

Appendix 2

Special Provisions for Clubs Affiliated to Off-Shore Associations

References to Rules in these Special Provisions shall be to the Rules of The FA Challenge Cup Competition in force for the relevant Season.

Save where stated otherwise, the capitalised terms used in these Special Provisions shall have the meaning given to them in the Rules.

Match Arrangements and Expenses

1. Throughout the Competition, any Club affiliated to the Jersey Football Association, the Guernsey Football Association or the Isle of Man Football Association (each an “Off-Shore Association”) will be considered, for the purpose of calculating match expenses under the Rules, to be based at London Gatwick airport or the nearest or most convenient airport or seaport to its opponent Club.
2. If the Club affiliated to an Off-Shore Association (the “Off-Shore Club”) is drawn at home, the Off-Shore Club must submit an itinerary of arrangements to the opponent Club and The Association. The Away Club shall be permitted an overnight stay prior to the Competition Match, unless it is reasonably possible for the Away Club to fly in and out of Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man (as appropriate) on the same day. In the event that an overnight stay is requested by the Away Club but is not agreed by the Off-Shore Club on the basis that it is possible for the Away Club to fly in and out on the same day, any dispute shall be referred to the Professional Game Board to determine at its absolute discretion, taking into account the cost of the arrangement and the convenience of the proposed route and schedule.
3. The Off-Shore Club will be responsible for the arrangements and payment of the return air fares and (if required) the hotel accommodation for the night prior to the Competition Match for the Away Club (not exceeding 25 persons). Any other travel expenses incurred by the Away Club whilst on the mainland may be claimed in accordance with Rule 250 and Rule 251.
4. The Off-Shore Club will be responsible for welcoming the Away Club and Match Officials at the airport or seaport in Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man (as appropriate) and, if required, for providing return transport between the airport, seaport or hotel and the Off-Shore Club’s Ground. Such travel expenses may be claimed in accordance with Rule 250 and Rule 251.
5. If the Off-Shore Club is drawn at home, the Net Gate Receipts shall be divided equally between both Clubs, after the deduction of permitted match expenses. 75% of the match expenses that the Off-Shore Club is responsible for, as set out under the provisions in paragraph 3 above, may be deducted as permitted match expenses. However, where the gate receipts are not sufficient to cover the expenses of the Competition Match, the deficit shall be the responsibility of the Off-Shore Club.
6. If the Off-Shore Club is drawn away, it will be responsible for its own travel to London Gatwick airport or the nearest or most convenient airport or seaport to the opponent Club. If the Off-Shore Club chooses to stay overnight, it shall be responsible for the arrangements of and payment for any accommodation. Any other travel expenses incurred by the Off-Shore Club whilst travelling on the mainland between the airport or seaport and the opponent Club’s Ground may be claimed in accordance with Rule 250 and Rule 251.

Match Officials

7. Match Officials will be appointed by The Association in the usual manner.

8. Where a Match Official has to fly to Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man (as appropriate) from the mainland, the Off-Shore Club will be responsible for the payment of the return air fares.
9. A Match Official shall be permitted an overnight stay prior to the Competition Match, unless it is reasonably possible for the Match Official to fly in and out of Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man (as appropriate) on the same day. If a Match Official does require an overnight stay, the Off-Shore Club will be responsible for any accommodation. Any travel expenses incurred by Match Officials shall be paid in accordance with Rule 139 or Rule 140 (as applicable).

Match Scheduling in the Qualifying Competition

First Matches

10. The default date and time for playing a Competition Match in the Qualifying Competition which involves an Off-Shore Club is Saturday with a kick-off time of 1.00pm, but the competing Clubs can agree to play the Competition Match on another day in the First Window (as defined in Rule 52). The consent of The Association must be obtained to play the Competition Match on a date other than the default date.
11. If the Home Club has a ground sharing agreement, the Competition Match cannot be played on the Home Club's ground on the Saturday and the Clubs cannot agree on another day within the First Window, the default date and time for playing that Competition Match shall be the Sunday within the First Window with a kick-off time of 1.00pm (subject to the Away Club being able to fly back to the mainland, Jersey, Guernsey or the Isle of Man (as appropriate) on the same date of the Competition Match). The Clubs do not need to obtain the consent of The Association to play the Competition Match on that date.
12. The Clubs may mutually agree for a Competition Match to kick-off later than 1.00pm. However, if a later kick-off is mutually agreed, the Away Club shall be responsible for the cost of any overnight stay on the night of the Competition Match, unless mutually agreed otherwise.
13. If the competing Clubs are not able to play the Competition Match at the Ground of the Home Club on the default or agreed date (as applicable) within the First Window, due to a reason which would otherwise lead to the Competition Match being postponed, the competing Clubs can agree to:
 - 13.1. play the Competition Match at the ground of the Away Club on the default or agreed date (as applicable) within the First Window;
 - 13.2. play the Competition Match at an alternative venue on the default or agreed date (as applicable) within the First Window (in accordance with Rule 71); or
 - 13.3. play the Competition Match at the Ground of the Home Club, the Ground of the Away Club or an alternative venue (in accordance with Rule 71) on another date in the First Window (where possible),provided that in each case the consent of The Association has been obtained.
14. Save for where the Competition Match is postponed (in which case paragraphs 15 to 20 shall apply), if one or both of the competing Clubs are not able (or willing) to play the Competition Match on a date in the First Window, the Professional Game Board shall take such action as it deems appropriate (at its absolute discretion).

Postponements

15. Subject to paragraphs 16 and 17, if the Off-Shore Club is drawn at home and the Competition Match is postponed in the First Window:
 - 15.1. the postponed Competition Match shall be played on the mainland on a ground provided by the Off-Shore Club which: (i) conforms to the minimum requirements (as set out in Rule 143) and (ii) has been approved by The Association prior to the default date of the first Competition Match; and
 - 15.2. the default date and time for playing the Competition Match is the Tuesday immediately following the First Window with a kick-off time of 7.45pm, but the competing Clubs can agree to play the Competition Match on any day in the Second Window (as defined in Rule 56). The consent of The Association must be obtained to play the Competition Match on a date other than the default date.
16. Any ground provided by the Off-Shore Club for a postponed Competition Match must be on the mainland and within a 30 mile radius of London Gatwick airport or the nearest or most convenient airport or seaport of its opponent Club. The Off-Shore Club shall be responsible for any hiring costs incurred for an alternative ground on the mainland, as it will still be considered the Home Club in the tie. The Net Gate Receipts shall be divided equally between both Clubs, after the deduction of permitted match expenses. This shall exclude expenses that the Off-Shore Club is responsible for, as set out under paragraphs 3, 5, 6 and 8.
17. If the Off-Shore Club is unable to provide a suitable ground on the mainland that has been approved by The Association prior to the default date of the first Competition Match, the venue of the postponed Competition Match shall be moved by The Association to the Ground of the Off-Shore Club's opponent.
18. If the competing Clubs are not able to play the postponed Competition Match at a ground provided by the Off-Shore Club (or that of the Off-Shore Club's opponent if paragraph 17 applies) on the default or agreed date (as applicable) within the Second Window, due to a reason which would otherwise lead to the Competition Match being postponed, the competing Clubs can agree to:
 - 18.1. play the Competition Match at the Ground of the Off-Shore Club's opponent (or that of the Off-Shore Club if paragraph 17 applies) on the default or agreed date (as applicable) within the Second Window;
 - 18.2. play the Competition Match at an alternative venue on the default or agreed date (as applicable) within the Second Window (in accordance with Rule 71); or
 - 18.3. play the Competition Match at a ground provided by the Off-Shore Club, the Ground of the Off-Shore Club, the Ground of the Off-Shore Club's opponent or an alternative venue (in accordance with Rule 71) on another date in the Second Window (where possible),

provided that in each case the consent of The Association has been obtained.
19. If one or both of the competing Clubs are not able (or willing) to play the Competition Match on a date in the Second Window, the Professional Game Board shall take such action as it deems appropriate (at its absolute discretion).
20. If the Off-Shore Club is drawn away and the Competition Match is postponed in the First Window, Rules 56 to 58 shall apply.

Replays

21. Subject to paragraphs 22 to 24:
 - 21.1. Rules 59 to 61 shall apply to a Replay of a Competition Match drawn in the First Window;
 - 21.2. Rules 62 to 64 shall apply to a Replay of a first Competition Match drawn in the Second Window;
and
 - 21.3. Rules 65 to 67 shall apply to a Replay postponed in the Second Window.
22. If the Off-Shore Club is drawn at home or away and the first Competition Match is drawn in the First Window or Second Window, the Replay shall be played on the mainland on a ground provided by the Off-Shore Club which: (a) conforms to the minimum requirements (as set out in Rule 143) and (b) has been approved by The Association prior to the default date of the first Competition Match.
23. Any ground provided by the Off-Shore Club for a Replay must be on the mainland and within a 30 mile radius of London Gatwick airport or the nearest or most convenient Airport or Seaport of its opponent Club. The Off-Shore Club shall be responsible for any hiring costs incurred for an alternative ground on the mainland, as it will still be considered the Home Club in the tie. The Net Gate Receipts shall be divided equally between both Clubs, after the deduction of permitted match expenses. This shall exclude expenses that the Off-Shore Club is responsible for, as set out under paragraphs 3, 5, 6 and 8.
24. If the Off-Shore Club is unable to provide a suitable ground on the mainland that has been approved by The Association prior to the default date of the first Competition Match, the venue of the Replay shall be moved by The Association to the ground of the Off-Shore Club's opponent.

Match Scheduling in the Competition Proper

25. Rules 68 to 70 shall apply to the scheduling of a Competition Match in the Competition Proper.