds with their name on the Comet FMS/lineup.

12.3) Clubs must append the full names (surnames and given names) of players on the Comet FMS /lineup. Where necessary, further initials must be used to identify players with the same names.

13) Referee's Fees

The home club shall pay the affiliated referee his fee and travelling expenses as agreed by the Irish Football Association. Where no play is possible owing to cases over which neither club has control, the referee, if present, shall be only entitled to half his match fee and travelling expenses.

14) Fixtures

14.1) The Fixtures Secretary or any appointed assistant will be responsible for arranging all fixtures that come within the jurisdiction of the MUFL. Clubs must play fixtures as directed.

14.1.1) Saturday Fixtures

Clubs must play on all available Saturdays except in the case of exceptional circumstances when permission to postpone a match must be sought from the Secretary.

14.1.2) Fixtures on other days

Clubs will be expected to play midweek fixtures between August 1st to August 31st and April 1st until season end. During the period September 1st to March 31st no club shall be forced to play midweek games (cup finals excepted) unless agreed by both teams.

NB: For these purposes midweek will be considered to mean Monday to Friday and Monday to Thursday for the Reserve Championship.

14.1.3) Clubs must play fixtures as directed and may not amend, alter, or postpone any matches without prior agreement from the Fixtures Secretary or any appointed assistant. No fixture may be arranged, altered, or amended, later than 12.00 noon on the Thursday prior to a Saturday fixture or 48 hours prior to a midweek fixture without prior agreement between both clubs and the Fixtures Secretary or any appointed assistant.

In the event of any club attempting to amend or alter fixtures as above, the Fixtures Secretary or any appointed assistant shall make a decision by which both clubs shall abide. Clubs must play fixtures on dates arranged by the MUFL except the ground be covered with snow or declared unplayable by the referee or by Senior or Parent Associations.

14.1.4) Clubs must not arrange fixtures on the date on which representative matches or the semi-final or final ties are to be played except by express permission from the MUFL.

14.2) Free Saturdays

Teams wishing to apply for a free date must do so in writing, at least 14 days for first teams and 10 days for reserve teams in advance signifying same to the Secretary or any appointed assistant.

Teams will be permitted 1 free date per season per team. In the event of a club's First team being granted a free day, the club's Reserve and Third team (where applicable) will also be stood down on the same day. Where only a Reserve team has been granted a free day, the club's Third team (where applicable) will also be stood down on the same day.

14.3) Domestic Cup Fixtures

13.3.1) Clubs drawn first in any tie shall be deemed to be the home team and shall have choice of ground subject to item 13.3.3 below. Clubs drawn second in any tie shall be deemed to be the away team.

14.3.2) In the event of a tie not taking place on the original scheduled date for whatever reason, it shall be re-arranged at the discretion of the Fixtures Secretary.

14.3.3) In the event of any tie not taking place on a second occasion for whatever reason, it shall be re-arranged at the discretion of the Fixtures Secretary on the ground of the away team and if not played on the date scheduled shall be re-arranged on the ground of the away team on a second occasion.

14.3.4) In the event of the tie not taking place on a second occasion at the ground of the away team, the tie will revert from the following re-scheduled match to alternate weeks at the home and away grounds.

14.3.5) All cup matches will be scheduled to be played as two equal periods of 45 minutes. In the event of any cup match being terminated by the referee, rules 15.1 and 15.2 below will apply.

15) Referee Inspections

15.1) Where a referee's inspection is taking place, clubs must notify their opponents of the correct time of the proposed inspection and must invite their opponents to attend.

Home teams must, at all times, give due consideration to the distance to be travelled by their opponents. In any event, scheduled inspections should take place at least 2 hours before kick-off. In any case where it can be shown that an away team has travelled unnecessarily the home team shall be liable for compensation up to a maximum of £200, to be determined by the Management Committee.

Referees will inspect the ground on arrival when no prior inspection has been requested and if necessary, indicate to both teams the fitness of the ground for play.

In case of ground or grounds being covered with snow, MUFL Officers shall have the power to postpone such fixtures provided that sufficient proof is put before them that the ground is snowbound.

15.2) In the event that a fixture has been postponed, either by a referee or the local authority, the home team shall be responsible for:

15.2.1) Notifying the visiting team.

15.2.2) Notifying the appropriate Referees Appointment Secretary.

15.2.3) Notifying the League & Fixtures Secretary.

16) Duration and termination of matches

16.1) If for any reason a match has been terminated by a referee, due to circumstances over which neither competing team has control, the result at the termination of play shall stand provided that the duration of the match has not been less than an hour.

16.2) In cases where either or both teams are deemed to have been responsible for the abandonment of any match, the outcome of the match shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

16.3) Under the circumstances of an abandoned match, the Management Committee shall have the powers to:

16.3.1) Order that the match should be replayed.

16.3.2) Order that the match be declared void and not be replayed.

16.3.3) Order that the score at the time of the abandonment should stand as the official result.

16.3.4) Order that a 3-0 scoreline be awarded to any team where their opponents are deemed to be guilty of causing said match to be abandoned.

17) Non-Appearance

17.1) Should a team not turn up in reasonable time or fail to fulfil their fixture as arranged by the MUFL, they will be dealt with by the Management Committee as per the default procedure. (See Appendix A)

17.2) A team who have, subject to the implementation of a first default, failed to fulfil a MUFL fixture for a second time in the current season will be expelled from the MUFL and their record expunged. For purposes of this rule, domestic cup fixtures will not count towards the accumulation of defaults. Reasonable time shall be understood to mean that the kick-off should not be delayed for more than 20 minutes after the official time for starting.

17.3) If at any time during the season a Team withdraws or is expelled, irrespective of reason, its record shall be expunged and points awarded shall be deleted except in cases where two or less matches remain, in which cases any remaining matches will, for this purpose, be treated as unfulfilled engagements and the points awarded to their Opponents. The Management Committee shall make such determination as to Divisional position and any other measures considered appropriate in the circumstances."

17.4) Where Option A of the default procedure is accepted by the club, a Sub-Committee shall be appointed to deal with such club defaults, which will consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Fixtures Secretary.

18) Floodlights

18.1) Floodlighting, where available can be used for all domestic fixtures.

18.2) In the event of floodlight failure, clubs will be given 30 minutes to resolve the issue.

19) Completion of team lineups

19.1) Teams must submit their match day lineups on the Comet FMS at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time. This shall include the names of starting lineup, substitutes, and team officials.

19.2) In the event that the Comet FMS is unavailable on match days, the referee will require teams to complete team lineups in writing, subject to confirmation from the League Secretary.

19.3) Prior to the commencement of the match, both teams must be afforded the opportunity to view their opponents' team sheet including the starting lineup. Failure to do so shall be reported in the first instance to the official referee who shall note this fact in his match report.

19.4) Teams who fail to comply before the required time will be fined £10 for each separate occasion.

19.5) The match referee will not permit the match to commence unless both teams have confirmed their lineups. Teams who cause a kick-off to be delayed by late confirmation of lineups as reported by the referee will be fined £25 for a first occasion with a review of the fine for any second or subsequent occasion.

20) Substitutes

A club may, at its discretion, nominate up to 5 substitute players, of which any 3 may be used at any time in any match, except to replace a player who has been suspended from the game by the referee. The substitution can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission.

Only 3 substitutions by each side will be permitted in any match and the substitute players shall be nominated prior to the commencement of the game. In the case of any domestic cup fixture, where extra time is required, clubs may introduce a 4th substitute. A substitute player shall be construed as taking part in the game for which he was nominated only if he is required to play.

21) Amendments to confirmed lineups

21.1) Should any player or substitute sustain an injury or become otherwise incapacitated after the confirmation of the lineup to the referee and prior to the kick-off, he may be replaced provided that the referee and the opposing club are notified in writing as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the match, subject to the following.

21.2) If any of the starting lineup named on the team sheet are unable to start the match for any reason, they can be replaced only by one of the five substitutes named on the initial team sheet. The substitute(s) can then be replaced by a player, or players not originally named on the initial team sheet so that the quota of substitutes is not reduced. During the match, 3 substitutes (or 4 if rules allow) can still be used.

21.3) Teams found to have amended their lineup, after confirmation, and without such permission will be defaulted.

21.4) Any team or club official found guilty of amending lineups after the match has commenced will be deemed to have brought the MUFL into disrepute and the club will be fined a sum of not less than £250.

22) Reserve teams

22.1) A recognised senior team player is one who has started in more than 6 games in a more senior team during the current season. A senior team shall also refer to a team competing outside the jurisdiction of the MUFL at a greater or equal standing.

22.2) In the case of reserve teams, no club shall be allowed to play more than 4 recognised senior team players in any one match.

23) Special General Meeting

23.1) A minimum of 8 member clubs may sign a requisition calling on the Secretary to hold a Special General Meeting within 28 days. On receiving such a requisition, the Secretary shall notify, in writing, all member clubs of the agenda for such a meeting.

23.2) The agenda for any Special General Meeting shall accompany any such requisition.

23.3) No items, saving those on the specified agenda shall be discussed at the Special General Meeting.

24) Change of Rules

24.1) All proposals for rule changes from member clubs shall be made in writing and forwarded to the Secretary.

24.2) No changes of rules shall be made unless at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for such a purpose.

24.3) Proposals for changes to rules to be considered at the Annual General Meeting must be placed, in writing, with the Secretary before April 30th each year.

24.4) The Management Committee shall have the power to call a Special General Meeting which must be convened as in rules 23.1, 23.2 and 23.3 above.

24.5) The Management Committee may collectively put forward proposals to be considered at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for such a purpose.

24.6) The Secretary will be responsible for circulating a copy of all proposed changes to rules at least 7 days before the date of any Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

24.7) A three quarters majority of those clubs present, and voting is required before any proposed changes to rules can be implemented.

25) Notification of Results

25.1) Results should be notified no later than the times indicated below. Where teams are playing in matches outside the jurisdiction of the MUFL (friendly matches excepted) then the Fixtures Secretary must be notified whether your team are home or away.

25.2) In the event of 2 clubs from the MUFL competing against each other in a match outside of the jurisdiction of the MUFL, then the home team shall be responsible for notifying the result.

25.3) In the event of the Fixtures Secretary being non contactable the result should be notified to the Secretary.

25.4) Teams failing to notify the result by the required time will be fined.

Latest time for Notifying Results:

All matches involving Intermediate teams – Immediately after the fixture has finished.

All other teams - No later than 6.30pm on the Saturday, or 6.00pm on the day following a midweek fixture.

26) League Meetings

26.1) The Management Committee will meet with the clubs on a regular basis for the imparting of up to-date information and where necessary, distribution of fixtures. Unless otherwise notified, these meetings will take place on the first Monday of the month or at a time/date (and venue) determined by the Management Committee.

26.2) In the event of a meeting called on any other day than determined in 25.1 above, all clubs should receive at least 14 days' notice of the change of date.

26.3) All clubs must attend League meetings and must sign the attendance registers provided. Clubs who fail to sign the attendance registers will be deemed to be absent and dealt with accordingly.

26.4) At the commencement of the next Management Committee meeting, subsequent to any League meeting, the names of all clubs who have failed to sign the attendance registers will be read out. The Management Committee shall fine all clubs deemed absent from any League meeting.

26.5) The Management Committee shall have the right to fine a club deemed to be absent from League meetings on more than one occasion throughout the course of any one season.

27) Non-Appearance of Appointed Referee

No MUFL Fixture shall commence or continue in the event of the non-appearance of an official referee or club referee or injury to same which prevents them from continuing.

28) Powers of the Management Committee

Whilst the above rules cover MUFL competitions, the Management Committee shall have the power to adjudicate and sanction as the Committee deems appropriate on any or all matters not covered in said rules and the decision of the Management Committee shall be deemed to be final in all cases.

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**Appendix A
(Appertaining to Rule 16)**

The Secretary
XXXX FC
Date

XXXX FC – XXXX FC
Date and competition as described

Dear Secretary

Your club is charged with failing to fulfil the above fixture. Consequently, you are required to choose one of the two options available as listed below. Please indicate your choice by placing an X against either option A or B.

Option A

Our club accept the charge and do not require a personal hearing with the Management Committee. We understand that the above-named fixture will be awarded to our opponents and that we will be fined as follows:

Intermediate fixtures £110
Junior Divisions 1-3/Reserve Championship £90
Reserve Football £80

Where the default is deemed to affect league standings the Management Committee shall have powers to deduct further points from the defaulting team.

Option B

Our club wish to challenge the charge and request a personal hearing with the Management Committee to outline extenuating circumstances. We understand that if the charge is proven we will forfeit the above-named fixture to our opponents and our club will be fined as per Option A above.

WE ENCLOSE PROOF OF £40 DEPOSIT.

Should your club accept option B, you will receive at least 7 days written notice of the date of any interview.

Please note that your club are required to respond to this correspondence by return, indicating which option you are accepting. Should your club fail to return this correspondence within 7 days; the MUFL will assume that you accept the charge as per option A.

Please note also that shortage of players will not normally be regarded as extenuating circumstances.

Yours in Sport
Stephen Magill
Hon. Secretary, Mid Ulster Football League