

UNITED CHURCHES FOOTBALL LEAGUE OF IRELAND
INJURED PLAYERS FUND - RULES

RULE 1: The object of the fund is to provide financial assistance for players who require medical attention and have been incapacitated while playing in any competition or representative game under the auspices of the United Churches Football League of Ireland or in any match in which a team in membership of the League is competing in a National or Provincial Competition, subject to rules.

RULE 2: In these rules the following terms shall have the following meanings:

Incapacity shall mean personal injury resulting in loss of earnings.

Medical attention shall mean doctors' fees, hospital charges and physiotherapists' fees.

Subscribing club shall mean any team in the League contributing to this fund and shall include the registered playing members of the subscribing club.

Committee shall mean the Management Committee of the League.

The Fund shall mean the League Injured Players Fund.

The League shall mean the United Churches Football League of Ireland.

RULE 3: Contributions to the fund and assistance there from shall be confined to subscribing clubs.

RULE 4: Subscribing clubs shall pay to the Fund an annual sum of € 100.00 per team or such other sum as may be agreed by the Committee. Annual subscriptions shall be payable on or before 1st October in each season.

RULE 5: Subscribing clubs shall not benefit whilst in arrears.

RULE 6: New clubs subscribing to the fund shall be liable for payment or contributions as from date of acceptance in membership.

RULE 7: The Committee shall examine all applications for assistance and shall have the power to demand such evidence of incapacity as may be required and to accept or reject such application as it considers proper.

RULE 8: Notice of injury and/or claim for assistance shall be made in writing to the League Honorary Treasurer by the Secretary of the subscribing club on behalf of the injured player or in individual cases by the player himself or by a responsible person authorized by him in normal circumstances not later than seven days from the date of injury, but the Committee may accept later notification at their discretion. Before making any payment or arriving at any decision the Committee shall be furnished with a certificate completed by a doctor or other qualified person approved of by the Committee together with a completed claim form and such further information as may be required and the Committee shall have the power to call for a medical certificate at any time during the time of incapacity. Failing satisfactory evidence of incapacity the Committee may reject any claim or cease or suspend payments.

RULE 9:

(a) When the fund is under €1250 (one thousand two hundred and fifty euro) the Committee will have the sole and exclusive right to decide what (if any) assistance

shall be granted in respect of any particular claim and the decision of the Committee shall be final.

(b) When the Fund has reached the said sum of €1250 the Committee may pay compensation to cover loss of earnings up to a maximum of €25 per week for the first six weeks of incapacity and up to a maximum rate of €18.50 per week for a further six weeks of incapacity.

(c) The Committee may pay compensation to cover the cost of medical attention following injury, up to a maximum rate of €35 per week for eight weeks, where the loss of earnings is not involved.

If when assistance has been granted under (b) or (c) above, the Fund shall fall to less than €1250 the Committee reserve the right to deal with any then pending claim or payment under rule (a) above. The total assistance payable to any player shall not exceed the sum of € 280 (two hundred & eighty euro) in any season, provided always that in cases of continuing injury, medically certified, where there is evidence of financial hardship, the Committee may extend the compensation for a further five weeks at a maximum rate of €25 per week. In such cases the total assistance payable to any player in any season shall not exceed the sum of €405 (four hundred and five euro).

All claims are subject to an excess fee of €20

RULE 10: In the event of the League being wound up, all monies standing to credit of the Fund shall be divided between the then subscribing clubs in proportion to the sums subscribed by the said clubs, after all necessary expenses have been deducted.

RULE 11: The Honorary Treasurer of the League shall take charge of all monies in the Fund and shall record all contributions and payments in a separate account and shall obtain receipts for all payments.

RULE 12: The Committee shall have the power to decide any matter not covered in these rules and its decision shall be final.

RULE 13: These rules cannot be annulled, altered or added to except at a committee meeting, three fourths of those entitled to attend being present and a simple voting majority to decide. Notice of such annulments, alterations or additions shall be given fourteen days prior to any Committee meeting in writing to the League Honorary Secretary and shall place it on the agenda and on the notice convening the meeting to be sent to all clubs in membership seven days prior to the meeting.

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