



Back to Back Fixtures

Rationale: As a result of the severe weather we are looking at steps to try and limit the inevitable fixture backlog. Several clubs are behind with their fixtures, especially those involved in cups, hence there will be the need for midweek games.

Clubs that are playing catch up and have yet to play their opponents twice will have the option of playing two one hour games “back to back”.

The decision to play “back to back” games will be solely at the discretion of both competing teams. If there is pitch availability, both teams agree, and neither at a disadvantage the Fixtures Manager will schedule both the fixtures online.

Duration of Matches: All matches shall be of 60 (sixty) minutes duration with a 5 (five) minute half-time interval. There will be a 15 (fifteen) minutes break prior to the commencement of the second match.

Club Colours: If the two clubs have the same or similar coloured kit, the host team shall make the change.

Discipline: To avoid any potential discipline problems, if a player is dismissed by the referee in the first fixture, he will not be eligible to take part in the second fixture. Whilst this is not a true application of the Discipline Code, **it is however not negotiable for this type of fixture**. Yellow cards in the first game are not cumulative to the second game, so a player receiving a caution in the first game and one in the second will not be dismissed for a second cautionable offence unless he then commits a third cautionable offence.

Administration: Teams will still be required to complete a team sheet for each fixture as per current league rule. A different squad/player may be named in each game, but only those named on the team sheet submitted to the referee may take part in that fixture. For reporting the results online, the host team will have the first game as their home game and the second game will be the host away game. Both teams shall notify the result of each match via SMS and FA FullTime as per current league rules.

Referee Match Fees: The appointed Referee shall be paid a match fee of £40.00 for both games. The fee shall be shared by both teams (£20.00 each). The further £5.00 payment made to the referee if he or she travels 30 miles or more to the game will still apply and this will also be shared by both teams (£2.50 each).