NORTHERN CRICKET UNION

CUP COMPETITIONS

(B) ADMINISTRATIVE RULES APPLYING TO ALL CUP COMPETITIONS

General

B1. All cup competitions shall be administered by the Domestic Cricket Development Directorate, which may delegate to the Honorary Competition Secretary or an Honorary Officer such powers in relation thereto as it deems appropriate.

Fixtures

B2. The Domestic Cricket Development Directorate shall, before the end of November, fix dates and reserve dates for every round of each competition for the following season.

B3. Every match shall be played on or before the date published in the Fixture Book, but any team wishing to play a match before that date shall first obtain the approval of the Honorary Competition Secretary.

B4. Any team failing to fulfil a fixture, except for a reason beyond its control, shall be deemed to have lost the match. In addition, it shall be fined and be liable for any expenses necessarily incurred by its opponents prior to their being notified that the fixture would not be fulfilled. In such circumstances, any more junior team from the same club shall be deemed to have lost any match played on the same day.

B5. The first team drawn in each match shall have choice of ground, except that the Domestic Cricket Development Directorate shall decide the venues of finals. Where the home team's ground is unavailable for any reason (other than the hosting of an international match), and the visiting team is able to host the match on its ground, the venue shall be switched accordingly.

B6. If a club has more home matches on the same day than it has grounds available, the most junior match(es) shall be played on the published reserve date(s). Alternatively, the match(es) may, if both clubs agree, be played on the Sunday immediately following the scheduled date.

Ground Unplayable

B7. Should a ground be unfit for play owing to rain or other unavoidable cause, the home team shall inform the visiting team and, where umpires have been appointed, the Umpires' Appointments Secretary. This notification shall be made no earlier than 24 hours or later than two hours before play is due to start.

B8. Where umpires have been appointed, such a decision not to play may be taken in advance of the due starting time only if both teams agree.

Continuation

B9. In all finals, the continuation arrangements shall be determined by the Domestic Cricket Development Directorate, which may also vary the continuation arrangements for other matches.

Rearrangement

B10. A match postponed owing to rain or other unavoidable cause shall be played on or before the published reserve date, but any team wishing to play the match before that date shall first obtain the approval of the Honorary Competition Secretary.

Tied Matches

B11. A tied match (other than a final) shall be won by the team losing the fewer wickets. Where each team has lost the same number of wickets, the match shall be played on the reserve date, the visiting team having choice of ground.

B12. If a final is tied, the teams shall share the trophy.

Result Reports

B13. After each match, whether or not play has taken place, the winning team (the home team where no result has been obtained) shall;

(a) **as soon as possible**, and no later than midnight on the day of the match, send summarised details of the match for publication on the Union's website;

(b) **within four days** of the completion or abandonment of the match, send complete details of the match to the person designated in respect of the particular competition.

The Union will advise clubs annually of the level of detail required in each case, the approved format and method(s) of transmission, and the address to which each should be sent. A club failing to fulfil its obligations under this rule shall be fined.

Protests and Appeals

B14. Protests regarding cup fixtures shall be submitted to the General Secretary within seven days of the completion of the match, a copy being sent to the Match Secretary of the opposing team.