



**LEAGUE HANDBOOK**  
**SEASON 2023-24**

# SCFL HANDBOOK

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Company No. 14460844

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M BARNES (Youth)

# SOUTHERN COMBINATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE

**Formed and approved by the S.C.F.A. Council 1920**  
**Second Division formed 1952**  
**Third Division formed 1983**  
**U21/23 Divisions formed 2015**  
**Name changed from Sussex County Football League 2015**

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# AFC UCKFIELD TOWN



## Ground Address:


The Oaks, Old Eastbourne Road, Uckfield, Sussex. TN22 5QL

 @AfcUckfieldTown

## Directions to ground:


Next to Rajdutt Restaurant on Old Eastbourne Road, south of Uckfield Town Centre  
Nearest Station: Uckfield (3 miles)

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red/Black	Black	Black
Away	Light Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue





# AFC VARDEANIANS



## Ground Address:

Withdean Stadium, Tongdean Lane,  
Brighton, East Sussex BN1 5JD


Website: [afcv.co.uk](http://afcv.co.uk)

 @AFCVardean

## Directions to ground:


Players and officials to park in the furthest top car park (beyond main middle car park for Sportsman) and walk through back gates down the slope behind the changing rooms  
Nearest Station: Preston Park

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Midweek: Mondays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red/Black stripes	Black	Black
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue



# ALFOLD FC



### Ground Address:

The Elliot Scott Group stadium, Dunsfold Road, Alfold, Surrey GU6 8JB

☎ 01403 753132

Website: [www.alfoldfc.co.uk](http://www.alfoldfc.co.uk)

🐦 @alfold\_fc

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Burgundy	White	Burgundy
Away	Royal Blue	Royal Blue	White



# ARUNDEL FC



## Ground Address:

Mill Road, Arundel, West Sussex. BN18 9PA

☎ 01903 882548

🐦 @ArundelFC

## Directions to ground:

On A27 from Worthing over railway bridge to roundabout. Second exit into Queen St to Town Centre. Cross Bridge over river, and turn right at mini-roundabout. Enter pay and display car park on right. Ground entrance is located at the far left hand corner of the car park.

Nearest Station: Arundel (15 min walk)

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red	White	Red
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue



# BANSTEAD ATHLETIC



## Ground Address:

Merland Rise, Tadworth, Surrey KT20 5JG

☎ 01737 350982

Website: [www.bansteadathleticfc.com](http://www.bansteadathleticfc.com)

## Diecton to Ground:

From South via M23 & M25. Exit M25 at Junction 8 follow A217 Brighton Road to Tadworth Roundabout. - From roundabout ltake 2<sup>nd</sup> exit onto B2220 Tadworth Street, After approx 1/3 of a mile Right onto Tadorne Road, at ent of road Left into Shelveys Way, 2<sup>nd</sup> exit at Roundabout onto Shelveys Hill (B290) then Right into Preston Lane, (which becomes Merland Rise) Entrance to Ground is on right Hand side via Preston Manor Road. Nearest station: Tattenham Corner Buses: 420 & 460

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## **Midweek: Wednesday 7.30pm**

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Amber	Black	Black
Away	Red	Red	Red



# BEXHILL UNITED FC



Ground Address:

The Polegrove, Brockley Road, Bexhill,  
East Sussex TN39 3HA

☎ 07983 134245

Website: [www.bexhillunited.com](http://www.bexhillunited.com)

🐦 @Bexhill\_United

Directions to ground:

From west take A259, at Little Common roundabout take fourth exit into Cooden Sea Road, Turn Left at Cooden Beech Hotel into Cooden Drive. About 1½ miles further, turn right for Brockley Road. Ground at bottom on the right hand side.

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Midweek: Wednesdays 7.30pm

Club Colours	Shirts	Shorts	Socks
Home	White	Green	Green
Away	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow



# **BILLINGSHURST FC**



## Ground Address:

The Pavilion, Jubilee Fields, Newbridge Road, Billingshurst,  
West Sussex. RH14 9HZ

☎ 07834 76750

Website: [www.billingshurstfc.co.uk](http://www.billingshurstfc.co.uk)

🐦 @Billingshurstfc

## Directions to ground:

Follow A272 towards Petworth/Wisborough Green/Midhurst. When leaving the by-pass roundabout approx 50 yards further on turn right to Jubilee Fields. (shared entrance to the recycling centre). Follow the road round and you will arrive at the ground.

Nearest Station: Billingshurst

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Home	Red/Black	Black	Black
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue



# **BOSHAM FC**



## Ground Address:

The Clubhouse, Bosham Recreation Ground, Walton Lane,  
Bosham, West Sussex. PO18 8QF

☎ 01243 681279

Website: [www.boshamfc.co.uk](http://www.boshamfc.co.uk)

🐦 @Boshamfc

## Directions to ground:

(East) From Chichester take the A259 to Bosham roundabout with White Swan Pub and Memories of India restaurant on your right. Turn left into Delling Lane and travel to the end of the road where you will find the Berkley Arms on your right. Turn left and then left again up a bank to park before walking through the gate into the recreation ground. Nearest Station: Bosham (20-25 mins walk)

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<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red	Red	Red
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue



# **BRIGHTON ELECTRICITY FC**



## Ground Address:

Withdean Stadium, Tongdean Lane, Brighton, East Sussex BN1 5JD

Website: [www.instagram.com/brightonleccytv](http://www.instagram.com/brightonleccytv)


 [@BrightonLeccyTV](https://twitter.com/BrightonLeccyTV)

## Directions to ground:

Heading south into Brighton on the A23, turn right opposite Withdean Park into Tongdean Lane and go under the railway bridge, the car park, and turnstile are immediately in front of you.


Nearest Station: Preston Park

## Secretary: **Trevor Carney**

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<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Brown	Brown	White
Away	Maroon	Black	Black





# CAPEL FC



## Ground Address:


Beare Green Playing field, Horsham Road, Beare Green RH5 4QP

 @Capelfc1

## Directions to ground:


From A24 take exit from roundabout signposted 'Capel' then turn left immediately off the road

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## Programme Editor:-

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home:	Yellow & Black stripes	Black	Black
Away:	Red/Blue	Blue	Red



# CHESINGTON & HOOK UNITED FC



Ground Address:

Chalky Lane, Leatherhead Road, Chessington, Surrey KT9 2NF

☎ 01372 745347

Website: [www.chufc.co.uk](http://www.chufc.co.uk)

🐦 @Chufc

Directions to ground:

Chalky Lane is opposite Chessington World of Adventures, on the A243 just two miles from the A3 and M25 junction 9. (Follow signs to CWOA)

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<u>Club colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Royal Blue	Royal Blue	Royal Blue
Away	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow




# COPTHORNE FC



## Ground Address:

The Camping World Community Stadium, Hop Oast, Worthing Road,  
Horsham, West Sussex RH13 0AX

Website: [www.cophornefc.co.uk](http://www.cophornefc.co.uk)

 @cophorneFC


## Directions to Ground

Travelling north on the A24 please leave the Hop Oast Roundabout and turn right on to the B2237 sign post Horsham.

Travelling south on the A24 please leave the Hop Oast Roundabout and turn left on to the B2237 sign post Horsham.


Approximately 250 meters on your right you will see the entrance to the ground. Follow the road round to the left (Not the Golf Club) and enter the car park and grounds to your left.

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Midweek Evening: Tuesday 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Yellow	Yellow	White
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue



# CRAWLEY DOWN GATWICK FC



## Ground Address:

The Haven Centre, Hophurst Lane, Crawley Down, West Sussex RH10 4LJ  
☎ 01342 717140

Website: [www.crawleydowngatwickfc.co.uk](http://www.crawleydowngatwickfc.co.uk)

🐦 @OfficialCDGFC

## Directions to ground:

From the South B2028 over small bridge turn right into Vicarage Road, Pass War Memorial on the left hand side, Haven Centre is 200 metres on your left. From the North B2028 turn left into Sandy Lane, at the end of the road turn left into Hophurst Lane Haven Centre is 200 metres on left. From A22 Felbridge turn left from the south or right from the North onto the A264 fork left into Crawley Down Road (Changes to Hophurst Hill and then Hophurst Lane) approx 1 mile Haven Centre is on your right side just after passing Burleigh Way on your left.

Nearest Station: East Grinstead / Three Bridges (5 miles)

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red	Red	Red
Away	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow




# **CROWBOROUGH ATHLETIC FC**



## Ground Address:

Crowborough Community Stadium, Fermor Road,  
Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 3FY  
Website: [www.crowboroughathletic.com](http://www.crowboroughathletic.com)


 @CrowboroughAFC

## Directions to ground:

Turn off the A26 into Sheep Plain which meanders into Hurtis Hill. At the mini roundabout go straight into Fermor Road, take the second turning on the right into and then immediately turn right into the Alderbrook Recreation Ground.

Nearest Station: Crowborough (30 min walk)


## Secretary: Michael Barrett

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## Match Secretary: Paul Boggis

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## Chairman: Malcolm Boyes

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## Manager: Sean Muggeridge

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Programme Editor: [Neil@bittenlemon.com](mailto:Neil@bittenlemon.com)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm (Cup 7.30pm)

Club Colours:	Shirts	Shorts	Socks
Home:	Navy/Sky Blue stripes	Navy Blue	Sky Blue
Away:	Aqua	Red	Red



# DORKING WANDERERS 'B'



## Ground Address:

Meadowbank Football Ground; Mill Lane, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1DX

☎ 01306 898200

Website: [www.dorkingwanderers.com](http://www.dorkingwanderers.com)

🐦 @DorkingWDRS & @acedemy\_dwfc

Parking for spectators in St. Martins Walk Car Park (£1 per hour)  
(by Marks & Spencers).

Nearest Station: Dorking West (8 min); Dorking Deepdene (10 min) & Dorking (12min)

## Secretary: Alan Gout

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Email: [alangout@dorkingwanderers.com](mailto:alangout@dorkingwanderers.com)

## Chairman: Marc White

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Email: [marcwhite11@hotmail.com](mailto:marcwhite11@hotmail.com)

## Match Secretary(res): Jack Owen

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Email: [jack@dorkingwanderers.com](mailto:jack@dorkingwanderers.com)

## Manager: Ruben Gaspar

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Programme Editor: [ollie@dorkingwanderers.com](mailto:ollie@dorkingwanderers.com)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red & White	Blue	Red
Away	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow



# EAST PRESTON FC



### Ground Address:

Roundstone Recreation Ground, Lashmar Road, East Preston, West Sussex.  
BN16 1ES

☎ 01903 776026

Website: [www.eastprestonfc](http://www.eastprestonfc)

🐦 @EPFC2020

### Directions to ground:

From Worthing proceed west for 6 miles on A259. At Roundstone Pub turn south, over level crossing turn left for 50 yards then first right into Roundstone Drive.

Nearest Station: Angmering (10 min walk)

### Secretary: **Michelle Watkins**

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### Chairman: **Chris Horner**

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### Manager: **Lee Thompson**

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Email: [lthompson7@sky.com](mailto:lthompson7@sky.com)

Programme Editor: [tim@floristpro.co.uk](mailto:tim@floristpro.co.uk)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Black & White Quarters	White	White
Away	Silver/ Green	Green	Silver



# EASTBOURNE TOWN FC



## Ground Address:

The Saffron's Sports Club, Compton Place Road, Eastbourne, Sussex.  
BN21 1EA

☎ 01323 724328

Website: [www.eastbournetown.com](http://www.eastbournetown.com)

🐦 @eastbournetfc

## Directions to ground:

From the mini roundabout just outside Eastbourne Railway Station, turn (Left with station on your Right or, Right with station on your Left) into Grove Road and drive all the way up between the narrow parade of shops until the give way junction at the end. Turn right and follow the road until the second turning on the right (Compton Place Road.) Ground and Car Park is on your right.

Nearest Station: Eastbourne (5 min walk)

## Secretary: Richard Marsh

☎ (H) 01323 641975 (M) 07490 860888

Email: [eastbournetownfc@live.co.uk](mailto:eastbournetownfc@live.co.uk) & [rb.marsh@talk21.com](mailto:rb.marsh@talk21.com)

## Chairman: Dave Shearing

☎ (M) 07710 161552

Email: [info@eastbournehomeimprovements.com](mailto:info@eastbournehomeimprovements.com)

## Manager: Jude MacDonald

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Programme Editor: - [steveroberts290@gmail.com](mailto:steveroberts290@gmail.com)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Yellow /Royal Blue	Royal Blue	Royal Blue
Away	Sky Blue	Sky Blue	Sky Blue





# **EASTBOURNE UNITED AFC**



## Ground Address:

The Oval Arena, Channel View Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex. BN22 7LN  
☎ 01323 726989

Website: [www.eastbourneunitedafc.com](http://www.eastbourneunitedafc.com)

🐦 @eastbourneafc

## Directions to ground:

From A27 Polegate bypass, follow the A22 (Golden Jubilee Way) and cross roundabout into Highfield Link. At next roundabout take slip road left into Lottbridge Drove and continue to second roundabout, taking third exit into Seaside. Continue for ½ mile before turning into Channel View Road (Opposite Co-Op). Entrance to The Oval is the second turning left, adjacent to Sidley Road.

Nearest Station: Eastbourne (30 min walk)

## Secretary: Tracey Saunders

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Email: [saundertracey@sky.com](mailto:saundertracey@sky.com)

## Chairman: Matthew Thompson

☎ (M) 07309 779428

Email: [chairman@eastbourneunitedafc.com](mailto:chairman@eastbourneunitedafc.com)

## Manager: Anthony Storey

☎ (M) 07886 200972

Email: [allstarseastbourne@gmail.com](mailto:allstarseastbourne@gmail.com)

Programme Editor: [stevehuxley@icloud.com](mailto:stevehuxley@icloud.com)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	White	White	White
Away	Red	Blue	Red



# **FERRING FC**



## Ground Address:

The Glebelands, Greystoke Road, Ferring  
West Sussex BN12 5JL

☎ 07388 675334

Website: [www.ferringfc.net](http://www.ferringfc.net)

🐦 @FerringFC

## Directions to ground:

From Worthing, heading towards Littlehampton on the A259, at the Goring roundabout take the 1<sup>st</sup> exit towards Ferring. Once at junction in Ferring, go straight across into Rife Way (Ground is 100 yards on left)

Nearest Station: Goring by Sea (15 min walk)

## Secretary: Kevin Haydon

☎ (M) 07880 199466

Email: [secretary@ferringfc.net](mailto:secretary@ferringfc.net)

## Match Secretary: Jamie Wells

☎ (M) 07786 020071

Email: [jaywells82@aol.com](mailto:jaywells82@aol.com)

## Chairman: Andrew Wincell

☎ (M) 07973 831807

Email: [a.wincell@aol.com](mailto:a.wincell@aol.com)

## Manager: Steve Allen

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Programme Editor: [goalkeepinguk@gmail.com](mailto:goalkeepinguk@gmail.com)

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Blue	Blue	Blue
Away	Red	Red	Red



# FOREST ROW



## Ground Address:

c/o Oakwood FC, Tinsley Lane, Crawley, West Sussex.  
RH10 8AT

(post code is for Tinsley Lane)

☎ 07811 110023

Website: [www.teamstats.net/frowfc](http://www.teamstats.net/frowfc)

🐦 @FrowFC

## Directions to ground:

From south on M23, take J.10 exit left onto A2011, next roundabout fourth exit right, next roundabout second exit, take first right into Tinsley Lane, ground entrance 100 metres on left.

Nearest Station: Three Bridges (20 min walk)

## Secretary: Adam McIntyre

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Email: [ajmcintyre23@gmail.com](mailto:ajmcintyre23@gmail.com)

## Chairman: Ron Holah

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## Match Secretary: William Irwin

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## Manager: Tim Penlington & Dean Blackmore

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Programme Editor: [elliott@elliottscottgroup.com](mailto:elliott@elliottscottgroup.com)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Green	Green	White
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue



# GODALMING TOWN FC



## Ground Address:

The Bill Kyte Stadium, Wey Court, Godalming,  
Surrey GU7 3JE  
☎ 01483 417520

Website: [www.godalmingtownfc.co.uk](http://www.godalmingtownfc.co.uk)

🐦 @GodalmingTown

## Directions to ground:

A3100 from Guildford, past Manor Inn & petrol station - Bill Kyte stadium is 50 yards further along road on Right hand side.

Nearest Station: Farncombe (easy half mile walk)

## Secretary: Matthew Clay

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Email: [matthewclay29@gmail.com](mailto:matthewclay29@gmail.com)

## Match Secretary: Ross Mose

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Email: [godalmingtownfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:godalmingtownfootballclub@gmail.com)

## Chairman: Matthew Clay

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Email: [matthewclay29@gmail.com](mailto:matthewclay29@gmail.com)

## Manager: Tony Roberts

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Programme Editor: [atombowl@gmail.com](mailto:atombowl@gmail.com)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Yellow	Blue	White
Away	Navy Blue/White stripes	Navy Blue	White



# HAILSHAM TOWN FC



## Ground Address:

The Beaconsfield, Western Road, Hailsham, East Sussex. BN27 3DN

☎ 07831 223874

Website: [www.hailshamtownfc.org.uk](http://www.hailshamtownfc.org.uk)

🐦 @Hailshamtownfc

## Directions to ground:

Turn off A22 at Diplocks Way roundabout. Ground on left (alleyway signposted opposite SETYRES WEALDEN) just before end of Diplocks Way. Please **do not** park in front of SETYRES WEALDEN. SAT NAV Postcode: BN27 3JF

Nearest Station: Polegate (5 miles)

## Secretary: **Dominique Corbett**

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## Match Secretary: **Stuart Fairway**

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Email: [chairman@hailshamtownfc.org.uk](mailto:chairman@hailshamtownfc.org.uk)

## Chairman: **Chris Weller**

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Email: [cpweller@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cpweller@hotmail.co.uk)

## Manager: **Kyle Davis**

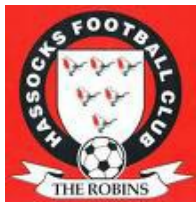
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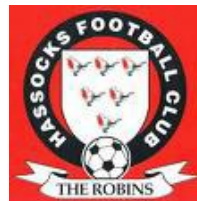
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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Yellow/Green	Green	Green
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue



# HASSOCKS FC



## Ground Address:

The Beacon Ground, Brighton Road, Hassocks, West Sussex BN6 9LY

☎ 01273 846040

Website: [www.hassocksfc.net](http://www.hassocksfc.net)

🐦 @hassocksfc

## Directions to ground:

From Stonepound Cross Roads, head south along Brighton Road and turn in left just after South Downs Garden Centre.

Nearest Station: Hassocks (15-20 min walk)

## Secretary: Nick Palmer

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red	Red	Red
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue



# HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN FC



Ground Address:

Hanbury Park Stadium, Allen Road, Haywards Heath. RH16 3PT

☎ 01444 523801

Website: [www.hhtfc.co.uk](http://www.hhtfc.co.uk)

🐦 @hhtfc

Directions to ground:

Hanbury park stadium is located in the eastern side of Haywards Heath on Allen Road. It is a 15 minute walk from Haywards Heath train station and whilst there is some on street parking in the local area there is no parking available at the stadium for supporters. This is reserved for players, officials, sponsors, season ticket holders and blue badge holders. There is strictly NO coach access to the stadium. Any coaches can park on America Lane

Secretary: Natalie Ellis

☎ (M) 07581 016065

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Chairman: Steven Isherwood

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Manager: Jay Lovett

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Blue/White	Blue	Blue
Away	Yellow/Black	Black	Black



# **HORSHAM YMCA FC**



## Ground Address:

Herbert Direct Stadium, Gorings Mead, Horsham, West Sussex. RH13 5BP

☎ 01403 252689

Website: [www.horshamymca.co.uk](http://www.horshamymca.co.uk)

🐦 @horshamymcafc

## Directions to ground:

Approaching Horsham on the A281 Brighton Road, the ground is signposted opposite Gorings Mead. Ground is at the far end of Gorings Mead

Nearest Station: Horsham

## Secretary: Alan Maguire

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## Chairman: Mike Whiteford

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Email: [chairman@horshamymcafc.co.uk](mailto:chairman@horshamymcafc.co.uk)

## Manager: Dean Carden

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Programme Editor: -

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	White	Black	Red
Away	Purple	Purple	Purple





# JARVIS BROOK FC



**Ground Address:**  
Limekiln, Palesgate Lane, Crowborough,  
East Sussex TN6 3HF  
☎ 01892 665148

Website: [www.jarvisbrookfc.co.uk](http://www.jarvisbrookfc.co.uk)

🐦 @jarvisbrookfc

Directions to ground:

A26 to Crowborough, go through town heading towards Tunbridge Wells. At roundabout take second exit, over mini roundabout and take next left into Palesgate Lane. Continue for approx. ½ mile, ground entrance on right.  
Nearest Station: Crowborough (2 miles)

Secretary: **Sabrina Allcorn**

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<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Blue/White	Blue	Blue
Away	Red/Black	Black	Black




# LINGFIELD FC



## Ground Address:


Horley Town FC; The New Defence, Anderson Way,  
Horley, Surrey RH6 8SP  
Website: [www.lingfieldfc.com](http://www.lingfieldfc.com)

 @Lingfield\_fc

## Directions to ground:


Exit M23 (jnc 9) Airport Way; follow A23, take 3<sup>rd</sup> exit at roundabout A23 Brighton Road; Left into Vicarage Lane; then Left into Lee Street; and Left again in Ct. Lodge Road. Turn Right (ground behind Sports Centre)

## Secretary: John Tovey

 (M) 07778 879114


Email: [toveyj@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:toveyj@yahoo.co.uk) or [secretary@lingfieldfc.com](mailto:secretary@lingfieldfc.com)

## Match Secretary: Peter Goodbody

 (H) 01342 834112 (M) 07712 892007


Email: [petergoodbody8@gmail.com](mailto:petergoodbody8@gmail.com)

## Chairman: Laurence Jones

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## Manager: Daniel Burnett

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Programme Editor: [joe@jmaprogrammes.co.uk](mailto:joe@jmaprogrammes.co.uk)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red & Yellow Stripes	Red	Red
Away	Blue & White stripes	Blue	Blue



# LITTLE COMMON FC



## Ground Address:

Little Common Rec., Green Lane, Bexhill, East Sussex TN39 4PH

☎ 07759 125252

Website: [www.littlecommonfc.co.uk](http://www.littlecommonfc.co.uk)

🐦 @littlecommonfc

## Directions to ground:

From the West take the A259, at Little Common Roundabout take second exit into Peartree Lane, and then 1<sup>st</sup> Right into Green Lane (entrance to Ground immediately on your left)

nearest Station: Cooden (2 miles)

## Secretary: **Daniel Eldridge**

☎ (H) 01424 251736 (M) 07759 125252

Email: [danieleldridge11@btinternet.com](mailto:danieleldridge11@btinternet.com)

## Chairman: **Daniel Eldridge**

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Email: [danieleldridge11@btinternet.com](mailto:danieleldridge11@btinternet.com)

## Manager: **Russell Eldridge**

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Programme Editor: [danieleldridge11@btinternet.com](mailto:danieleldridge11@btinternet.com)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Claret	Claret	Claret
Away	Sky Blue	Sky Blue	Sky Blue



# LOXWOOD FC



### Ground Address:

Loxwood Sports Association, The Pavilion,  
Recreation Ground, Plaistow Road, Loxwood, West Sussex. RH14 0SX  
☎ 01403 753185

Website: [www.loxwoodfc.co.uk](http://www.loxwoodfc.co.uk)

🐦 @loxwoodfc

### Directions to ground:

Leave A272 between Billingshurst and Wisborough Green and join the B2133 for 3.4 miles. On entering Loxwood Village take 1st left into Plaistow Road. Ground situated 100 yards on the left.

Nearest Station: Billingshurst (6 miles)

### Secretary: John Slater

☎ (H) 01403 871374 (M) 07870 196808

Email: [secretary@loxwoodfc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@loxwoodfc.co.uk)

### Match Secretary: Mark Lacey

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Email: [fixtures@loxwoodfc.co.uk](mailto:fixtures@loxwoodfc.co.uk)

### Chairman: Mark Lacey

☎ (H) 01403 734115 (M) 07843 593619

Email: [chairman@loxwoodfc.co.uk](mailto:chairman@loxwoodfc.co.uk)

### Manager: Peter Barkley

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Email: [pjames121media@gmail.com](mailto:pjames121media@gmail.com)

Programme Editor: [info@i-spygraphix.co.uk](mailto:info@i-spygraphix.co.uk)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	White with Black stripe	White	White
Away	Yellow with Black Stripe	Black	Black



# MIDHURST & EASEBOURNE FC



## Ground Address:

The Rotherfield, Dodsley Grove, Easebourne,  
Midhurst, West Sussex. GU29 9BE

☎ 07736 164416

Website: [www.midhurstfc.com](http://www.midhurstfc.com)

🐦 @MidhurstFC

## Directions to ground:

From east, pass through Cowdray Park, when in Easebourne Village follow signs for Guildford and Haselmere, across keep left bollard. At next crossroad (A286) turn left and follow sign to Midhurst. Ground is 500 yards opposite garage.

Nearest Station: Haselmere (7 miles)

## Secretary: **Mark Broughton**

☎ (M) 07736 164416

Email: [midhurstfc@gmail.com](mailto:midhurstfc@gmail.com)

## Chairman: **Mark Broughton**

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Email: [midhurstfc@gmail.com](mailto:midhurstfc@gmail.com)

## Manager: **Andrew Ewen**

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Programme Editor: [joe@jmaprogrammes.co.uk](mailto:joe@jmaprogrammes.co.uk)

Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Blue	Blue	Blue
Away	Orange	Orange	Orange




# MILE OAK FC



## Ground Address:

Mile Oak Recreation Ground, Chalky Road, Portslade, Sussex. BN41 2WF

Website: [www.mileoakfc.co.uk](http://www.mileoakfc.co.uk)

 [@mileoak\\_fc](https://twitter.com/mileoak_fc)

## Directions to ground:

From A27 (Brighton Bypass) leave at A293 exit. Right at first roundabout. Ground 1 mile on right. Parking in the PACA Lower Car Park.


Nearest Station: Portslade (30 mins walk)

## Secretary: Greg Austin

 (M) 07771 968544


Email: [mileoaksec@gmail.com](mailto:mileoaksec@gmail.com)

## Match Secretary: Karl Gillingham

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Midweek: Wednesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Orange	Black	Black
Away	Green	Green	Green



# MONTPELIER VILLA FC



### Ground Address:

SCFA, Culver Road, Lancing, West Sussex. BN15 9AX  
☎ 01903 767285

Website: [www.montpeliervilla.co.uk](http://www.montpeliervilla.co.uk)

🐦 @MontpelierVilla

### Directions to ground:

A27 Westwards to Manor Roundabout, south down Grinstead Lane, second right (after Harvester Pub) then left at mini roundabout onto next mini roundabout second exit into Culver Road. Coming up northwards from Lancing Railway Station past The Railway Pub and left at mini roundabout.

Nearest Station: Lancing (5 min walk)

### Secretary: Dan Greene

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### Chairman: David Southon

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Midweek: Wednesday 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Sky Blue and White Stripes	Black	Black
Away	Grey	Grey	Grey



# NEWHAVEN FC



## Ground Address:

The Trafalgar Ground, Fort Road, Newhaven, East Sussex. BN9 9DA

☎ 07949 957877

Website: [www.newhavenfc](http://www.newhavenfc)

🐦 @newhavenfc

## Directions to ground:

From A259, follow one-way system around the town. Left at the Police Station into South Road which becomes Fort Road.

Nearest Station: Newhaven (15 min walk)

## Secretary: Martin Garry

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## Match Secretary: Stuart Still

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

Club Colours	Shirts	Shorts	Socks
Home	Red & Yellow	Red (Yellow trim)	Red (Yellow trim)
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue





# OAKWOOD FC



## Ground Address:

Oakwood Park, Tinsley Lane, Crawley, West Sussex. RH10 8AT  
(post code is for Tinsley Lane)

☎ 01293 515742

Website: [www.oakwoodfc.co.uk](http://www.oakwoodfc.co.uk)

🐦 @oakwoodfc

## Directions to ground:

From south on M23, take J.10 exit left onto A2011, next roundabout fourth exit right, next roundabout second exit, take first right into Tinsley Lane, ground entrance 100 metres on left.

Nearest Station: Three Bridges (20 min walk)

## Secretary: Sarah Daly

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## Chairman: Mark Gilbert

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red/Black stripes	Black	Black
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue



# PAGHAM FC



## Ground Address:

Nyetimber Lane, Pagham, West Sussex PO21 3JY  
☎ 01243 266112

Website: [www.paghamfootballclub.co.uk](http://www.paghamfootballclub.co.uk)

🐦 @PaghamFCNews

## Directions to ground:

Northern Route: A27 to junction of A259 on the Chichester Bypass. Exit to Pagham (Vinetrow Road). At the Bear Inn (Right Hand side)

Turn Left in Nyetimber Lane. Ground is 200 metres on right.

Nearest Station: Bognor Regis (3 miles)

## Secretary: **Marc Hilton**

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## Chairman: **Marc Hilton**

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**Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm**

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	White/Black	Black	Black
Away	Red	Red	Red



# PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE FC



## Ground Address:

The Sports Park, Piddinghoe Avenue, Peacehaven, East Sussex BN10 8RJ  
☎ 01273 583022

Website: [www.peacehavenfootball.com](http://www.peacehavenfootball.com)

🐦 [@PT\\_FC](https://twitter.com/PT_FC)

## Directions to ground:

From Brighton: enter Peacehaven, over 2 roundabouts and through 3 sets of traffic lights. Piddinghoe Avenue is next left. Ground at top of road. From Newhaven: through 2 sets of traffic lights, Piddinghoe Avenue is the next right. Ground is at the top of the road.

Nearest Station: Newhaven (1.5 miles)

## Secretary: Sam Barden

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## Chairman: Sue Norwood

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## Manager: Mark Shutt

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

Club Colours	Shirts	Shorts	Socks
Home	Black & White stripes	Black	Black
Away	Blue	Blue	Blue



# ROFFEY FC



Ground Address:  
Bartholomew Way, Horsham, West Sussex. RH12 5JL  
Website: [www.roffeyfc.uk.com](http://www.roffeyfc.uk.com)

 @RoffeyFC


Directions to ground:  
A264 heading south, turn left at Rusper roundabout. Take first left into Lemmington Way. Take left a T junction into Bartholomew Way. (Nb. Ignore Sat Nav which will take you to the right !)

Nearest Station: Littlehaven or Horsham


Secretary: **Helen Gibbs**

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**Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm**

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Blue / White	Blue	Blue
Away	White	White	White



# **ROTTINGDEAN VILLAGE FC**



Ground Address:

Rottingdean Sports Centre, Falmer Road, Rottingdean, Brighton. BN2 7DA

☎ 01273 306436

Website: [www.rottingdeanvillagefc.co.uk](http://www.rottingdeanvillagefc.co.uk)

🐦 @rottingdeanFC

Directions to ground:

Our ground is on the east side of the B2123 (Falmer A27 to Rottingdean Road) just north of Rottingdean Village. Coming from the A27 follow the road through Woodingdean. Continue past Longhill High School on the right, down the hill and you will see Meadow Parade shops on the right. The entrance to our ground is the next turning left. From the A259 coast road turn into the High Street at the traffic lights, through the village and onto the B2123. The entrance of our ground is the first turning past Bazehill Road on the right.

Nearest Station: Brighton (3 miles)

Secretary: Clare Cloake

☎ (H) 01273 390208 (M) 07411 747605

Email: [clare@rottingdeanvillagefc.co.uk](mailto:clare@rottingdeanvillagefc.co.uk)

Chairman: Richard Cloake

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<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red/Black	Black	Black
Away	White	Black	White



# RUSTINGTON FC



### Ground Address:

Recreation Ground, Jubilee Avenue, Rustington, West Sussex. BN16 3ND  
☎ 01903 770495

🐦 @Rustington\_FC

### Directions to ground:

From the East follow A259 past Sainsburys. Left at next roundabout on to B2187 over Windmill Bridge. Straight on at roundabout, first right the first left into Woodlands Avenue. Car Park is 80 yards on the right, next to the village hall. From the west proceed to Watersmead roundabout with Bodyshop on your left. Take B2187 half a mile past BP Garage, take 3rd right into Albert Road, then first right into Woodlands Avenue. Car Park is 80 yards on the right, next to the village hall. **Post Code for Sat Nav BN16 3HB**  
Nearest Station: Angmering (1 mile)

### Secretary: **Kevin Short**

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### Chairman: **James Bennett**

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Programme Editor: -

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Blue	Blue	Blue
Away	Yellow	Black	Black



# ST FRANCIS RANGERS FC



## Ground Address:

The Colwell Ground, The Princess Royal Hospital, Lewes Road,  
Haywards Heath. RH16 4SP

☎ 01444 458609 (social club)

Website: [www.pitchero.com/clubs/stfrancisrangers2](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/stfrancisrangers2)

🐦 @StFrancisRanger

## Directions to ground:

Enter through the main Hospital at mini-roundabout bear right and follow one way system. On reaching Sports Complex sign- straight ahead pass bowling green, tennis courts and swimming pool. Turn left through gate down unmade path to ground and parking.

Nearest Station: Haywards Heath (20 min walk)

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**Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm**

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Black/White Stripes	Black	Black
Away	Royal Blue	Royal Blue	Royal Blue



# SALTDEAN UNITED FC



## Ground Address:

The Clubhouse, Hill Park, Coombe Vale,  
Saltdean, Brighton, Sussex. BN2 8HJ  
☎ 01273 862682

Website: [www.saltdeanunited.co.uk](http://www.saltdeanunited.co.uk)

🐦 @SaltdeanFC

## Directions to ground:

From Brighton Pier proceed east along coast road to Rottingdean. Straight through Rottingdean lights then after ¼ mile turn left at Saltdean Lido. Proceed inland for approx. ½ mile then bear left down           bridleway to Clubhouse.

Nearest Station: Brighton (4 miles)

## Secretary: Kate Brown

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## Chairman: Bob Thomas

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red/Black Stripes	Black	Black
Away	Blue/Black stripes	Blue	Blue





# SEAFORD TOWN FC



### Ground Address:

'The Crouch', Bramber Lane, Seaford, East Sussex. BN25 1AB

☎ 01323 892221

Website: [www.seafordtownfc.com](http://www.seafordtownfc.com)

🐦 @Seafordtownfc

### Directions to ground:

A259 to Seaford. At mini-roundabout by station turn right if entering from west, left if from the east. Go to bottom of Church Street, across the junction then turn left at the end. Proceed for 500 m, turn left up Ashurst Road. Bramber Road is at the top. Park there and walk to the top through lane on your left.

Nearest Station: Seaford (10 min walk)

### Secretary: Penny Jenner

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red	Red	Red
Away	White	Black	Black



# ***SELSEY FC***



Ground Address:

The Seal Bay Resort stadium, High Street Ground,  
Selsey, West Sussex. PO20 0QG

☎ 01243 603420

Website: [www.selseyfc.co.uk](http://www.selseyfc.co.uk)

🐦 @Selseyfootball

Directions to ground:

Take the B2145 from Chichester to Selsey. Upon entering Selsey go straight over roundabout and continue to mini-roundabout. Continue over the mini-roundabout until you reach a set of traffic lights. Turn right at the lights (next to the Fire Station) and drive through the Co-op Supermarket car park to the ground.

Nearest Station: Chichester (9 miles)

Secretary: Paul Senior

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Royal Blue	Royal Blue	Royal Blue
Away	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow



# SHOREHAM FC



## Ground Address:

Middle Road Stadium, Middle Road,  
Shoreham-by-sea, West Sussex BN43 6GA

☎ 01273 454261

[www.shorehamfc.co.uk](http://www.shorehamfc.co.uk)

🐦 @Shorehamfc

## Directions to ground:

Take the A27 to Shoreham. At the Holmbush Roundabout take the exit towards Southlands Hospital. Immediately before the hospital, turn left down Hammy Lane, then right at the mini roundabout into Middle Road. The entrance to the ground is at the far end of the recreation ground immediately on the right.

(Nearest station: Shoreham - 10 mins walk)

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Royal Blue	Royal Blue	Royal Blue
Away	Red	Red	Red



# **SOUTHWATER**



Ground Address:

Southwater Sports Club, Church Lane, Southwater, RH13 9BT

☎ 01403 730345

Website: [www.southwaterfc.co.uk](http://www.southwaterfc.co.uk)

🐦 @Southwater\_FC

Directions to ground:

Via A24, 1<sup>st</sup> exit at Roundabout south of Horsham, into Mill Straight,  
On reaching village, Left into Church Lane. Ground on Right hand side

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<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red & Black	Black	Black
Away	Purple	Purple	Purple



# STEYNING TOWN COMMUNITY FC



Ground Address:

The Shooting Field, Steypning, West Sussex. BN44 3RQ

☎ 01903 367465

Website: [www.stcfc.co.uk](http://www.stcfc.co.uk)

🐦 @Steypningtown

Directions to ground:

Entering Steypning from the West: take the first left in the High Street (Tanyard Lane). Follow the Shooting Field estate and ground is the 4th turning on the left. Entering Steypning from the East: From the High Street, turn right into Church Street. Turn left by Church into Shooting Field estate. Coaches MUST park in Church Street car park.

Nearest Station: Shoreham (5 miles)

Secretary: **Aelred Wilkinson**

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red & White stripes	Red	Red
Away	Blue/Black stripes	Blue	Blue



# STORRINGTON COMMUNITY FC



Ground Address:

Recreation Ground, Pulborough Road, Storrington, West Sussex. RH20 4HJ

☎ 01903 745860

Website: [www.storringtonfc.com](http://www.storringtonfc.com)

🐦 @StorringtonFC

Directions to ground:

Turn west on A283 (off A24). Ground opposite pond to west of village centre.

Nearest Station: Pulborough (7 miles)

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Blue	Blue	White
Away	Yellow	Black	Black



# UPPER BEEDING FC



## Ground Address:

Upper Beeding Memorial Fields, High Street,  
Upper Beeding, West Sussex. BN44 3WN

☎ 07710 900629

Website: [www.upperbeedingfc.com](http://www.upperbeedingfc.com)

🐦 @Upperbeedingfc

## Directions to ground:

### **From the A27**

Turn off at the Shoreham flyover, head northbound on the A283 heading towards Steyning past the disused Cement Works to the Steyning By Pass roundabout. Take the exit to Upper Beeding Village Centre. Entering Upper Beeding : Across mini roundabout next to Rising Sun pub, past Shell Garage to next mini roundabout. Go across to High Street. 100 yards (opposite Village Hall on your left) turn right into Park entrance to Car Park and ground.

### **From the A24 Southbound**

Taking the A24 south from Horsham until the major roundabout at Washington. Turn left on the A283 towards Steyning & Shoreham. Continue on this road on to the Steyning by-pass. Straight across Bramber Castle roundabout. At the next roundabout Tuskegee first turn left towards Upper Beeding village. Then follow the instructions above.

Nearest Station: Shoreham-by-Sea (5 miles)

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<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
Away	Burgundy	White	White



# WICK FC



## Ground Address:

Crabtree Park, Coomes Way,  
Wick, Littlehampton, West Sussex. BN17 7LS

☎ 01903 713535

Website: [www.wickfootballclub.co.uk](http://www.wickfootballclub.co.uk)

🐦 @Wick\_club

## Directions to ground:

A27 to Crossbush - take A284 to Littlehampton. After 1 mile cross level crossing, take 1st left into Coomes Way, next to Locomotive Public House.

Ground at top of road.

Nearest Station: Littlehampton (2 miles)

## Secretary: **Sue Knight**

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.30pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Red/Black	Black	Red
Away	Yellow/Black	Black	Yellow





# WORTHING TOWN FC



## Ground Address:

Palatine Park Football Centre, Palatine Road,  
Worthing,

West Sussex BN12 6JN

☎ 01903 243449

Website: [www.worthingtownfc.com](http://www.worthingtownfc.com)

🐦 @worthingtownfc

## Directions to ground:

From West: Leave A27 at junction for A280 and A2700, at roundabout take A2700 (Titnore Lane) to next roundabout, left on A2032 to next roundabout, turn right into Palatine Road, ground on left.

From A259 roundabout at Northbrook College take A2032 to next roundabout, turn right into Palatine Road, ground on left.

From East: A27 turn left at Grove Lodge roundabout in Broadwater and immediate right to A2032, at roundabout by Durrington High School turn left into Boulevard, at next roundabout turn right into Palatine Road.

Nearest Station: Durrington on Sea

## Secretary: Paul Woodley

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## Programme Editor: -

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Blue & Black Stripes	Black	Black
Away	Orange	Black or Orange	Black or Orange



# WORTHING UNITED FC



Ground Address:

The Robert Albon Memorial Ground, Lyons Way, Worthing, West Sussex.  
BN14 9LA

☎ 01903 234466

Website: [www.worthing-unitedfc.co.uk](http://www.worthing-unitedfc.co.uk)

🐦 @WorthingUtdFC

Directions to ground:

From the west past Hill Barn roundabout to second set of traffic lights, turn left into Lyons Way. From east first set of traffic lights at end of Sompting Bypass, turn right into Lyons Way.

Nearest Station: Worthing (30 min walk)

Secretary: Mark Sanderson

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Midweek: Tuesdays 7.45pm

<u>Club Colours</u>	<u>Shirts</u>	<u>Shorts</u>	<u>Socks</u>
Home	Sky Blue & White stripes	Sky Blue	Sky Blue
Away	Red & Black stripes	Red	Red

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Away: Yellow; Yellow; Yellow

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Away: Yellow/Black; Black; Yellow/Black

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Away: Red/Yellow; Red; Red

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Away: sky Blue; Sky Blue; Sky Blue

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Away: Red; Blue; Red

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Away: Green; Green; Yellow

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Away: Blue; Blue; Blue

Manager: TBA

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Away: White; Black; Black

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Away: Blue/White; Blue; Blue

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Away: Blue; Blue; Blue

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Away: Blue; Blue; Blue

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Away: Red; Red; Red

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Away: Blue (yellow trim); Blue; Blue

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# SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

1. Any act, statement, conduct or other matter which harms a child or children, or poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children, shall constitute behaviour which is improper and brings the game into disrepute.
2. A) In these Regulations the expression 'Offence' shall mean any one or more of the offences contained in the Schedules of the Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 and any other criminal offence which reasonably causes The Association to believe that the person accused of the offence poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children.  
B) All persons in such positions that The Association deems relevant whose normal duties include caring for, training, supervising or being in sole charge of children are required to obtain an Enhanced Disclosure via The Association's CRB process.
3. Upon receipt by The Association of:
  - 3.1 notification that an individual has been charged with an Offence; or
  - 3.2 notification that an individual is the subject of an investigation by the Police, Social Services or any other authority relating to an Offence; or
  - 3.3 any other information which causes The Association reasonably to believe that a person poses or may pose a risk of harm to a child or children then The Association shall have the power to order that the individual be suspended from all or any specific football activity for such a period and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
4. In reaching its determination as to whether an order under Regulation 3 should be made The Association shall give consideration, inter alia, to the following factors:
  - 4.1 whether a child is or children are or may be at risk of harm;
  - 4.2 whether the matters are of a serious nature;
  - 4.3 whether an order is necessary or desirable to allow the conduct of any investigation by The Association or any other authority or body to proceed unimpeded.
5. The period of an order referred to in 3 above shall not be capable of lasting beyond the date upon which any charge under the Rules of The Association or any Offence is decided or brought to an end.
6. Where an order is imposed on an individual under regulation 3 above, The Association shall bring and conclude any proceedings under the Rules of The Association against the person relating to the matters as soon as reasonably practicable.

7. Where a person is convicted, or is made the subject of a caution in respect of an Offence, that shall constitute a breach of the Rules of the Association and The Association shall have the power to order the suspension of the person from all or any specific football activity for such a period (including indefinitely) and on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit.
8. For the purposes of these Regulations, The Association shall act through its Council or any committee of sub-committee thereof, including the Board.
9. Notification in writing of an order referred to above shall be given to the person concerned and/or any club with which he is associated as soon as reasonably practicable.
10. The applicable standard of proof shall be the civil standard, of the balance of probability. The more serious the allegation taking into account the nature of the misconduct alleged and the context of the case the greater the burden of evidence required to find the matter proved. Save that for charges pursuant to The Football Association's Safeguarding Children Policy, where the welfare and protection of children shall be paramount and the test shall be whether more likely than not.

**RULES OF  
THE SOUTHERN COMBINATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**1. DEFINITIONS**

1.1 In these Rules:

**“Affiliated Association”** means an Association accorded the status of an affiliated Association under the Rules of The FA

**“Agent”** shall be defined in the Rules of The FA.

**“AGM”** shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the Articles of the Competition.

**“Appointing Authority”** means the Southern Combination Football League

**“Articles”** means the Articles of Association of the Company and reference to a number of following the word “Article” is a reference to an Article so numbered in the “Articles”.

**“Board”** means the Board of Directors of the Company appointed in accordance with the Articles or, in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition.

**“Board Directive”** means an order or instruction issued by the Board.

**“Bond”** means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

**“Club”** means a Club for the time being in membership of the Company (including a Club which has had a transfer of membership approved under Rule 2.7 below)

**“Commercial Agreements”** means all or any Agreement or Agreements with any third party including but not limited to broadcasting media, sponsorship, marketing, merchandising, licensing and advertising, for the general promotion of each or any of the Clubs in the Competition and the Company, and which have the object of promoting the welfare and general commercial interest and increasing the financial resources of each of the Clubs, the Company and the Competition.

**“Company”** means The Southern Combination Football League, which administers the Competition and shall, where the Competition is an unincorporated entity, include that entity.

**“Competition”** means the Southern Combination Football League

**“Competition Match”** means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Company.

**“Competition Office”** means the registered Offices or addresses where League business is transacted.

**“Competition Secretary”** means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

**“Contract Player”** means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

**“Contractual Disputes Tribunal”** shall be as defined in Rules of The FA.

**“Control”** means the power of a natural person, legal entity, or any other body to exercise, or to be able to exercise or acquire, direct or indirect control over the policies, affairs and/or management of a Club, whether that power is constituted by rights or contracts (either separately or in combination) and having regard to the considerations of fact or law involved, and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, Control shall be deemed to include:

- a) the power (whether directly or indirectly and by any means including without limitation by way of those that in the opinion of the Board are acting in concert) to appoint and/or remove all or such of the members of the board of directors of the Club as are able to cast a majority of the votes capable of being cast by the members of that board; and/or
- b) the holding and/or possession of the beneficial interest in, and/or the ability to exercise the voting rights applicable to, shares (or other equity securities) in the Club (whether directly, indirectly (by means of holding such interests in one or more other persons) or by contract including without limitation those that in the opinion of the Board are acting in concert) which confer in aggregate on the holder(s) thereof 30 per cent or more of the total voting rights exercisable at general meetings of the Club;

For the purposes of the above, any rights or powers of a nominee or of an associate (as defined in the Rules of The FA Challenge Cup) of a person shall be attributed to that person.

**“Criteria Document”** means the document entitled “National Ground Grading Document” issued by The FA from time to time and shall, unless stated to the contrary, mean the latest edition of the document.

**“Creditor Compromise”** shall mean an agreement reached by a Club under a Company Voluntary Arrangement (under the Insolvency Act 1986) or a Scheme of Arrangement (under the Companies Act 1985 or Companies Act 2006). Or a restructuring plan (under Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006)

**“Day”** means any day on which the Competition Office is open for normal business but excluding, unless the Board determines otherwise, a Saturday, a Sunday or a Bank or Public Holiday

**“Embargo”** means a ban placed by the Board on a Club in respect of player registrations, as more fully defined in Appendix H

**“Embargoed Club”** means any Club subject to an Embargo.

**“Event Doctor”** means an individual qualified in accordance with the requirements set out in ‘Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds’ (known as ‘Green Guide’), as in force from time to time (formerly known as a crowd doctor).

**“Fees Tariff”** means a list of fees approved by the Company at a general meeting to be levied by the Company for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules.

**“FIFA Quality Concept”** means the:

(a) FIFA Quality Concept Handbook of Requirements for Football Turf Surfaces (January 2012 Edition); and

(b) FIFA Quality Concept – Handbook of Test Methods for Football Turf (January 2012 Edition), and any amendment or modification thereof.

**“FIFA Recommended One / IATS or Two Star Certificate”** means the certificate of that name awarded by FIFA following compliance with the applicable requirements of the FIFA Quality Concept.

**“Fines Tariff”** means a list of fines approved by the Company at a general meeting to be levied by the Company for any breach of the Rules.

**“First Aider”** means a person who holds a valid ‘Emergency Medical First Aid in Football’ or ‘Emergency First Aid in Football’ accreditation (or such equivalent qualification deemed acceptable by the FA from time to time).

**“Football Creditor”** means any one of the following:

- The Football Association Limited
- Any Club affiliated with an Affiliated Association
- Any League sanctioned by The Association or an Affiliated Association
- Any full time or part time employee of a Club, or former full time or part time employee of a Club, in respect of sums due to such person by way of arrears of remuneration or expenses. This excludes for these purposes all and any claims for redundancy, unfair or wrongful dismissal or other claims arising out of the termination of the contract or in respect of any period after the actual date of termination.
- The Professional Footballers’ Association Limited
- The Football Foundation
- Any Affiliated Association
- Any pension scheme or plan administered by or on behalf of the Competition.

**“Football Turf (3G) Pitch (FTP)”** means a field of play (as that term is defined in the Laws of the Game) that has, following installation and prior to the commencement of each subsequent Playing Season, been awarded a-the relevant FIFA Recommended Performance requirement (FIFA Two and One Star or Pro and Quality) and which otherwise conforms to the requirements of the Laws of the Game.

**“Grass Pitch”** means a field of play (as that term is defined in the Laws of the Game) that is natural grass, predominantly natural grass or intended to be predominantly natural grass and which conforms to the requirements of the Laws of the Game.

**“Ground”** means the ground on which the Club’s first team plays its Competition fixtures.

**“Insolvency Event”** means any one of the following:

- a. entering into a Company Voluntary Arrangement pursuant to Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (“the 1986 Act”) or a compromise or arrangement with its creditors under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 or a restructuring plan under Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006 or any compromise agreement with its creditors as a whole; or
- b. lodging a Notice of Intention to Appoint an Administrator or Notice of Appointment of an Administrator at the Court in accordance with paragraph 26 or paragraph 29 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act, an application to the Court for an Administration Order under paragraph 12 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act (other than paragraph 12 (1)(c)) or where an Administrator is appointed or an Administration Order is made in respect of it (“Administrator” and “Administration Order” having the meanings attributed to them respectively by paragraphs 1 and 10 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act); or

- c. an Administrative Receiver (as defined by section 251 of the 1986 Act), a Law of Property Act Receiver (appointed under section 109 of the Law of Property Act 1925) or any Receiver appointed by the Court under the Supreme Court Act 1981 or any other Receiver is appointed over any assets which, in the opinion of the Board, are material to the Club's ability to fulfil its obligations as a member of the League; or
- d. the coming into force of a moratorium pursuant to Part A1 of the Insolvency Act 1986; or
- e. shareholders passing a resolution pursuant to section 84(1) of the 1986 Act to voluntarily wind up; or
- f. a meeting of creditors is convened pursuant to section 95 or section 98 of the 1986 Act; or
- g. a winding up order is made by the Court under section 122 of the 1986 Act or a provisional liquidator is appointed under section 135 of the 1986 Act; or
- h. ceasing or forming an intention to cease wholly or substantially to carry on business save for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation or otherwise in accordance with a scheme of proposals which have previously been submitted to and approved in writing by the Board; or
- i. being subject to any insolvency regime in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales which is analogous with the insolvency regimes detailed in (a) to (g) above; and/or
- j. have any proceeding or step taken or any court order in any jurisdiction made which has a substantially similar effect to any of the foregoing.

**“Intermediary”** means any natural or legal person who carries out or seeks to carry out Intermediary Activity and has registered with The Association in accordance with The FA Intermediaries Regulations.

**“Intermediary/Agent Activity”** means acting in any way and at any time, either directly or indirectly, for or on behalf of a Player or a Club in relation to any matter relating to a Transaction. This includes, but is not limited to, entering into a Representation Contract with a Player or a Club. For the avoidance of doubt, a Club Official is not acting as an Intermediary or Agent when they carry out any Intermediary/Agent Activity in relation to any matter relating to a Transaction for or on behalf of that Club. Similarly, a Lawyer is not acting as an Intermediary or Agent when they solely and exclusively undertakes or provides Permitted Legal Advice in relation to any matter relating to a Transaction.

**“Long Term Loan”** means a loan transfer of a Player who is a qualifying Player within the terms of the Rules . from either (a) any date during the first Registration Period to any date during the second Registration Period, or (b) any date during the first or second Registration Period to the end of that Playing Season. For the purposes of this definition only, a “Registration Period” shall mean one of the periods determined by The FA during which players may be registered for a professional men's club.

**“Match Officials”** means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match

**“Membership Year”** means the period in each calendar year from the holding of one annual general meeting of the Company to the holding of the next annual general meeting.

**“National League System”** means the system of competitions controlled by the FA where promotion and relegation links exist between participating Leagues.

**“Non-Contract Player”** means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

**“Officer”** means an individual who is required to make an Owners' and Directors' Declaration by the FA

**“Online Player Registration System”** means the relevant online player registration system as determined by The FA from time to time.

**“Option”** shall be as defined in the Rules of The FA.

**“Owners' and Directors' Declaration”** means a declaration to The FA required from an Officer from time to time.

**“Paid in Full”** shall mean when a Club has either.

paid (in cleared funds) to the supervisor of its Creditor Compromise or its administrator, sufficient funds to pay all its creditors in full (100p in the £) and to cover the costs of the Creditor Compromise or the administration and confirmation of this fact has been received in writing from the supervisor/administrator; or

paid (in cleared funds) sufficient to settle in full (100p in the £) any debts owed to creditors outside a Creditor Compromise.

**“Participant”** shall be as defined in the Rules of the FA.

**“Pitch”** means a Grass Pitch or Football Turf Pitch.

**“Pitch Test”** means the test(s) conducted by a FIFA accredited field test institute or UKAS accredited test institute in accordance with the requirements of the FIFA Quality Concept or IATS.

**“Player”** means any Contract Player, Non-Contract Player or other Player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club or is subject to any suspension from playing.

**“Player Status Rules”** shall be as defined in the Rules of The FA.

**“Playing Season”** means the period between the date on which the first league fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last league fixture in the Competition is played. For Clubs participating in play off matches this does include the period when play off matches are played

**“Play Off Position”** means the position of a Club in the table at the end of each Playing Season which is provided for in Rule 13 as qualifying the Club to take part in a play-off match to qualify for promotion to the next step of football for the next Playing Season

**“Qualified Medical Practitioner”** means a graduate health care professional e.g., a doctor, physiotherapist, paramedic, nurse, sport therapist or sports rehabilitator, having the appropriate valid medical insurance, and being registered with a recognised professional body, (e.g., the General Medical Council, Health Care Professions Council, Royal College of Nursing, Society of Sports Therapists, Sports Therapy Association, Sports Therapy Organisation or Federation of Holistic Therapists Directory Service).

**“Rules”** means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

**“Satisfied”** shall mean that a creditor has consented, and provided evidence of such, to accept a sum in full and final settlement of its debt from a Club. For the avoidance of doubt, a vote to approve a Company Voluntary Arrangement (‘CVA’) by the creditors of a Club, held in accordance with Insolvency Law in operation from time to time, shall deem those debts admitted to the CVA as being Satisfied. The Board shall determine at its absolute discretion whether an amount is Satisfied under the Rules.

**“Scholar”** means a player that has entered into a Scholarship Agreement.

**“Scholarship Agreement”** means an agreement entered into between a Club and a player pursuant to the Player Status Rules

**“Short Term Loan”** means a loan transfer for a period of no fewer than 28 days in any one season.

**“Secured”** shall mean that one of the following legally recognised undertakings has been provided for the payment of the specified sum in full by the AGM at the end of the Playing Season in which the transfer of membership takes place:

- (i) A solicitor’s undertaking for the full amount outstanding.
- (ii) A bank guarantee is held for the full amount outstanding.

In each case to be paid and satisfied in full by no later than the AGM at the end of the Playing Season in which the transfer took place.

The Board shall determine at its absolute discretion whether an amount is Secured or Satisfied under the Rules.

**“Significant Interest”** means the holding and/or possession of the legal or beneficial interest in, and/or the ability to exercise the voting rights applicable to, shares or other securities in the Club which confer in aggregate on the holder(s) thereof ten (10) per cent or more of the total voting rights exercisable in respect of the Shares of any class of Shares of the Club. All or part of any such interest may be held directly or indirectly or by contract including, but not limited to, by way of membership of any group that in the opinion of the Board are acting in concert, and any rights or powers held by an Associate (as defined in the Rules of The FA Challenge Cup) shall be included for the purposes of determining whether an interest or interests amounts to a “Significant Interest”.

**“SSAP”** means a sporting sanctions appeal panel to be appointed to determine an appeal against a deduction of points under Rule 13

**“Team Sheet”** means a form provided by the Competition referred to in Rule 8.21

**“The FA”** means The Football Association Limited

**“Transaction”** means any negotiation or other related activity, including any communication relating or preparatory to the same, the intention or effect of which is to create, terminate or vary the terms of a player’s contract of employment with a Club, to facilitate or effect the registration of a player with a Club, or the transfer of the registration of a player from a club to a Club (whether on a temporary or permanent basis). A completed Transaction is one that has so

achieved the creation, termination, or variation of the terms of the player's contract of employment with a Club, the registration of the player with a Club or the transfer of the registration from a club to a Club.

**"Transmission-Free Period"** means the period determined by The FA from time to time pursuant to Article 48 of the UEFA Statutes and the Regulations Governing the Implementation of Article 48 of the UEFA Statutes.

**"WGS"** means the Whole Game System and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by The FA from time to time.

**"Work Experience Player"** means a Player whose registration is held by a competition other than the Competition and is registered under a Scholarship. The Club taking the Player on work experience will register the Player Non-Contract with a league in which they take part to fulfil the football element of the Scholarship, not the educational part

**"Written"** or **"In Writing"** means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

"Youth Loan" means a loan transfer for a period of no fewer than 28 days of a Player who is a qualifying Player within the terms of the Rules.

- 1.2 The Rules are taken from the Standardised Rules determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standardised Rules then the requirements of the Standardised Rules shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.
- 1.3 Words or expressions used in these Rules shall, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, bear the same meanings as in the Articles
- 1.4 All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Company to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Board in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 16
- 1.5 The Competition will be known as "Southern Combination Football League " (or such other name as the Company may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Company. A Club which ceases to exist, or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Company.
- 1.6 The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Company acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Board in accordance with the Rules Regulations and Practices of the FA
- 1.7 The Company shall be part of the National League System and shall sign such documents as are required from time to time to confirm such membership.

## **2. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

- 2.1 Each Club shall register its Ground, and its pitch dimensions, with the Competition prior to the start of each Playing Season. It will be misconduct on the part of a Club to alter its pitch dimensions during a season unless with prior written consent of the Board. The Board may at any time require a Club, at its own cost, to submit a report from a qualified independent source certifying the pitch dimensions. Dimensions of the field of play for all Competition matches shall be:-

Length - Maximum 120 yards (110 metres) – Minimum 110 yards (100 metres)

Width - Maximum 80 yards (75 metres) – Minimum 70 yards (64 metres)

No Club shall move to another Ground without first obtaining written consent of the Board; such consent not to be withheld unreasonably. In consideration whether to give such consent the Board shall have regard to all the circumstances of the case and shall not grant consent unless it is reasonably satisfied that such consent:-

- would be consistent with the objectives of the Competition as set out in the Memorandum of Association.
- would be appropriate having in mind the relationship (if any) between the locality with which by its name or otherwise the applicant Club is traditionally associated and that in which such Club proposes to establish its Ground.
- would not adversely affect such Club's Officials, Players, supporters, shareholders, sponsors, and others having an interest in its activities.
- would not have an adverse effect on visiting Clubs.
- would not adversely affect Clubs having their registered Grounds in the immediate vicinity of the proposed location, and
- would enhance the reputation of the Competition and promote the game of association football generally.

The Club must disclose, as soon as practicable, plans and details of any proposed move to a new stadium. The location of the proposed new stadium must meet with the approval of the Board.

Without prejudice to the provisions of Rule 4.12 a Club shall forthwith notify the Competition of any proposed change in its circumstances relating to the occupation of its Ground. By way of example, and without limitation, a proposed change may include a sale of any freehold interest (with or without subsequent leaseback) or any surrender or variation or a lease or licence.

- 2.2 All Clubs shall have Grounds and headquarters situated in England, the Channel Isles, Isle of Man if applicable or Wales and the Competition Secretary shall send their names and particulars to The FA annually by the date appointed by, and in the format required by, The FA. Clubs playing in England shall be duly affiliated at all times to a recognised County Football Association. Welsh Clubs shall be affiliated to The FA of Wales. Each Club shall notify the Competition Secretary of its affiliation number each year as soon as practicable after it has received same. Each Club shall return to the Competition Secretary a fully completed questionnaire relating to Form "D" required by The FA by the date given in the circular letter accompanying the questionnaire issued by the Competition Secretary.
- 2.3.1 A Club's Ground may be shared with another Club or any other club (including a club engaged in another sport) providing, where sharing with a football club the Club or club playing in the most senior competition has priority of fixtures at all times and, where sharing with a club engaged in another sport, the Club has priority of fixtures [unless agreed otherwise by the Competition at its sole discretion, applicable only to that Competition, and valid only for one season at a time but open to annual renewal]. A Club will not be permitted to ground share to gain promotion or to avoid relegation. Ground sharing may not be permitted when one of the sharers retains the use of another ground unless that club can show by means of a refused planning permission or similar that it cannot meet the requirements of the Criteria Document at that ground. Any Club wishing to share a Ground or intending to move to a new ground must obtain the written consent of the Board. Any Ground sharing for a period exceeding thirteen (13) weeks must be in writing and a written agreement must first be approved by the Board before being entered into and (except in an emergency) must be completed by 31 March in any year to be effective for the following Playing Season. A copy of the completed signed and dated agreement must be received by the Competition within fourteen days of the approval being sent to the Club.
- 2.3.2 The Club as at 31 March in any year have either:
- (i) Own the freehold of the Ground, or
  - (ii) A lease for the Ground that extends uninterrupted for a minimum of the current and following Playing Season, or
  - (iii) Possess an agreement for the use of the Ground that is acceptable to The Football Association following consultation with the relevant Competition.
- In each case the Club must provide to the Competition of which it is a member and to The Football Association:
- If the Ground is freehold either currently dated Official Copies of the freehold title at the Land Registry in the name of the entity in membership of the Competition or, if unregistered, a Certificate of Title from the Club's solicitor showing that the Ground is owned by the entity in membership of the Competition, or If the Ground is held leasehold a copy of the signed and dated lease in the name of the entity in membership of the Competition; if the expiry date of the lease has already passed or is dated before the end of the next full Playing Season, a certificate from the Club's solicitor as to whether or not a notice has been given by the landlord to terminate the lease. In addition, the Club must provide evidence of registration at the Land Registry or explain why the Lease is not registered.
- If the Ground is subject to an acceptable agreement a copy of the signed and dated agreement for the use of the Ground together with confirmation from The Football Association, following consultation with the relevant Competition that the agreement is acceptable.
- The Club must disclose whether the Club's occupation of the Ground is subject to any third-party option, whether the ground is charged by way of security and whether or not any break clauses in the lease or agreement have been exercised either by the landlord or the tenant.
- In all cases The Football Association and the Competition of which it is a member have the right to call for further information.
- 2.3.3 A Club's Ground must comply with the Criteria Document for the step in the National League System at which the Club is playing. Each Club that is required to hold a safety certificate issued in accordance with safety legislation must lodge a current copy with the Competition. If a Clubs' ground is subject to any reduction in capacity by a public authority it must immediately inform the Competition.
- 2.4 No club which is a "nursery" club [or a reserve side] of a football club shall be eligible for membership of the Company.



A club shall be deemed to be a “nursery” club if it is under obligation, written or otherwise, to a football club by reason of which it has not the sole and entire control of its own management, finance, and Players.

- 2.5 Clubs seeking membership or applying to retain membership of the Company must comply with the requirements provided for in the Criteria Document for the step at which the Club is playing. Only clubs which meet these criteria in full will be eligible for membership. All Clubs visited by representatives of the Competition in pursuance of the document will pay a non-returnable fee. In the absence of a procedure for application for membership being established by The FA, the Board shall establish such procedure.

Board shall establish a procedure for inspecting Clubs’ grounds from time to time to ensure that the grade attained by that ground is maintained.

- 2.6 The Competition and the FA shall determine a time scale whereby all Clubs in membership must attain the grade provided for in the Criteria Document. The grade applicable for each Club for the commencement of a Playing Season shall be that existing at the previous 31<sup>st</sup> July (or by a later date which was agreed at the sole discretion of The FA’s Alliance Leagues Committee (Steps 1 to 4) or Leagues Committee (Steps 5 & 6), such grading to be ascertained by an inspection carried out on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March or as soon as practicable thereafter. Any Club not maintaining the grade set for the Competition may be relegated at the end of the Playing Season to a step determined by The FA.

(Any delay in inspection shall in no way release a Club from its obligation to have its ground ready for inspection. If for any reason a Club’s existing ground, or any new ground in which it proposes to play its home matches in the season following inspection, is not available for grading by 31<sup>st</sup> March prior to the commencement of the relevant season then the Club must, by the 31<sup>st</sup> March, submit to the Board in writing its proposals for a venue for its home matches in the following season (“alternative proposal”), such alternative proposal to be considered (and if appropriate) approved at the next Board Meeting after 31<sup>st</sup> March. The alternative proposal must, inter alia, contain documentary evidence in support of any ground sharing arrangements and evidence that the proposed ground is demonstrably suitable at a level which the relevant Club will be competing. The alternative proposal may not be for a continuation of any ground share arrangement if the Club has had a ground sharing arrangement for the previous 2 seasons, or any part thereof, even if those arrangements have related to more than one ground.

Any approval of the alternative proposal will be subject to the issue of a grading certificate. The Board will use all reasonable endeavours to inspect the ground after receiving the alternative proposal and prior to the Board meeting, but if it is unable to do so then any approval of the alternative proposal will be subject to the issue of a satisfactory grading certificate. In the event of a Club not having received a grading certificate by 31<sup>st</sup> March and not having had its alternative proposal approved at the relevant Board meeting, it shall be relegated forthwith at the end of the playing season to a level determined by The Football Association)

- 2.7 Any Club which is incorporated must be incorporated in England and Wales. Any Club wishing to incorporate shall notify The FA, its Affiliated Association, and the Company Secretary before it makes any resolutions in this regard. Any person wishing to be appointed as an Officer to a Club which is incorporated must comply with the requirements of the FA Owners’ and Directors’ Test Regulations and send to the Competition Secretary a copy of the Owners’ and Directors’ Declaration within 5 days of sending the same to the FA.
- 2.8 In the event that any Club which is an unincorporated association incorporates itself it shall notify the Competition Secretary in writing within 14 days of the passing of the resolution to take this action and shall with such notice provide the Competition Secretary with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company. Any amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of a Club must be notified to the Competition Secretary in writing within 14 days of the passing of the resolution with a copy of the change(s)

## **Transfer of Membership**

### **Transfer as a Going Concern**

- 2.9.1 In the event that any Club which resolves to transfer its membership of the Competition from one legal entity to a different legal entity, other than in the circumstances shown at 2.9.2 below, the Board will use the following minimum criteria in deciding whether to approve that transfer:
- (a) The shareholders or members of the Club have voted to agree to the transfer of the Club’s membership to the new entity.
  - (b) All Football Creditors in the Club must be paid in full or transferred in full (with each creditor’s consent) to the new entity and evidenced as such.
  - (c) All other creditors in the Club must be paid in full or Secured or transferred in full (with each creditor’s consent) to the new entity and evidenced as such.

- (d) The proposed new entity has provided financial forecasts to the FA and the Competition showing its ability to fund the Club for the next twelve (12) months or to the end of the Playing Season following transfer (whichever is the longer) and that evidence of funding sources has been provided.
- (e) The FA must have given approval for the transfer to take place.

**Transfer from Insolvency**

2.9.2 In the event that any Club that is subject to an Insolvency Event resolves to transfer its membership of the Competition to a new entity, the Board will use the following minimum criteria in deciding whether or not to approve that transfer:

- (a) The shareholders or members of the Club have voted to agree to the transfer of the Club's membership to the new entity and/or a licenced insolvency practitioner(s) appointed to the Club has agreed to sell or transfer some or all of the Clubs assets to the new entity;
- (b) All Football Creditors in the Club must be Paid in Full and evidenced as such.
- (c) The proposed new entity has provided financial forecasts to the FA and the Competition showing its ability to fund the Club for the next twelve (12) months or to the end of the Playing Season following transfer (whichever is the longer) and that evidence of funding sources has been provided:
- (d) The FA must have given approval for the transfer to take place; and
- (e) All other creditors in the Club must be satisfied.

and evidenced as such. (This provision is to be read in conjunction with 2.9.3 below.)

In the event that requirement (e) is not fully complied with, and only where the Board, at its absolute discretion, deems there to have been exceptional circumstances surrounding the application for the transfer, it may approve the transfer (subject to compliance with all other provisions (a) to (d) above) and may apply such conditions as it deems appropriate including, without limitation, the deduction of points.

2.9.3. Nothing in Rule 2.9.2 above shall limit in any way the application of Rule 13B of these Rules.

2.10 The Competition shall allow for up to 55 member Clubs. There will be 2 divisions of up to 20 Clubs in each division where possible. The divisions will be called Premier Division and Division One. The Competition shall allow for up to 16 associate Member Clubs who are the recognised first teams of such clubs. The division will be called Division Two. It shall be allowed for these numbers to be increased to accommodate any anomaly in the National League System. The Competition shall also allow for the recognised second teams of Clubs participating in a higher league in the National League system to compete in the Under 23 Division. Meeting of the Company each year. The Youth Section shall be open to recognised Youth teams of Clubs competing in the League and also to Youth teams of Clubs participating in a higher league, organised by the Company into groups of teams as they deem fit. A Club entered into membership at the Annual General Meeting shall be subject to the application of the Rules until the date of the following Annual General Meeting.

2.11 Any Club or Club representative found guilty of serious irregularities regarding Players Contract payments under The FA Rules may be expelled from the Company in accordance with these Rules and, in addition, may be fined such sum as the Board shall determine.

2.12 The Company will hold a membership register of the full name of the company/unincorporated entity constituting each Club. If the Club is an incorporated entity, it must provide the Company with its company name and registration number. If the Club is an unincorporated entity, it must provide the Company with the name of an individual in whose name the membership of the Company will be vested. A Club must notify the Company of all proposed changes to the information held by the League in the membership register in respect of the Club including any proposed change of company name or the name of an individual in whose name the membership of the Company is vested.

Clubs are required to submit a fully completed membership agreement form prior to the Annual General Meeting each Season.

The Company will provide a copy of its membership register to The FA annually.

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2.13 Each Club shall publish its legal name, form (e.g., unincorporated association, company limited by shares or guarantee etc) and any identifier (e.g., company number). In addition, for those Clubs that are owned, then the Club shall also publish the identities of the ultimate owner (i.e. the name of an individual) of each Significant Interest in the Club. Such information shall as a minimum be published on the Club's official website on a page accessible directly from the home page of that official club website and/or within the Club's official matchday programme.

2.14 Not applicable

- 2.15 In the event that an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to any Club, that Club must inform and keep informed the Competition Secretary and The FA immediately.
- The Board shall have the power to suspend a Club on notification of it having entered an Insolvency Event.
- At the discretion of the Board, a suspension may take effect from the giving of the notice, or it may be postponed subject to any conditions as the Board may think fit to impose.
- In the event that a Club is suspended, or its suspension is postponed, the Board shall have power to make such payments as it may think fit to the Club's Football Creditors out of any monies due to that club from the Company.
- 2.16 An Officer must submit an Owners' and Directors' Declaration to The FA in accordance with the Reporting Requirements set out in the FA's Owners' and Directors' Regulations that apply from time to time. The Club must provide a copy of any such Owners' and Directors' Declaration to the Competition at the time it is submitted to the FA.
- No individual will be permitted to act as an Officer if they fail to meet any of the requirements of the Owners' and Directors' Declaration, as set out in the Rules of The FA.
- In the event that an individual/entity is found to have either:
- Completed false or misleading statements on their Owners' and Directors' Declaration.
  - acted as an Officer when in breach of the requirements of the Owners' and Directors' Declaration.
  - Acted as an Officer without the FA having given written confirmation to the Club in accordance with the FA's Owners' and Directors' Regulations that the individual may so act; then the individual/entity or Club shall be subject to such fine or other sanction as may be determined by The FA.
- In the event that the Competition receive a Notice from the FA issued in accordance with the FA's Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations for the suspension of that Club's Competition membership, then that Club shall be suspended from the Competition with effect from 14 days from the date of the Notice. An appeal of the effect of the Notice is to the FA and can only be made by the affected Club and in accordance with the appeal procedures set out in the FA Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations. The effect of the Notice shall be suspended pending the outcome of an appeal.
- The FA shall advise the Competition and the Club in writing where it becomes satisfied that a Disqualifying Condition as defined in the FA Owners' and Directors' Test no longer applies. Upon receipt of this written notification from The FA, the Competition may remove the suspension of the Club's Competition membership. Where a Club is suspended and that causes a match in the Competition not to be played, the Board shall determine how the outcome of that match shall be treated.
- 2.17 Within fourteen days of a change in a Significant Interest at a Club or the appointment or removal of any director of a Club, written notice thereof, together with such details as are required to be filed with the Registrar of Companies, shall be deposited at the Competition Office.
- 2.18 If during the course of a season the Board decide that the organisation and management or finances of a particular Club fall below the standards appropriate to membership of the Competition, the Competition Secretary shall be instructed to warn the Club at once that it may be excluded from membership of the Competition at the end of that playing season. Such a Club shall have the right to appeal to The FA within 14 days of the date of notification of the Board's decision.
- 2.19 The Competition, through the Board shall be empowered from time to time by subscription, levy or otherwise to require Clubs to contribute such sum or sums of money to the funds of the League as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the League. Such contributions by Clubs may be collected by deduction from sums due to Clubs under any promotion agreement [commercial contract] or from sponsorship money due or by whatever means the Board shall think fit. There shall be added to any sums to be contributed from Clubs, if applicable, Value-Added Tax at the then prevailing rate.
- 2.20 Any Club failing to be represented at an Annual General Meeting or any other General Meeting called in accordance with the Rules, without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Whenever required to do so Clubs must ensure that their Manager, or an Assistant Manager, attend in person any Meeting of clubs called by the Board. Failure to do so without just cause shall be breach of these Rules and be dealt with in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- 2.21 The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination.
- 2.22 The Competition and each Club does not and must not [by its rules or regulations or] in any manner whatsoever unlawfully discriminate against any person within the meaning and scope of the Equality Act 2010 or any law, enactment, order, or regulation relating to discrimination (whether by way of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability, or otherwise).

- 2.23 The Competition and each Club shall make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability, or otherwise.
- 2.24 Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate sanctioning Association for investigation.
- 2.25.1.1 Each Club shall comply with the provisions of Appendix [ ]-the 'Licencing System', as approved by the FA Council from time to time.

### **3. MEMBERSHIP – ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION**

- 3.1 Any Club applying allocated for membership of the Company shall submit to the Company a fully completed Membership application form and the application fee [and non-refundable ground inspection fee set out in the Fees Tariff.
- 3.2 Clubs which have qualified for membership of the Company must confirm their acceptance of membership on the appropriate Competition form to be received by the Company at least 14 days prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the Company accompanied where appropriate by the membership fee set out in the Fees Tariff.

The annual subscription shall be paid by each Club to the Company no later than 21 days following receipt of invoice. Clubs failing to pay will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Any Club which remains in default seven days prior to the commencement of the Southern Combination Football League season shall be expelled from the Competition.

### **4. POWER OF THE BOARD**

- 4.1 The Board shall have power to deal with all matters of management of the Competition covered by the Rules. The Board shall conduct the business of the Competition and shall meet as often as is necessary for this purpose.

The Board may appoint such committees as it deems appropriate which shall be fully empowered to act on the Board's behalf subject to ratification by the Board. The Board shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of the Football Association or affiliated Association.

- 4.2 Save where specifically provided otherwise in these Rules, the Board shall have power to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Company or the Competition including any not provided for in these Rules. The Board shall also have the power to issue an order or instruction, by way of a Board Directive, in the best interest of the Competition, on any matter not provided for in these Rules, with which Clubs must comply or be subject to sanction under Rule 4.6, save where any such Directive is inconsistent with a Rule or Regulation of The FA, in which event the Directive will not create a binding obligation on Clubs.

- 4.3 All decisions of the Board shall be binding, subject to a right of appeal to The FA pursuant to Rule 17. Decisions of the Board must be notified, in writing, to all concerned within fourteen days of the making of such decision.

Upon becoming aware of any breaches of these Rules the Board shall write to the entity suspected of a breach formally charging the party giving at least 7 days' notice of the time, date and venue of the meeting at which the charge shall be considered.

The party charged will respond in writing to the Board within 7 days stating whether or not the charge is admitted and in default the Competition will deal with the case on the evidence it has at the time. If the charge is disputed or if the party admitting the charge wishes to present a plea in mitigation, it shall have the right to a personal hearing. The party charged also has the right to waive the 7-day requirement and allow the charge to be considered in less than 7 days after the party has been charged.

If the party charged disputes the charge or wishes to have a personal hearing to present a plea in mitigation, then it shall submit its case in writing to be received by the League Secretary at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting set to consider the charge and in default the Board will be at liberty to proceed to hear the charge without the benefit of written submissions from the party charged.

- 4.4 Where the Rules provide for the imposition of a financial penalty under the Fines Tariff then the Notice of Charge given by the Board under Rule 4.3 above shall refer to the penalty provided for in the Fines Tariff.

If the Rule provides that the penalty for such a breach is in the discretion of the Board then the notice shall also state as such. If the penalty set by Rules is not a financial penalty, then such penalty must still be referred to in the Notice of Charge.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game Rules and Regulations of the Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association prior to any action by the Competition in accordance with FA Regulations.

- 4.5 All fines and charges imposed by the Board shall be received by the Company within twenty-eight days of the date of notification of imposition (unless otherwise ordered). Any Club or person breaking this Rule shall be liable to such penalties as the Board may impose.
- 4.6 If a Club fails to comply with a Board Directive within fourteen days of notification of such order or instruction, or within fourteen days of an operative date specified in that order or instruction, it shall not be allowed to play or take part in the business of the Company until the expiry of 7 days from the day the order or instruction is complied with.
- 4.7 Except where otherwise mentioned, all communications shall be addressed to the Competition Secretary, who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition [and keep a record of its proceedings].
- 4.8 A Club must at all times attend satisfactorily to the business of the Competition and/or the correspondence of the Competition or Company.
- 4.9 If a Club is asked to submit a report in relation to any alleged violation of these Rules it may have a personal hearing, providing it notifies its intention of such within fourteen days of the date of notification from the Company, or the case will be dealt with in its absence.
- 4.10 The Board shall have the power to arrange representative matches at their discretion.
- 4.11 A match (or matches) may be played each season between two clubs nominated by the Board, and it shall be a requirement for such match (or matches) to be played on the date(s) nominated by the Board. All matters concerning the match will be decided by the Board.
- 4.12 In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Board may require a Bond to be paid by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit.

## **5. INTERESTS IN MORE THAN ONE CLUB**

Except with the prior written consent of the Board no person, company, or business institution (including insolvency practitioners) may at any time be interested in more than one Club or in a Club and any other club playing in a Competition sanctioned by The FA. The definition of "interested" shall be the same as provided for by the Rules of the FA Challenge Cup Competition in force from time to time.

## **6. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS**

### **6.1 A qualifying Player registration**

The FA's rules will apply in respect of all matters concerning players.

6.1.1 A Player is one who has been registered via the relevant Online Player Registration System and such registration has been approved by the Competition.

6.1.2 At Steps 1 to 4, a Player's registration with a Club as a Contract Player shall continue until the earlier of the date upon which: (a) the contract between the Contract Player and the Club expires, (b) the Contract Player's registration is transferred to another club, or (c) the contract is cancelled in accordance with Rule 6.5.

A Player will only be eligible to play in a match organised by the Competition if his registration form; transfer form, or loan transfer form, has been received by the Company, via the relevant Online Player Registration System and not less than four hours before the scheduled kick-off of the match in which the player is required to play and found to be in order, and so registered. It is the responsibility of all Clubs to ensure any player registering, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate and in the case of Contract Players, including those on loan, must have approval from The Football Association.

Clubs are also responsible for all players being correctly registered before fielding any player. Failure to do so constitutes misconduct and the Club will be charged with fielding an ineligible player.

The Registration of players are subject to fees in accordance with the fees tariff.

The status of a player must be clearly stated on the registration information submitted. Hard copies of the registration form are not required to be submitted to the Competition. However, these must be completed, signed and retained by Clubs in case of dispute or in case requested by the FA and/or the Competition.

The registration of a Player will be valid from the date of registration to the end of that Playing Season only or, if in the case of a Contract or Loan Player whose contract or loan expires before the end of the Playing Season, for the term of the said contract or loan.

- 6.1.3 A Player may only play under his correct status. Any change of a Player's status during the currency of a registration must be notified to the Competition within five (5) days of the change of registration being affected.

In the event of a Player changing his status with the same Club either from Contract to Non-Contract or from Non-Contract to Contract then that Player must sign a new registration form (which is to be retained by the club) , complete a new registration process via the Online Player Registration System and be re-registered. In default the Player re-registering will be ineligible to play in a match under the jurisdiction of the Competition and Rule 6.9 will be applied in such circumstances where a Club is found guilty of playing a Player who has changed status without re-registering.

A Player whose registration under Contract is cancelled by mutual consent and immediately re-registered by the same Club or a different Club on a non-contract basis shall not subsequently be registered as a Contract player with the Club for which his Contract was cancelled, within three months of the date of the cancellation except with the consent of the Board and The FA.

- 6.1.4 The Board shall have the power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct subject to the right of Appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated conduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the Player is registered with.

(Note: action under this clause shall not be taken against a Player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football Association. For the purposes of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days suspension, or 10 matches in match-based discipline, in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

The Board shall also have the power to place an embargo on the registration, transfer or loan transfer of Players by any Club deemed to be in breach of these Rules.

- 6.1.5 The Board shall also have the power to place an Embargo on the registration, transfer or loan transfer of Players by any Club deemed to be in breach of these Rules. Where a Club has been subject to an Embargo that is ongoing (if applied by the Competition or another) then the Embargo shall continue to apply until the Club can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that the circumstances that resulted in the Embargo no longer apply.

## **6.2 Registration Period**

- 6.2.1 At Steps 1 to 4, the Registration Period shall be the period commencing at midnight on the last day of the immediately preceding Playing Season and ending at 5.00pm on the fourth Thursday in March.]

After 5.00pm on the [fourth Thursday in March] [31st March] new registrations, new loans, and transfer of registrations will be declined or will be approved subject to such limitations and restrictions as the Board may determine and, if so determined, the Player shall only be eligible to play in the matches for which permission is granted by the Board.

## **6.3 Player Status**

- 6.3.1 The status of a player may be:-  
Contract Player  
Non-Contract  
Work Experience  
Scholar  
Short Term Loan  
Long Term Loan  
Youth Loan

## **6.4 Registrations and Registration Procedures**

- 6.4.1 A Player will only be eligible to play in a match organised by the Company under these Rules if the appropriate information is provided via the Online Player Registration System and received by the Company at least four (4) hours before the scheduled kick-off time of such match. No Player whose registration, including Loan registrations, is received by the Company less than four (4) hours before the match organised by the Company in which he is required to play will be eligible. Any loan registration must also be approved by the Football Association before that Player can be considered eligible to play.

The registration of a Player is not automatically valid, and it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure the player is NOT registered with any other Club. When the Player involved was previously registered with another Club it is necessary for that Club to complete a transfer form via the Online Player Registration System or for the players' original registration to have been cancelled prior to or at the same time as the registration to the new Club.

The registration of a Player by facsimile or electronic transmission is not automatically valid and it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure the player is NOT registered with any other Club. When the Player involved was previously registered with another Club it is necessary for that Club to complete the standard Competition transfer form or to have completed the standard Competition cancellation of registration form prior to or at the same as the registration to the new Club.

Registration of existing players from the previous season who wish to register with the same club for the following season, may be made online prior to the commencement of the playing season and the CLUB must ensure that the player signs the existing players form.

Any Club found to have been in breach of any part of Rule 6.4.1 will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and will be dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.9.

- 6.4.2 Each Club must have at least sixteen (16) Players registered seven (7) days before the start of each Playing Season.

[6.4.3] Not applicable

- 6.4.4 In the event of a Player signing registration forms for more than one Club, priority of registration shall decide for which Club he is entitled to play. The Club submitting the latter form shall be notified of the prior registration of the Player, and the circumstances under which the registration forms were signed shall be investigated by the Board. Any Player found to have signed registration forms for more than one Club, or any Club found to have knowingly induced a registered Player of another Club to sign a registration form, shall be dealt with by the Board in such a manner as it shall think fit.

- 6.4.5 Except where mutually agreed between the Clubs in writing, and specific approval has been given by the Board a Club cannot register or transfer more than one Player, contract, or non-contract, from another Club at any one time unless a period of 28 days has elapsed between the first and the second notice of approach or acknowledgement.

- 6.4.6 If a non-contract Player also registers for a club not in membership of the Competition, his registration for the Competition may be retained by the Club.

### **LOAN AND WORK EXPERIENCE THRESHOLDS Number and Type of Registrations Permitted**

- 6.4.7 Subject to Rule 6.4.8 the following numbers and types of registrations are permitted during a Playing Season:

<u>TYPE OF REGISTRATION</u>	<u>WHO DOES IT APPLY TO?</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>RIGHT OF RECALL</u>	<u>NUMBER PERMITTED DURING PLAYING SEASON</u>	<u>NUMBER PERMITTED TO/FROM ONE CLUB</u>
<u>SHORT TERM LOAN</u>  (Also see Rule 6.6.2)	<u>Any Contract Player</u>	<u>Minimum: 28 days.</u> <u>Maximum: Until end of Playing Season ^1</u>	<u>Cannot be recalled within first 28 days (except goalkeepers)</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>2 permitted to or from any one Club or club at any one time</u>
<u>LONG TERM LOAN</u>  (Also see Rule 6.6.3)	<u>Any Contract Player</u>	<u>(a) Full Playing Season; or;</u> <u>(b) Any date during first professional game registration period to any date during second professional game registration period; or</u> <u>(c) Any date during second professional game registration period to the end of Playing Season</u>	<u>Within the first or second registration period during which players may be registered for a professional men's club (except where the Player is a goalkeeper or where the Player is being transferred permanently)</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>2 permitted to or from any one Club or club at any one time</u>
<u>YOUTH LOAN</u>  (Also see Rule 6.6.4)	<u>(a) scholars in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a Scholarship at a Premier League or EFL club</u>  <u>(b) Contract Players aged 20 or below on 1 July immediately preceding the Playing Season</u>	<u>Minimum: 28 days</u>  <u>Permitted at any time of the Playing Season</u>  <u>Cannot extend beyond the date immediately preceding the date of the Player's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday or the date of the Player's contract with their parent club expires</u>	<u>Player may continue to train and play for their parent club (in non-first team matches)</u>	<u>Unlimited (to or from clubs at Steps 1-4)</u>	<u>2 permitted to or from any one Club or club at any one time</u>
<u>WORK EXPERIENCE</u>  (Also see Rule 6.6.5)	<u>Work Experience Player</u>	<u>No minimum or maximum limits</u>	<u>No specific restrictions on ability to recall player</u>  <u>Player may continue to play for their parent club (in non-first team matches)</u>	<u>Unlimited</u>	<u>3 permitted to or from any one Club or club at any one time</u>

<sup>^1</sup> Note: there are additional Short Term Loan restrictions for players registering from EFL clubs. These can be found in the EFL's Regulations.



- 6.4.8 No more than a combination of four(4) Short Term, Long Term or Youth Loans from any one club during a single playing season are permitted. One additional Youth Loan may be added to this figure.
- 6.4.9 A club may name up to a maximum of five (5) players on a Team Sheet who are registered as either a Short-Term Loan, Long Term Loan, [Youth Loan] or Work Experience. A breach of this rule by a Club which results in more than 5 of such players entering the field of play during the course of a Competition Match shall be treated as that club having played an ineligible player(s) and will be dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.9
- 6.4.10 The Company may, at its discretion, refuse any further registration of players, i.e., place under a registration embargo, any Club which has not completed payment of a transfer or loan arrangement made with another Club (or club) or arranged for the payment to be adequately secured. The Club (or club) which holds the Player's Contract will continue to pay the Player in accordance with his Contract.
- 6.4.11 The company at its discretion may approve at any time the registration of an additional goalkeeper on a short-term basis if none of the Club's registered goalkeepers are available ahead of a competitive Match.

## **6.5 TRANSFERS**

- 6.5.1 The transfer of a Contract Player's registration from one Club to another must be in writing, on a completed transfer agreement that is signed by the Contract Player and the two Clubs and accompanied by the Player's contract and Registration form. The forms must be submitted via the relevant Online Player Registration System.
- Such Contract Player does not become a registered Player of the Club seeking his transfer until the forms have been approved by The FA and the Competition(s).

### **CANCELLATIONS**

Where a Club cancels the registration of a Contract Player, for any reason whatsoever, the Club must submit a notification via the relevant Online Player Registration System or on the relevant Competition/FA

Form and such cancellation must be approved by the relevant parties. To be valid such notification must be signed by an authorised signatory of that Club and the Player.

Where a Club cancels the registration of a Non-Contract Player for any reason whatsoever, the Club must submit via the relevant Online Player Registration System and/or the relevant Competition form. To be valid, such notification must be signed by an authorised signatory of the Club.

### **TERMINATIONS**

Where the registration of a Contract Player has been terminated by either the Club or the Player, this must be in accordance with the provisions Of the Player Statues Rules.

- 6.5.2 The transfer of a Non-Contract Player's registration from one Club to another must be (a) in writing, on the relevant Competition transfer form, signed by the Non-Contract Player and the two Clubs (as required by the Competition), and (b) submitted via the relevant Online Player Registration System for approval and registration. Such Non-Contract Player does not become a Registered Player of the Club seeking his transfer until the transfer has been approved by the Competition. A Non-Contract Player whose registration for a Club is cancelled or transferred for any reason whatsoever cannot, without the consent of the Board, return to his original Club until a minimum of fourteen (14) days has elapsed from the date of the cancellation or transfer.
- 6.5.3 A Club cannot register the transfer of a Contract Player or Non-Contract Player unless that Player has been registered with the transferor Club for at least 14 days, unless that Player is a goalkeeper.
- 6.5.4 A Club shall submit to the Board any contract it proposes to enter into which gives the Club or any other party to the proposed contract any rights relating to the transfer of the registration of a Player at a date in the future from or to the Club or any rights relating to the employment for the Player by the Club. Any such proposed contract shall be subject to the approval of the Board.

## 6.6 Temporary Transfers (Loans)

6.6.1 Where the Rules of the relevant League permit Short Term Loans, Youth Loans and Long-Term Loans of Contract players shall be allowed to or from Clubs in membership of:-

The Premier League

The EFL

Any League operating at Step 1 to 6 of the National League System

on such terms and conditions as shall be mutually agreed by the two clubs and the player. For Loan Transfers between Clubs in the same Competition the transfer must be completed via the Online Player Registration System, with a Competition Temporary Transfer Form completed and retained by the Club. For Loan Transfers between Clubs in different Competitions the transfer must be completed via the Online Player Registration System, to include any applicable loan form (as communicated by The FA from time to time)

The player being taken on loan, must sign a Competition contract registration form which will be valid for the full period of the loan, including any extension to the loan period. If the original Loan agreement contains a pre-agreed recall clause, a Player may be recalled by the loaning Club submitting written confirmation to the borrowing Club, the Competition and The FA.

Where no pre-agreed recall clause exists, the cancellation must be agreed between the loaning Club, the borrowing Club and the Player. The loaning Club must submit written confirmation to the borrowing Club, the Competition and The FA.

The Competition's standard cancellation form must be used to prematurely end the Temporary Transfer period. The temporary registration for the borrowing Club will automatically be deemed to be cancelled upon maturity of the temporary transfer period.

Where a Short-Term Loan, expires, and is not renewed simultaneously, any subsequent Short-Term Loan, of that Player to the same Club will be subject to a minimum duration of 28 days.

Where a Short-Term Loan (Youth Loan) or Long-Term Loan (or period of Work Experience) expires on or after the last match of the season and the Club finishes in a Play-off Position and both clubs agree, the Loans shall be extended to include the clubs remaining Play-Off Matches. Any such extension is not subject to any time limits that would otherwise apply and must be agreed in writing by the players' parent club and be registered with the Competition in accordance with these Rules. and registered with The FA in accordance with the Player Status Rules

6.6.2 Short Term Loan Transfers – A Club can have up to a maximum of Twelve (12) short term Loans during a playing season. The maximum period of a Short-Term Loan transfer must be twenty-eight (28) days with a maximum period to the end of the Playing Season. Clubs playing in Competitions at Steps 1 to 4 of the National League System may register players on a Short-Term Loan from clubs in the EFL.

The Competition shall not approve more than two (2) Short Term Loan transfers to or from any one club, EFL clubs, at any one time.

(subject to the overall limit of four (4) Players joining a Club from another club in any Playing Season as set out at Rule 6.6.1).

On completing the Competition Temporary Transfer Form (for internal Temporary Transfers) or FA form H3, (for Temporary Transfers involving two competitions) a Club must retain copies in case of dispute or if called in case requested by the Competition or The FA. Clubs must also take the appropriate action on the Online Player Registration System.

To extend the period of any Short-Term Loan transfer a further Competition Temporary Transfer Form (for internal Temporary Transfers) or FA form H3 (for Temporary Transfers involving two competitions) must be completed and copies retained as directed above. If the Short-Term Loan transfer is extended only the Club for whom the Player was originally registered will be allowed to cancel the agreement at any time within the extension period, i.e., after 28 days. In the case of a goalkeeper Clubs may mutually agree, if they so wish, to include a recall clause in the agreement to enable the Club for who the Player was originally registered to recall the Player at any time during the loan period. Players other than goalkeepers may not be recalled within the first month, i.e., 28 days of any loan.

Any Short-Term Loan transfer which may terminate after the last day for registrations may be extended for a further period provided the loan period does not extend beyond the current Playing Season.

Short Terms Loan Transfers which become permanent before their expiry date shall not count against a Club's quota of days or Players.

- 6.6.3 Long Term Loan Transfers –Clubs may have up to a maximum of Six (6) Long Term Loan Transfers of any age during a Playing Season.

Clubs playing in Competitions at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System may register players on a Long-Term Loan from other clubs playing in Competitions at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

Only Clubs playing in Competitions at Steps 1 to 4 of the National League System may register players on a Long-Term Loan from clubs in the Premier League or EFL.

A Player on Long Term Loan may be recalled on any date from the beginning of the Loan until the agreed summer transfer window deadline, provided that the initial 28 days have elapsed, except in the case of a goalkeeper and within the agreed winter transfer window, except for a goalkeeper or where the Player is to be transferred permanently by the Club (or club) holding his registered contract in each case, subject to the agreement of the loaning Club, the borrowing Club and the Player which may be pre-agreed in a recall clause in the original Loan agreement.

To extend the period of any long-term loan transfer a further Competition Temporary Transfer Form (for internal Temporary Transfers) or FA form H3 (for Temporary Transfers involving two competitions) must be completed and copies retained as directed above.

The Competition shall not approve more than two (2) Long Term Loan transfers to or from any one club, including Premier League and EFL clubs, at any one time. (subject to the overall limit of four (4) Players joining a Club from another club in any Playing Season as set out at Rule 6.6.1).

- 6.6.4 Not Applicable

- 6.6.5 Not Applicable

## **6.7 CLUB LIST OF PLAYERS AND TRANSFER LIST**

[Clubs shall furnish the Competition Secretary by 1st June with the following details:

- 6.7.1 a list of Contract Players whose agreements do not terminate at the end of the current season.
- 6.7.2 a list of contract Players in respect of whom the Club has exercised an Option in accordance with the Player Status Rules.
- 6.7.3 a list of Contract Players in respect of whom the existing agreements do not include an Option but which the Club is desirous of offering further engagements, in accordance with the Player Status Rules.
- 6.7.4 a list of Contract Players in respect of whom the Club has exercised an Option in accordance with the Player Status Rules but whose registration the Club is prepared to transfer.
- 6.7.5 a list of Contract Players the Club has released.
- 6.7.6 a list of all Players whose registration the Club wishes to be cancelled.

Clubs shall also complete the standard Competition forms and return these by this date.

A Club relegated from the EFL shall advise the Competition Secretary by 30th June the names of Players retained by that Club for the season, taking into consideration the contents of the EFL Regulations.

## **6.8 SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS**

A Club at its discretion may use five substitute Players at any time in a match, provided this is in accordance with the Laws of the Game. A substitution can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. When a Club is making a substitution, it shall use a board to show the number of the Player to be substituted and the number of the substitute Player. The substitution board used shall be branded as determined by the Competition.

A maximum of five substitutes may be nominated and they must be included on the official Team Sheet handed to the Referee before the match in accordance with Rule 8.20. A substitute may not be used to replace a Player who has been suspended from the match by the Match Officials.

If a Player does not take part in the match for which he is a nominated substitute, he shall be deemed as not having played for the Club in that match.

## **6.9 PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER**

Any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a match or matches shall have any points gained from that match or matches deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine. The Board may also order that such match or matches be replayed on such terms as are decided by the Board which may also levy penalty points against the Club in default.

The Company may vary this decision in respect of the points gained only in circumstances where

- (a) the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or
- (b) where the ineligibility is related to a change in Player's status with the Club for whom he is registered or
- (c) where the Board determine that exceptional circumstances exist.

## **6.10 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- 6.10.1 Subject to clauses 6.10.2 to 6.10.7, and to the Rules and Regulations of The FA, a Club may negotiate a financial arrangement with its Players.
- 6.10.2 All Players under a written contract must be registered with the Competition and The FA.
- 6.10.3 All payments and benefits due and/or made to the Player must be shown in the contract.
- 6.10.4 All payments made to Players must be made by the Club and fully recorded in the accounting records of the Club.
- 6.10.5 All salaried payments (whether to Contract or Non-Contract Players) must be subject to PAYE and National Insurance.
- 6.10.6 All salary payments due on written Contracts must be stated gross, before PAYE and National Insurance deductions.
- 6.10.7 Any Players paid expenses should be reimbursed via an expense claim form. The club should retain all expense records in a format acceptable to HM Revenue and Customs.

## **7. CLUB COLOURS**

- 7.1 On or before a date specified by the Company each year, every Club shall notify the Competition Secretary, in writing, of details of their first-choice colours for outfield players and their goalkeeper (shirts, shorts and socks) and such details shall be printed in the Handbook published by the Company for the ensuing Playing Season.

The colours registered by each Club shall be worn during the following season when playing at home. Shirts must be numbered 1 to 20 or such that the numbers can be clearly identified by officials and spectators. Striped, hooped or otherwise patterned shirts shall have numbers affixed to contrasting patches or numbers in a contrasting colour with bold outline. No changes to the first-choice colours or combination of colours shall be permitted without the consent of the Board. Subject to the consent of the Board, each Club is authorised on one occasion per Playing Season to wear an alternative strip in a home match.

- 7.2 When playing away from home, clubs must play in colours (shirts, shorts, and socks) which are clearly distinguishable from those of their opponents and the Match Officials, in particular the goalkeeper must play in kit clearly distinguishable from the colours of the shirts worn by all other Players in the match and the Match Officials.

Neck and cuff rim colours on shirts are not regarded as basic colours for the purpose of the Rule, subject to the foregoing a Club may, if it wishes, wear colours not registered with the Competition for away matches. It is the responsibility of the visiting Club to check that their colours will not clash.

The Goalkeeper may wear tracksuit trousers acceptable to the Match Referee.

- 7.3 No Club shall be permitted to register or play in shirts the colour of which is likely to cause confusion with the outfits worn by the Match Officials (i.e., black, or dark blue).
- 7.4 The Players' shirts must be clearly numbered in accordance with the Team Sheet handed to the match referee before a match and in the Match Day Programme and there must be no change of numbers during the match except for a change of goalkeeper or if permitted by the match referee because of a blood injury. [The shirt numbers, and short numbers if worn, used in all matches played under the jurisdiction of the Competition must be the official numbers as determined by the Competition.]
- 7.5 The Captain shall wear a distinguishing armband [provided by the Competition] to indicate his status.
- 7.6 Both sleeves of the shirts of all Players in matches played under the jurisdiction of the Company shall carry a Competition logo as supplied by the Competition on an annual basis if so decided by the Board. When playing in other competitions the shirts of all Players must include the Competition logo

7.7 A club may apply to the Board for permission to use either (a) a variation of the Competition logo referred to in Rule 7.6 (for example, a variation in size or colour) or (b) in relation to one sleeve of the shirt only, and alternative in place of the Competition logo referred to in Rule 7.6 (for example, advertising) The cost of producing any variation or alternative shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant Club.

Advertising must comply with The FA's Kit and Advertising Regulations.

7.8 The colours of clothing worn by ball boys/girls must not clash with the colours of either competing Club and the Match Officials.

## **8. PLAYING OF MATCHES**

### **ARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES**

8.1 The Board shall fix the date on which the Playing Season shall Commence.

8.2 All matches shall be played under the Rules and Regulations of The FA and in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.

8.3 All Competition matches shall be arranged as soon as practicable. The copyright in all lists of arrangements of such fixtures shall be vested in the Company.

8.4 All matches shall be played on the home and away principle and the Board shall determine how the fixtures shall be arranged.

Saturday fixtures in the Competition shall take precedence over all other competitions in which a Club may engage with the exception of:

- The FA Challenge Cup/Welsh Cup
- The FA Challenge Vase Competition
- The Nominated Cup Competition for which the club is eligible, of the Affiliated Association to which it was first affiliated.

Scheduled Saturday fixtures in the Competition must not be re-arranged without permission of the Competition Secretary. Clubs may be ordered to re-arrange outstanding matches, at the discretion of the Board, and where necessary their prospective opponents instructed accordingly. Clubs with open dates on Saturdays may be instructed to play any outstanding Competition fixture on such date. A minimum of six days' notice will be given in respect of any such arrangement.

Midweek fixtures in the Competition shall not take precedence over fixtures in the Nominated Cup Competition of the Affiliated Association to which it was first affiliated.

8.5 In the event of any club being required to play an FA Cup, FA Trophy or FA Vase match within 48 hours of a scheduled Competition fixture it shall have the right to apply in writing as soon as practically possible (but in any event no later than 48 hours after becoming aware of the relevant Cup fixture) to have its Competition fixture postponed with or without the consent of its opponent. At the same time as it makes the application a copy shall be sent to its opponent who shall raise any objection within a further 24 hours of notification. Thereafter the Competition shall decide in its absolute discretion as soon as reasonably possible as to whether or not the application is approved. The Competition may, in its absolute discretion, consider an application to Competition fixture made by an applicant Club more than 48 hours after it became aware of the relevant Cup fixture.

8.6 The standard kick-off times shall be as follows:

Saturday matches - 3.00 pm

Midweek matches - 7.45 pm [unless a Club notifies the Competition Secretary in writing before the commencement of each Playing Season to state that it wishes all its home midweek matches to kick off at pm]. All agreed changes to time of kick-off to be notified to the Board immediately for confirmation.

Clubs with ground sharing agreements must arrange for home matches to be played on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. If a clash of fixtures occurs with the sharing Club and for any reason a match is unable to be played on a Saturday, the match must be played on either the day before i.e., on Friday, or the day after i.e., on Sunday. If Clubs are unable to agree on the date, then it will be played on the Sunday unless the Board decides otherwise. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding. Official bank holidays and Sundays - unless agreed otherwise by the two Clubs and the Board; application shall be made to the Competition Secretary by both Clubs at least 21 days before the relevant date.

To re-schedule a midweek fixture for an evening other than a Club's usual midweek night will require written agreement of both Clubs and the Competition Secretary.

The Competition Secretary reserves the right to amend scheduled fixtures and kick-off times to meet television requirements as necessary. Notification will be provided by the Competition Secretary in writing to both Clubs for fixtures so rescheduled.

- 8.7 The Board may change any Competition fixtures during the season to suit the overall interests of the Competition and shall have the power to decide whether a ground is suitable for Competition matches and to order a Club whose ground is deemed unsuitable to play its home matches at an alternative suitable ground.
- 8.8 Three weeks' notice is required from Clubs wishing to re-arrange a Saturday match to Friday evening or Sunday. A request made in less than this period of time will only be considered by the Board in exceptional circumstances and granted at their sole discretion.
- 8.9 A Club may not enter its first team in any outside competition, other than those listed in Rule 8.4, without the prior permission of the Board. The Competition Secretary must be informed in writing of all fixtures, postponements, abandonments, and results of all matches played in any other competition.
- 8.10 When a Club obtains the consent of the Board to postpone a fixture due to the non-availability of its Players, that Club shall be liable to pay any expenses directly attributable to such postponement which have been incurred, by the opposing Club. Any claim by the opposing Club must be submitted to the Competition Secretary within three working days of such postponement, with a copy to the Club that obtained the postponement. If the reason for the postponement is the illness of the Club's Players, medical certificates for those Players must be submitted to the Competition Secretary within three working days of such postponement together with a list of all Players registered by that Club with the Competition at the date of postponement with full details of each Player's inability to play entered against each name on the list. The amount of claim will be at the discretion of the Board.

#### **PRE-MATCH ARRANGEMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 8.11 Each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in good Playing condition and amenities (including floodlights) in good working order and complying with the Criteria Document throughout the Playing Season.
- 8.12 All Clubs must have a mobile telephone and an email address operational at all times. These will be listed in the Competition Handbook unless a Club requests otherwise.
- 8.13 The home Club shall advise the visiting Club and the Match Officials of the date and time of kick-off of each match and the team colours, including the colour of the goalkeeper's jersey, it will be wearing, to be received at least five days prior to the match and the visiting Club and the Match Officials must acknowledge receipt to be received at least three days before the match.

Where the home Club has an Artificial Football Turf Pitch. It shall advise the visiting Club and Match Officials of any footwear requirements that apply at least five days prior to the match. The visiting Club must disseminate this information to its players and club officials.

The visiting Club must include in its acknowledgement the team colours, including the colour of the goalkeeper's jersey, it will be wearing.

- 8.14 The home Club is responsible for publishing a full match programme acceptable to the Board for each of its Competition matches. A full match programme available electronically only shall be acceptable providing that each Club has approval from the Board before the commencement of the Playing Season and must be continuous for the whole of that Playing Season. A Team Sheet will not be considered sufficient to comply with this Rule.

The visiting Club must send in writing to the home Club details of their matchday squad and management team together with any supplementary information required by the Competition from time to time (this may include their club crest, Club history, up-to-date pen pictures of their current Players registered with the Competition for the season [latest team photograph] and/or kit colours at least five days before the scheduled date of the match between the two Clubs.

The home Club programme must include the details sent by the visiting Club in the match day programme.

Clubs will be responsible for all comments in their match day programme in respect of the Competition, the Company or other member Clubs, notwithstanding any disclaimers to the contrary. No part of a Club's programme issued for a match in any competition shall, in the opinion of the Board, bring the Competition or the Company into disrepute.

All Clubs will be responsible for their official website or similar computer related information system, which is within the public domain. Nothing shall be included on the website which in the opinion of the Board brings the Competition or the Company into disrepute.

- 8.15 The postponement of matches due to ground conditions must be carried out in accordance with Rule 14.2.
- 8.16 Where a match is re-arranged or cancelled after the officials have been appointed, it is the duty of the home Club to notify the officials of the cancellation of their appointments immediately. Clubs in default of this Rule may be subject to any action decided by the Board.
- 8.17 The Board shall determine the policy of the Competition for the issuing of match day passes. A home Club

cannot refuse the admission into the ground of an away Club Official, as defined in the Rules of the Association, save for that individual being subject to a suspension or banning order from the Association or Competition.

- 8.18 All clubs at Steps 1 to 4 are required to have a working and serviced defibrillator available at all home matches.

## **MATCH MANAGEMENT**

- 8.19 Clubs shall be permitted access to the field of play at least sixty (60) minutes prior to the scheduled kick off time, such access to include the use of fully working floodlights where necessary. Players and Club officials accessing an Artificial Turf Pitch must adhere to any applicable footwear requirements.
- 8.20 All matches shall be of ninety minutes duration. The half time interval in all matches shall not exceed fifteen minutes. Any match which is not of ninety minutes duration may be ordered to stand as a completed match or replayed for the full period of ninety minutes or be awarded to the Club not at fault, as the Board may decide, on such terms as the Board shall decide.
- 8.21 Each Club must hand the Team Sheet containing name(s) of Players taking part in a match (including the name(s) and number(s) of the nominated substitute(s) to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the Referee at least forty-five minutes before the scheduled time of kick-off. The Players' numbers (in accordance with Rule 7) and the colours of the playing strip must be clearly stated. Any Clubs in breach may be fined.
- 8.22 Any Club altering its team selection or numbering after Team Sheets have been exchanged may be fined. A Player who is named on the Team Sheet may be replaced without fine if he is injured warming up after exchange of the Team Sheet. Any subsequent changes must be notified to the referee and to a representative of the opponents before the actual kick-off.
- 8.23 Clubs taking the field of play – For all matches under the jurisdiction of the Competition, Clubs shall be required to enter the field of play together, preceded by the Match Officials, not less than 5 (five) minutes before the advertised time of kick-off.
- 8.24 Each Club shall be prepared to kick-off at the scheduled time unless a satisfactory explanation is offered. Any Club commencing a Competition match with less than 11 Players may be subject to a fine. Each team participating in a match shall represent the full available strength of each competing Club.
- 8.25 In all Competition Matches, the number of Clubs Players and officials seated on the team benches, in the designated technical area, must not exceed 11 unless the team bench facility provides more than 11 individual seats.
- 8.26 Only one person at a time has the authority to convey tactical instructions to the Players during the match from within the technical area.
- 8.27 All team officials and substitutes seated on the bench shall be listed on the official Team Sheet when it is submitted to the Match Officials. Only those persons listed on the official Team Sheet shall be permitted in the technical area.
- 8.28 The occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner at all times. Misconduct by occupants of this area will be reported by the Referee to The FA, who shall have the power to impose sanctions as deemed fit. Any occupant dismissed from the technical area shall immediately go to a location within the ground from which they cannot view the remainder of the game.
- 8.29 With the exception of the team manager, the team coach and any substitutes who are warming up or warming down, all other personnel are to remain seated on the trainer's bench. The team manager or team coach is allowed to move to the edge of the technical area to issue instructions to his team.
- 8.30 Not applicable
- 8.31 Not applicable

## **MATCH STREAMING BY A CLUB**

- 8 Unless determined otherwise by The FA, a Club participating in a Competition Match may offer a live stream of that match online subject to compliance with the following conditions:
- 8.32.1 Consent of the Board to the live stream taking place must be obtained.
- 8.32.2 The two competing Clubs must consent to the live stream taking place and agree any associated live streaming arrangements (including the costs associated with those arrangements, if applicable);
- 8.32.3 Subject to Rule 8.32.4, the live stream cannot take place during the Transmission-Free Period.
- 8.32.4 Where the live stream is to take place during the Transmission-Free Period, it must be geo-blocked so

- that it is not accessible in the UK (or any Crown Dependency of the UK); and
- 8.32.5 A copy of the live stream footage must be provided to The FA, the Board or the opposing Club upon request following the Competition Match.
- 8.33 A Club must provide evidence of compliance with the conditions set out in Rule 8.32 upon request by The FA or the Board
- 8.34 The FA or the Board may take action against any Club for a failure to comply with any of the conditions set out in Rule 8.32 or any failure to comply with a request made pursuant to Rule 8.33.

#### **POST MATCH MANAGEMENT**

- 8.35 Each Club [shall enter information from the match result form by the Method instructed by the Competition and] shall submit the fully completed copy of the appropriate match result forms by first class post, [or facsimile,] [or email,] [or the relevant IT system], [or as otherwise instructed by the competition] to the Appointing Authority and the Competition [within 3 days of the match]. When a Club considers that the Referee has discharged his duties incompetently and awards a mark of 60 or less, a detailed report must be sent to the Appointing Authority within three days of the match by the method instructed by the Appointing Authority. Clubs in default of any provision of the Rule will be subject to a fine for each offence.
- 8.36 In the event that a match is abandoned before half time the Club, Playing at home will issue a voucher to each spectator valid for free admission if the match is ordered to be replayed. In the event that the match is abandoned during or after the half time interval the Club playing at home is not obliged to issue such a voucher.
- 8.37 In the event that a match is abandoned for reasons over which neither Club has control, the club playing at home shall retain the gate receipts for such uncompleted match and the Board shall determine the terms upon which any replayed match shall be played.
- 8.38 In the event of a match being abandoned due to the conduct of one Club or its members or supporters the Board has the power to order that the match is not replayed and to award either one or three points to the Club not at fault. It cannot levy a financial penalty due to the conduct of a Club.
- 8.39 In the event of the match being abandoned due to the conduct of both Clubs or their members or supporters no financial penalty can be applied by the Board to either Club and the Board shall determine whether the original match stands as a completed match or is replayed and, if replayed, the terms upon which the match is to be replayed.
- 8.40 In the event of a match having to be postponed and one Club is found to be at fault then opponents for that match shall be compensated by the Club at fault. In the case of a visiting Club where it has undertaken all or part of its journey then travelling expenses and meal allowances may be claimed based on the total mileage involved in the whole journey. In exceptional circumstances, expenses for overnight accommodation up to a maximum of 18 persons may be claimed. In some instances, compensation may also be claimed when neither of the Clubs is at fault. The Board will determine the amount of compensation payments to be made, if any.
- All claims for compensation by either Club in the case of either an abandoned match or a postponed match must be received by the League Secretary within 14 days of the date of the match to which the claim relates.

#### **POST MATCH ADMINISTRATION**

- 8.41 The home Club shall be responsible for notifying the Competition immediately following the conclusion of each home Competition match the result of that match together with the attendance, the times of all goals scored in the match and the scorer of each goal. In any FA or AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION Competition the home Club if two Clubs are playing the tie, or the Club if the match involves a team outside of the Competition, must also follow this procedure.
- 8.42 In the event of the match being postponed, not completed, or abandoned, the home Club must immediately telephone the Competition results service, the Competition Secretary and, in the case of a match postponement, the Appointing Authority, the visiting Club and the Match Officials. When a postponement occurs in any FA or County Cup competition, the home Club, if two Clubs are playing the tie, or the Club if the match involves a team outside of the Competition, must also follow this procedure.
- 8.43 Where a match has been postponed for any reason, the two Clubs concerned must agree within 7 days of the postponement a new date (which shall, save in exceptional circumstances, be within 42 days of the original date) and in default the Board is empowered to order Clubs to play on a date it considers suitable.
- Any Club without just cause failing to fulfil an engagement to play a Competition match on the appointed date shall for each offence be liable to expulsion from the Competition and/ or such other disciplinary action the



Board may determine, including the deduction of up to a maximum of three points from the offending Club's record, any expenses incurred by their opponents, and a fine.

In the event of a Club being in breach of the previous paragraph of this Rule then the Board may award points to the Club not at fault as if the match had been played and the League table shall reflect the position as if the match had been played with the result awarded by the Board.

## 9. REGISTERED INTERMEDIARIES/ AGENTS

- 9.1 A Intermediary/Agent cannot have an involvement in any Club in an official capacity (as defined by the Board) nor may he hold office with the Competition.
- 9.2 All Clubs must comply with The FA Regulations concerning I intermediaries/Agents.

## 10. FINANCIAL RECORDS

- 10.1 All Clubs shall keep their accounting records for recording the fact and nature of all receipts and payments so as to disclose with reasonable accuracy, at any time, the financial position including the assets and liabilities of the Club.

- 10.2 The home Club shall retain all gate receipts. Where a match is declared all ticket the Away [visiting] Club shall be entitled to 15% of the total number of tickets available (or a minimum of 600 at step 3, whichever is the greater), subject to any stipulation by the relevant safety authority affecting these figures. **A reasonable allocation of the total disabled spectator accommodation where appropriate shall be made available to disabled supporters of the Away Club.**

Clubs must ensure that all gate receipts are fully and properly recorded and accounted for in the accounting records of the club.

Clubs should have a system in operation for home games that enables them to accurately report on the following.

A record of all tickets sold in advance.

A reconciliation of cash received by category of entrant through each turnstile.

The number of entrants through each turnstile

A schedule of the numbers admitted to parts of the stadium that do not pass through a turnstile.

A list of complimentary tickets authorised.

This documentation should be reconciled to the overall takings and declared attendance for each home game.

- 10.3 For Competition league matches only, the travelling expenses of match officials shall be pooled, each Club rendering on the match report details of all payments made. The Company shall, at the conclusion of the season, divide the total cost of officials in each division by the total number of Clubs in that division and where the total payment made by the Club is less than the equal share of the pool, the Club shall pay the difference within 14 days of the date of posting of the written notification to the Club. Where the sum paid by the Club is more than the equal share of the pool, the Club will be reimbursed from the pool of monies received from all the other Clubs.

- 10.4 In the event of a transfer of a Player where a consideration is agreed, the consideration can only be paid between the two clubs (the transferor and transferee clubs).

The full name of each contracting club should be stated in the transfer agreement. The full consideration involved must be recorded in the accounting records of both clubs.

- 10.5 Any Club temporarily transferring a Player's registration to another club should invoice the receiving club in accordance with the terms of the loan agreement. The Player concerned should remain on the payroll of the Club holding his permanent registration for the period of the loan.

- 10.6 All loans extended to a Club must be documented in full in the accounting records of the Club.

Documentation supporting each loan must be retained and should include the following information:

The value of the loan

The length of the loan

The interest rate charged, and whether this is fixed or variable,

## Repayment terms

The full names of the individual or corporate body extending the loan.

The terms in the event of a default on the loan

The document should be signed by two directors, Officers or Executive Committee Members who are independent of the party extending the loan.

- 10.7 Within nine months of its accounting reference date, each Club shall submit to the Company a copy of its full annual financial statements as Within nine months of its accounting reference date, each Club shall submit to the Company a copy of its full annual financial statements as approved by the Club's board or committee and confirmation that the annual financial statements have been circulated to its members/shareholders.
- 10.8 All Clubs must comply with The FA's 'Third Party Interest in Players' Regulations

## 11. FOOTBALL CREDITORS

Where a Club defaults in making any payments to any Football Creditor, the Club shall be subject to such penalty as the Board may decide, including, but not limited to, an Embargo; a points deduction; a Bond; a suspension; or any combination thereof.

## 12. CHAMPION, RELEGATION

- 12.1 Three points will be awarded for a win at home or away and one point for a drawn match at home or away.
- 12.2 At the end of the Playing Season of each competition a table will be compiled showing the playing record of each Club in each division of the Competition. The playing record of each Club must include any points deduction made by the Competition or by the FA and in any situation where points per game are calculated the calculation will be made after taking into account the deduction of any such points.
- The position of each Club in the table so compiled shall be determined in order with the Club being awarded the highest number of points being first and the Club being awarded the second highest number of points being placed second and so on. In the event of two or more clubs being awarded the same number of points the highest placed Club shall be decided as follows:
- 12.2.1 Goal difference – If any two or more Clubs have scored the same number of points their position in the division shall be determined on goal difference, that is to say. the difference between the total number of goals scored by and against a Club in League Matches in that Season, and the higher or highest placed Club shall be the Club with the higher or highest goal difference. The goals scored against by each Club shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Club and the largest positive and smallest negative difference shall be placed the highest.
- 12.2.2 In the event of the goal difference being equal the highest placed Club shall be the Club which has scored the most goals.
- 12.2.3 In the event that two or more Clubs have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals then the highest placed Club shall be the Club which has won the most matches.
- 12.2.4 In the event of the two Clubs still being equal the Club which has the better playing record against the other Club in their head-to-head Competition matches during the Season will be the highest placed Club.
- 12.2.5 If the records of two or more Clubs are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the Clubs concerned shall play off a deciding match or matches on a neutral ground or grounds with the net gate money after deducting the usual matches expenses being divided equally between the two competing Clubs.
- 12.3 Promotion, relegation and lateral movement of Clubs shall be in accordance with the principles established by the Leagues Committee of The FA.
- 12.4 If no Clubs are eligible or wish promotion, the number of Clubs to be relegated will be reduced.
- 12.5 In the event of a Club, not being placed in a relegation position at the end of the season, wishing to resign from the Competition at the end of the season, or having been removed from membership under the Articles the number of Clubs to be relegated shall be reduced accordingly.
- 12.6 In the event of a Club opting to be relegated or being removed from membership under the Articles such Club or Clubs will replace the Club or Clubs otherwise due for relegation in accordance with Regulation 5.4 in the Regulations for the Establishment and Operation of the National League System.

### **13. INSOLVENCY PROVISIONS**

#### **13.A. SPORTING SANCTIONS**

13.A.1 If an Insolvency Event shall occur in relation to any Club that Club shall be deducted 10 (ten) points.

13.A.2 Where a Club takes or suffers an Insolvency Event:-

13.A.2.1 during the Playing Season but prior to 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday in March, the points deduction will apply immediately;

13.A.2.2 during the Playing Season but after 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Thursday in March then Rule 13.3 shall apply; and

13.A.2.3 outside the Playing Season, the points deduction shall apply in respect of the following Playing Season such that the Club starts that Playing Season on minus 10 points (including a Club or Clubs Relegated from the higher League, where such Club shall be subject to Rule 13 of the higher League Rules) or where it has been necessary under the National League System Regulations for a Club or Clubs to be moved from one league to another and such Club would have been subject to Rule 13.

13.A.3 Where the circumstances set out in Rule 13.2.2 apply and at the end of that playing Season, having regard to the number of Competition points awarded (ignoring any potential deduction):-

- a) the Club would be relegated in accordance with The higher League Rules, the points deduction will apply in the next following Season; or
- b) the Club would not be relegated as aforesaid; the points deduction will apply in that Playing Season and higher League Rules will then apply (if appropriate) following the imposition of the points deduction.

13.A.4 For the purposes of this Rule 13

- a) where any Insolvency Event is taken or suffered other than on a Business Day (as defined by the Insolvency Rules 1986 as amended from time to time) then for the purposes of determining the timing of any points deduction only the action taken or suffered will be deemed to have been taken or suffered on the immediately preceding Business Day; and
- b) if a Company Voluntary Arrangement is approved, then approval of that Company Voluntary Arrangement shall be deemed to have been given at the date of the first meeting of creditors called to consider that Company Voluntary Arrangement, and not the date of any adjourned meeting of the creditors or the meeting of shareholders.

13.A.5 For the avoidance of doubt, where a Club is subject to more than one Insolvency Event (for example Administration followed by a Company Voluntary Arrangement), the Club shall only be deducted one set of 10 points, such deduction to apply with effect from the first Insolvency Event.

13.A.6 The Competition shall serve the Club with written notice of the points deduction (the 'Notice').

13.A.7 A Club may appeal against such a points deduction. Any such appeal will be conducted in accordance with, Part C: Appeals: Non-Fast Track of the Disciplinary Regulations save that the following paragraphs of those Regulations will not apply –1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 21, 23, and 24 In place of those Regulations, the following Rules 13A.8 to 13.A.12 will apply.

13.A.8 The Notice of Appeal shall be lodged with the FA within 7 days of the date of the Notice.

13.A.9 A Club may appeal against an automatic deduction of points solely on the ground that the insolvency proceedings arose solely as a result of a Force Majeure event (the 'Appeal'). For the purposes of this Rule 13, a 'Force Majeure' event shall be an event that, having regard to all of the circumstances, is reasonably considered to have been unforeseeable and unavoidable.

13.A.10 The Appeal Board shall have the power to:-

13.A.10.1 Confirm the deduction of ten points; or

13.A.10.2 Set aside the deduction of ten points and substitute a deduction of Such lower number of points as it shall deem appropriate; or

13.A.10.3 Order that there shall be no sanction at all.

13.A.11 the decision of the Appeal Board shall be final and binding. Any costs incurred by any party in appeal proceedings brought before the Appeal Board shall be met by the Club in any event and shall be considered as a sum due to the Company.

13.A.12 Any sanctions imposed pursuant to these provisions shall not be taken into account in respect of any other sanctions, penalties or fines that may be imposed by the Competition in respect of any breaches of its Rules, Regulations or Articles of Association by the Club.

### **13.B. GENERAL INSOLVENCY**

13.B.1 In the event of a Club entering an Insolvency Event between the end of the AGM and start of the AGM immediately following thereafter ('the next AGM') then it shall automatically be relegated by one Step at the next AGM, unless one of the following requirements has been met, namely

- (i) Prior to the next AGM it has Paid in Full all its creditors (including but not limited to Football Creditors); or
- (ii) Prior to the next AGM it has Paid in Full its Football Creditors and entered a compliant Creditor Compromise. For the purposes of this Rule, a Creditor Compromise shall be considered compliant if it provides for the following:
  - That all Creditors will be paid in Full.
  - The first payment under the terms of the Creditor Compromise shall be made within 28 days of the approval of the Creditor Compromise and shall constitute a minimum of 10% of the total sum payable.
  - The balance shall be paid in equal amounts over the remaining period of the Creditor Compromise.
  - The period of the Creditor Compromise shall not extend beyond three years from the date of approval.

Notwithstanding the above, in the event of a Club being subject to an Insolvency Event at the date of the AGM, then the Club may be subject to such sanction as the Board may determine, (including expulsion from membership of the Competition) unless the Board is satisfied that by no later than 5pm on 31st July (or, if the 31st July falls on a weekend, 5pm on the immediately preceding Business Day) that the Club (or any new entity to which its membership is subsequently transferred under 2.9.2 above) is in a financial position to compete all of its fixtures for the immediate following Playing Season.

This sanction shall apply in addition to any Club being relegated pursuant to its playing record in the same period namely that in the event of the Club having already been relegated by one Step it shall be relegated two Steps.

This provision is subject to Rule 2.9.1 in respect of Clubs which have transferred their membership pursuant to an Insolvency Event and in that case where there is any conflict between any provision of Clause 14 and 2.9.1 then this Clause 14 shall prevail.

**13.B.2** A Club shall not be eligible for promotion or to compete in the Play Offs, at the end of the Playing Season if at 5pm on the date on which the last scheduled League fixture is due to be played that Club:

- a) has entered an Insolvency Event between the date of the AGM and 5pm on the date on which the last scheduled League fixture is played and has not Paid in Full all its creditors to which the Insolvency Event applies (including but not limited to Football Creditors ) or Paid in Full all its Football Creditors and entered a Creditor Compromise to have Paid in Full all other creditors over an agreed period not extending more than three years following the date of approval of the Creditor Compromise: or
- b) has not complied with the terms of a Creditor Compromise by which it is bound or is to seek to extend the period of the Creditor Compromise.

13.B.3 The sanctions contained herein shall be in addition to and not in substitution for any other sanctions contained within the Rules and, in particular, the sanctions set out in Rule 13.A. For the avoidance of doubt, where a Club is subject to more than one connected Insolvency Event, for example Administration followed by a Company Voluntary Arrangement, any sanction applied to it in accordance with Rule 13.B.1 shall be applied in one Playing Season only except as provided for in Rule 13.B.1

#### Compliance With/Extension of Creditor Compromises

13.B.4 Any Club must inform the Competition in writing (and provide supporting evidence) within seven (7) days of the Club:

- (i) making a payment under the terms of a Creditor Compromise and provide evidence of that payment.
- (ii) becoming aware of any failure to comply with the terms of any Creditor Compromise entered into by it (including the failure to make a payment by the due date) or
- (iii) making an application to extend or vary the terms of the Creditor Compromise entered into by it and provide a copy of the application.

- (iv) completing all its obligations under an Insolvency Event and receiving confirmation of such from the relevant Insolvency Practitioner; or
- (v) becoming aware of any consent by creditors to compromise the whole or part of the debt admitted into the Creditor Compromise

13.B.5 Following the approval of a Creditor Compromise, if creditors subsequently consent to compromise the whole or part of the debt admitted to the Creditor Compromise or if any Club makes a successful application to vary the terms of its Creditor Compromise so that the Creditor Compromise is not compliant as provided for in Rule 14.B.1 then that Club shall be automatically relegated by one Step at the end of the Playing Season in which the event takes place. If the Club has already been relegated due to its position in the final table of the Division in which it is competing, then it shall be relegated two Steps.

13.B.6 In the event of any Club

- (i) Failing to comply with the terms of any Creditor Compromise entered into by it (whether securing Payment in Full of all of its creditors or not) including the failure to make a payment by the due date; and/or
- (ii) Breaching any of the provisions of Rule 13.B.4 or failing to notify the Competition of any consent by creditors to compromise the whole or part of the debt admitted thereby rendering the Creditor Compromise as non-compliant as required in Rule 13.B.1.

Then the Board shall have the power to impose such sanction as it deems appropriate, including, but without limitation to expulsion of that Club, the relegation of that club, the deduction of points and an Embargo.

13.B.7 Where a Club has transferred its membership under Rule 2.9.2 the

Provisions of Rule 13B in relation to a Creditor Compromise shall be applied to the former entity that was subject to the Insolvency Event and/or the new entity

13.B.8 National League Only

13.B.9 In the case of a Club or Clubs relegated from a league in the National League System or subject to lateral movement under the National League System Regulations, Rule 13.B.1 shall apply from the date of the AGM of the League of which the Club or Clubs were a member in the immediately preceding Playing Season where the AGM of the Company is later.

## **14. MATCH OFFICIALS**

14.1 Match Officials for all Competition matches shall be appointed by the Appointing Authority.

14.2 No Club shall postpone a Competition match on account of the apparent state of the ground. In the event that such circumstances prevail, Clubs should comply with procedures provided for in the document published by The FA "Recommended procedure for the guidance of Clubs and Referees in determining the suitability of grounds in adverse weather conditions". Should the ground be declared unfit it is the responsibility of the home Club to immediately advise the Competition, the Appointing Authority, the visiting Club and the Match Officials. Inspections should be carried out wherever possible in sufficient time to avoid unnecessary travel by the visiting team.

14.3 In the event of any of the Match Officials appointed for a match not being in attendance at the match or becoming unable to complete the match it shall be completed under the control of the remaining Match Officials unless the competing Clubs are able to agree upon a substitute who is acceptable to the Match Referee; should the appointed Match Referee fail to appear then the senior Assistant Referee must take charge. Any substitute agreed for a match shall be considered a Match Official for the purposes of that match.

In the event that a Club causes a match to be abandoned in relation to the operation of this Rule then that Club shall be charged with failing to fulfil a fixture (Rule 8.37 refers).

For matches where neutral assistants are not appointed, each team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. Any player named as a substitute must not act as a Club Assistant Referee. Any Club in breach of this rule will be liable to a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- 14.4 Match Officials should be present at the appointment at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of kick-off. The appointed Referee may be required to visit the ground earlier if requested to do so by the home Club.
- 14.5 In cases where it is found necessary to stop play owing to the weather or other cause, the Referee must wait a reasonable length of time before deciding on abandonment.
- 14.6 Referees must report on the relevant form all cases where teams commence a match late or without eleven Players on the field of play. Referees must also report their own or any assistant referees' late arrival in any matches and notify those concerned at the time of their intention. Assistant referees must also send an explanation of their late arrival to the Appointing Authority in writing the method instructed by the Appointing Authority within 3 days of the match.
- 14.7 The home Club will be responsible for paying the Match Officials the fees and match expenses set by the Appointing Authority on the day of the match in their dressing room, within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the match (including matches abandoned for any reason). In the case of a postponed match, whether or not gate money is taken, any Match Official who has travelled to the match will be entitled to claim travelling expenses and half their match fee from the home Club. Where provided by the home Club, each Match Official must complete and submit a claim form for expenses.
- 14.8 The home Club shall be responsible for providing Assistant Referees with distinctive flags of a suitable size in an acceptable condition.
- 14.9 Three match balls proposed to be used in the match and, if applicable, supplied by the Company under a ball sponsorship agreement must be submitted to and approved by the Referee before the commencement of the match in his/her dressing room.
- It is the responsibility of the Club playing at home in each match played under the jurisdiction of the Competition to provide match balls in accordance with any match ball agreement signed by the Company. [The official Competition match ball must be used in all Competition matches and pre-match warm-ups.]
- 14.10 The away Club is responsible for the provision of its own practice balls for use prior to the start of each match. The home Club shall supply to the visiting Club a minimum of three practice balls for use prior to the start of the match. The balls provided must be in good condition and, if applicable as supplied by the Competition under a ball sponsorship agreement.
- 14.11 Match Officials officiating in Competitions using the reporting functionality in The FA's Match Official Administration System (MOAS) must report all breaches of Rule via MOAS within 48 hours of the conclusion of the match.
- Match Officials officiating in Competitions not using the reporting functionality in MOAS must report all breaches of Rule to the Competition Secretary in writing within three days of the match on the appropriate form by first class post or electronically.

## **15. WITHDRAWAL OF CLUBS**

- 15.1 A Club must notify the Company not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March each year of its intention to withdraw from the Competition at the end of that Playing Season. Withdrawal of either a reserve or Youth Team must be notified as early as possible but in any event by the date of the Competition AGM. Failure to do so will make a Club liable to a fine .
- This Rule shall not operate so as to preclude promotion, relegation or Lateral movement of any Club to another competition in accordance with Rule 12.
- 15.2 If, between the holding of the Company annual general meeting and the commencement of the next Playing Season, any Club either:
- (i) ceases to operate for any reason; or
  - (ii) gives notice to the Company that it does not intend to compete in the Competition during the next Playing Season then no adjustment shall be made to the number of Clubs participating in the Competition for that Playing Season and the remaining Clubs will form the Competition for that Playing Season.
- 15.3 If, after the commencement of a Playing Season, any Club either:
- (i) ceases to operate for any reason; or
  - (ii) gives notice to the Company that it does not intend to continue competing in the Competition for any reason then the Company may extinguish the playing record of that Club and any monies due to that

Club from the Company shall be forfeited. The Company shall have the discretion to issue charges against that Club and to issue fines against that Club in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- 15.4 From the operative date in Rule 15.2 or 15.3, the Club concerned shall no longer be a member of the Company and shall not be entitled to any further payment from the Company but may be required to make payment to the Company.

## **16. PROTESTS, APPEALS, DISPUTES ARISING FROM PLAYER CONTRACTS**

### **Protests, claims or complaints relating to the Rules.**

- 16.1 Subject to Rules 16.5 to 16.10 below, all protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules shall be heard and determined by the Board, (or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Board) which shall have the power to regulate its own procedure. The Clubs or Players protesting, claiming or complaining must email such protest, claim or complaint to the competition secretary and deposit a fee which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the unsuccessful party (or parties) may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Board.
- 16.2 All such protests claims and complaints must be received in writing by the Competition Secretary within fourteen days of the event or decision to which the protest, claim or complaint relates.
- 16.3 The Board may compel any party to the protest, claim or complaint to pay such expenses as the Board shall direct.
- 16.4 An intention to appeal against a decision of the Board must be lodged with The FA within seven days of the Board providing written notification of its decision.

A notice of appeal against a decision of the Board must be lodged with The FA within fourteen days of the written notification of its decision, accompanied by the relevant fee which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the notice of appeal must also be sent to the Competition Secretary.

All appeals to The FA must be lodged in accordance with- Part C: Appeals Non-Fast Track of The FA's Disciplinary Regulations.

### **Disputes arising from a Player's Contract**

#### *Disciplinary Matters*

- 16.5 Within seven days of receipt of any notice of a fine or suspension imposed by a Club under the Player's contract, the Player may appeal that decision to the Board by giving notice of appeal to the Club and the Board. The Board shall have the power to regulate its own procedure and shall hear the appeal within fourteen days of receipt of the notice of appeal. The grounds of appeal available to the Player shall not be limited and the Board shall have full power to review the facts and any evidence (including hearing from any relevant witnesses).
- 16.6 Within seven days of receipt of the Board's decision, either the Club or the Player may appeal against the decision of the Board to the Contractual Disputes Tribunal in accordance with the Player Status Rules. An appeal to the Contractual Disputes Tribunal shall be heard within 14 days of receipt of the notice of further appeal or, if exceptional circumstances exist which means that the appeal cannot be heard in that timeframe, it shall be heard as soon as practicable. Any reference to the 'League Appeals Committee' in the Player's contract shall be deemed as a reference to the Contractual Disputes Tribunal. Termination

#### *Termination*

- 16.7 A Club, on giving fourteen days' notice to a Player to terminate his Player's contract, must state in the notice his right of appeal to the Board and also the address of the Competition Secretary to whom he must appeal. The notice must advise the Player of the necessity of forwarding two copies of his appeal with the deposit fee specified in the Fees Tariff, to the Competition Secretary within seven days of the receipt of the notice from the Club. A copy of such notice must be received by the Competition Secretary within seven days of the sending of the notice in order to be valid.
- 16.8 A Player on giving fourteen days' notice to his Club to terminate his Player's contract must also notify the Company and The FA of the reasons for the termination of the agreement. . A copy of such notice must be received by the Competition Secretary within seven days of the sending of the notice in order to be valid.

- 16.9 If the recipient of a notice referred to in Rules 16.7 and 16.8 above wishes to do so, he may appeal against the relevant notice to the board within seven days of the date of receipt of the notice in writing by email to the Competition Secretary with the relevant appeal fee as set out in Schedule A to these Rules. The Board shall have the power to regulate its own procedure. The grounds of appeal available to the appellant shall not be limited and the Board shall have full power to review the facts and any evidence (including hearing from any relevant witnesses).
- 16.10 Within seven days of receipt of the Board's decision, either the Club or the Player may appeal against the decision of the Board to the Contractual Disputes Tribunal in accordance with the Player Status Rules. An appeal to the Contractual Disputes Tribunal shall be heard within 14 days of receipt of the notice of further appeal or, if exceptional circumstances exist which means that the appeal cannot be heard in that timeframe, it shall be heard as soon as practicable. Any reference to the 'League Appeals Committee' in the Player's contract shall be deemed as a reference to the Contractual Disputes Tribunal.

**17. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS**

a. Undertakings to be given by Club Employees

All Clubs must incorporate in any contracts of employment with their employees, including Player, an undertaking on the part of the employee not to bring The Competition or any Club into disrepute and an undertaking on the part of the employee not knowingly to do anything or omit to do anything which will cause the Club to be in breach of the Laws of the Game, the Rules of the Football Association or the Rules of the Competition.

Without prejudice to the generality of this rule, all Clubs must ensure they, and where appropriate any Officers of the Club, comply with the obligations of the Football Association's Owners' and Directors' Test.

b. Misconduct in pre-arranging the result of matches.

Any Club, Official or Player offering or receiving a payment or any form of inducement to or from any Club or the Official or Player of any Club; or any Club, Official or Player receiving or seeking to receive any payment or other form of inducement from any other person or organisation to win, lose, or draw a Match under the jurisdiction of the Competition or in which the Club participates by reason of membership of the Competition shall be deemed guilty of misconduct.

*c. Any person charged and found guilty of bringing the Competition into disrepute and any Club, Officer or Member charged and found guilty of misconduct as defined by the Board or of inducing or attempting to induce a player of another Club to join his own Club shall be liable to such penalty as the Board shall deem appropriate.*

**18. TROPHY**

The Company shall present to the Winners and Runners Up of all divisions in the Competition 20 souvenirs, 19 for the Players, and 1 for the team manager. Additional souvenirs cannot be presented except by consent of the Board, and then at the expense of the requesting Club.

In addition, a Competition championship trophy and runners-up trophy will be presented as and when the Board determine.

The Clubs concerned will also receive a permanent souvenir. The trophies are the property of the Company and may never be won outright. A runners' up trophy and medals may also be awarded at the discretion of the Company.

The recipient Club shall be responsible for engraving their details on the trophy before returning same.

The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the trophies:

"We, A.B. the ..... of .....Football Club, C.D. and E.F members of and representing the said Club, having been declared winners of the [ ] Trophy and the same having been delivered to us by the said Competition, do hereby on behalf of the said Club, jointly and severally agree to return the same to the Competition Secretary, on or before 1st March next in good order and condition, suitably inscribed, in accordance with the Rules of the Competition and if the said Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care, we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair."

Any Club not returning the Competition trophy by the due date, returning them in poor condition or without being engraved will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.



## **19. ALTERATIONS TO RULES**

No alteration to the Rules shall be made until they have been approved by The FA. Alterations to Rules shall be approved at a general meeting of the Company.

Proposals for alterations to Rules, together with the name of their proposers and seconders, shall be received by the Competition Secretary not later than 31st October prior to the date fixed for the annual general meeting of the Company in each year or not later than eight weeks before the holding of an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose of amending the Rules.

## **20. ADMISSION CHARGES**

The minimum charge for admission to all matches shall be determined from time to time by the Board.

Admission charges must be the same for home and visiting supporters at Competition matches for equivalent accommodation. If there is no equivalent accommodation, the Board may in its absolute discretion consider the charges set by the home Club and determine a reasonable equivalent admission charge for visiting supporters, which shall be implemented by the home Club until the end of the current Playing Season.

Clubs may, with the written permission of the Board, have a maximum of three Competition Match days each Playing Season during which they can vary general admission charges for adults including allowing free admission.

Concessionary admission charges or pricing policies for disabled people and their carers/helpers, senior citizens, students, children, unemployed, armed forces etc, if available for home supporters, must be offered on a similar basis to visiting supporters.

(The minimum charge shall apply pro-rata to any Season Ticket albeit with a discount of up to 15%. A Club may provide its Sponsors with complimentary tickets at any time but the value of the said complimentary tickets shall not exceed 10% of the value of the relevant sponsorship per season.)

## **21. LONG SERVICE**

21.1 The Board shall be empowered to grant a long service award for 21 years' service with a member Club or 25 years in any other capacity, providing such an award has not already been made by any other competition.

## **22. CENTENARY AWARDS**

A Club celebrating its centenary whilst in membership of the Competition shall be presented with a commemorative award by the Board.

## **23. PLAYING SURFACES**

### **23.1 The Pitch**

with effect from the commencement of Season 2016-17 Competition Matches may be played on:

- (a) Grass Pitch; or
- (b) Football Turf Pitch in Steps 1 to 6

### **23.2 Ground Maintenance**

The Club is to be responsible for the maintenance of the Pitch and for the general maintenance of the ground. The Club must ensure that adequate arrangements are in place to maintain its Pitch in good order, as required under these Rules.

### **23.3 Pitch Standards**

All Pitches must be flat and free from surface depressions and excessive undulations. The maximum slopes allowable shall not exceed an even gradient of vertical to horizontal 1:41 in any direction.

The Competition may require a Club to take such steps as the Board shall specify if not satisfied that an adequate standard of the Pitch is being maintained, including but not limited to the Board commissioning an independent report (including a Pitch Test) on the state of the Pitch, the cost of such independent report to be borne by the Club concerned.

### **23.4 Where a Club proposes to install a Football Turf Pitch (or replace an existing Football Turf Pitch) the following shall apply:**

For matches played under the auspices of National League at Step 1 & 2 of the National League System:-

- (a) the Club shall disclose to the Competition, as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event not later than 7 days following the Club's final match of the Playing Season preceding the scheduled commencement of installation, full details of the proposed contractor installing the Football Turf Pitch and the timescales for installation. The proposed Football Turf Pitch must have a design and

specification that is capable of attaining the FIFA Recommended Two Star Certificate following installation.

- (b) no installation works shall commence until such time as the Competition has approved the proposed installation and the timetable thereof. Installation may only take place outside the Playing Season.
- (c) installation must be scheduled to be completed in sufficient time to enable the completion of a Pitch Test and for confirmation of the results thereof to be supplied to the Competition no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of the following Playing Season.
- (d) the Club shall procure that:
  - (i) a Pitch Test is carried out on the newly installed Football Turf Pitch; and
  - (ii) the FIFA accredited field test institute provides the Competition with a copy of their official reports to FIFA immediately following completion of the Pitch Test; and
- (e) the Club shall provide a copy of the FIFA Quality Pro Certificate within 7 days of receipt to the Competition.

For matches played at Step 3 and below of the National League System:-

- (f) the Club shall disclose to the Competition, as soon as reasonably practicable full details of the proposed contractor installing the Football Turf Pitch and the timescales for installation. The proposed Football Turf Pitch must have a design and specification that is capable of attaining the FIFA Quality Certificate or Quality Pro Certificate following installation; Clubs must be awarded the FIFA Quality Pro Certificate by 31 May in the season before promotion to Step 2, save for those pitches installed on or prior to 31 July 2016 as set out in Rule 23.5 below.
- (g) no installation works shall commence until such time as the Competition has approved the proposed installation and the timetable thereof;.
- (h) the Club shall procure that:
  - (i) a Pitch Test is carried out on the newly installed Football Turf Pitch; and
  - (ii) the FIFA accredited field test institute provides the Competition with a copy of their official reports to FIFA immediately following completion of the Pitch Test; and
- (i) the Club shall provide a copy of the FIFA Quality certificate or Quality Pro Certificate within 7 days of receipt to the Competition in which it is in membership.

23.5 Only Clubs with FIFA Quality Pro certified Football Turf Pitches will be eligible to take part in matches under the auspices of the National League at Step 1 & 2 of the National League System SAVE THAT a Club which has a ground with the recommended FIFA Quality Certificate installed by 31 July 2016 can be promoted to Step Two of the National league System providing that it undertakes that upon renewal of the Pitch the Club will install a Pitch that is awarded a FIFA Quality Pro Certificate or be relegated to the appropriate Step.

23.6 Without prejudice to the obligations set out in Paragraph 23.3 above, Clubs that have a Football Turf Pitch shall:-

- (a) take such steps and/or refrain from such actions as are necessary to ensure that the Football Turf Pitch continues to meet the requirements for a FIFA Quality Certificate or Quality Pro Certificate (as applicable) at all times during each Playing Season including, without limitation, complying with all requirements of the FIFA Quality Standard..
- (b) where required to undertake Pitch Tests:
  - (i) procure that the FIFA accredited field test institute undertaking any Pitch Test provides to The Competition a copy of their official reports to FIFA immediately following completion of the Pitch Test.
  - (ii) provide a copy of the FIFA Quality Certificate or Quality Pro Certificate by 31st May prior to the commencement of each Playing Season (as applicable); and
- (c) co-operate with all reasonable requests made by the Competition, the Association or FIFA for the performance of the Football Turf Pitch to be measured.

23.7 Where the Board is aware, by whatever reason, a Football Turf Pitch fails to meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Certificate or Quality Pro Certificate (as applicable), including following any Pitch Test, the Club shall forthwith, at its cost, take such steps as the Board shall specify to ensure the Football Turf Pitch is restored to the requirements of the FIFA Quality Certificate or Quality Pro Certificate (as applicable).

23.8 The Competition shall have the right to order the postponement of a match where the Football Turf Pitch fails to meet the requirements of the FIFA Quality Certificate or Quality Pro Certificate (as applicable).

23.9 Where a Club has a Football Turf Pitch, any visiting Club is allowed to train, at no cost to that Club, on the Football Turf Pitch on the day before the relevant match or at a mutually agreed time. The length of this training session may not exceed one hour, unless agreed otherwise with the home Club. The visiting Club must notify the home Club of its intention to exercise this right no later than 2 weeks prior to the scheduled match (or within 48 hours of the arrangement of the fixture, if later).

23.10 A breach of any of the requirements of Rule 23 which results in the postponement or abandonment of a match shall be dealt with in accordance with Rule 8.37.

#### 23.11 Pitch Protection

[In order to protect any Pitch, unless otherwise mutually agreed between both participating Clubs, the following procedures shall be adopted by Players and Officials in the periods immediately before and after a Match and at half time:

(a) the Pitch shall only be used for warming up or warming down by Players named on the Team Sheet.

(b) pre-match warming up by either team shall not commence until 45 minutes before the kick-off time at the earliest, shall not last for more than 30 minutes, and shall end no later than 10 minutes before the kick-off time.

(c) if portable goals are provided, they shall be used for all goalkeeping drills other than crossing practice.

(d) the goalmouth area shall be used by goalkeepers only if portable goals are not provided or for crossing practice and then only for not more than 20 minutes.

(e) for the purposes of warming up and warming down each team shall use only part of the Pitch between the edge of a penalty area and the halfway line or as otherwise directed by the groundsman.

(f) all speed and stamina work shall be undertaken off the Pitch parallel to the touchline opposite the side to be patrolled by the assistant referee or, in the absence of sufficient space, in that part of the Pitch described in paragraph (e) above or as otherwise directed by the groundsman.

(g) Players using the Pitch at half time as aforesaid shall give due consideration to any other activity or entertainment taking place on the Pitch at the same time.

(h) the Home Club may water the Pitch at half time provided it gives reasonable notice to the referee and the other Club that it intends to do so and that any such watering is carried out evenly over the entire length and width of the Pitch; and

(i) any warming down after the conclusion of the Match shall last for no longer than 15 minutes and for that purpose neither penalty area shall be used].

#### 23.12 Not Applicable

### 24. INSURANCE

#### 24.1 PLAYERS

All Clubs shall be members of a Players' personal accident insurance scheme. The policy cover shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by The Football Association.

Each Club shall submit to the Board a copy of the insurance policy document together with the last premium payment receipt fourteen days prior to the start of the Playing Season.

#### 24.2 PUBLIC LIABILITY

All Clubs must have Public Liability cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000)

Each Club shall submit to the Board a copy of the insurance policy document together with the last premium payment receipt fourteen days prior to the start of the Playing Season.

Any Club in breach of this Rule shall be fined in accordance with the Fines tariff.

### 25. QUALIFIED MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

*The safety of Players (and, where applicable, others) is of paramount importance. These Rules and set out the medical requirements for Clubs participating within the National League System. Nothing in these Rules:*

- *prevents any Club from arranging medical provisions that exceed any minimum medical requirements prescribed by these Rules; or*
- *replaces, reduces, or affects in any way the obligations imposed on Clubs or any other persons by statute or common law in the fields of medicine, occupational health and/or health and safety (or any other area).*

*While not forming part of these Rules, from time to time The FA issues guidance in respect of medical matters, which is published on The FA's website and distributed to Participants as appropriate.*

8.35 Subject to Rule 25.2, the following table sets out the designated Qualified Medical Practitioner or First Aider which each home Club, operating at its respective Step of the National League System, shall have in attendance throughout all Competition Matches:-

Step 1 Clubs	Each Club shall have at least one Qualified Medical Practitioner having a valid Advance Trauma Medical Management in Football (ATMMiF) qualification.	
Step 2 Clubs	Each Club shall have at least one Qualified Medical Practitioner, having a valid Intermediate Trauma Medical Management in Football (ITMMiF) qualification.	
Step 3 Clubs	Each Club shall have at least one Qualified Medical Practitioner, having a valid Emergency Medical First Aid in Football (EMFAiF) qualification.	
Step 4 Clubs	Each Club shall have at least one First Aider, or Qualified Medical Practitioner having a valid Emergency Medical First Aid in Football (EMFAiF) qualification.	
Step 5 Clubs	Each Club shall have at least one First Aider having a valid Emergency First Aid in Football (EFAiF) qualification.	
Step 6 Clubs	Each Club shall have at least one First Aider who has a valid Emergency First Aid in Football (EFAiF) qualification.	

25.2 In exceptional circumstances, where the home Club is unable to ensure that Qualified Medical Practitioner or First Aider shall be present at a Competition Match, the home Club shall;

25.2.1 Make alternative arrangements appropriate for the level of Competition match.

25.2.2 Liaise with the away Club in advance of the Competition Match to ensure that each Club is aware of the medical provision that will be available at the Competition Match.

25.2.3 Fully document any alternative arrangements within the home Club's Emergency Medical Emergency Action Plan and share the updated plan with the away Club, prior to the Competition Match taking place.

25.3 Clubs shall ensure their Qualified Medical Practitioner or First Aider keeps detailed up-to-date medical records for all Players in the form and in accordance with the requirements and guidelines published by The FA from time to time.

25.4 When a Player's registration is about to be transferred, the Club that Player is registered to must make such records as referred to in Rule 25.3 available to the Qualified Medical Practitioner or First Aider of the Club that the Player is being transferred to. This procedure shall also apply to all Players whose registrations are temporarily transferred under the provisions for Long, Short and Youth Loans.

25.5 All Clubs are required to have a Medical Emergency Action Plan (MEAP) in place. A copy of which must be submitted to the Competition on the standard form provided by no later than 1st August in each year and placed clearly in the home, away and match officials dressing rooms.

### **Event Doctors**

25.6 Any persons employed as an Event Doctor shall comply with any relevant health and safety legislation.

## **26. PLAYER TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS**

When Players are transferred (Contract, Non-Contract, Scholars, or loan on temporary transfer) between member Clubs (or between member Clubs and clubs) it is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that the Competition receives copies of all relevant documents pertaining to the transfer including full details of any payment schedules agreed in writing or otherwise between the two Clubs. Should a Club fail to meet the payment schedules lodged with the Competition on receipt of notification an embargo on further Players registrations will be placed upon the defaulting Club together with a 1% levy per day on the outstanding payments. A Transfer Administration Fee will be payable by the receiving Club in accordance with the Fees Tariff.

## **27. CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM**

27.1 The Secretary and Chairman of each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited within 14 days of the Annual General Meeting of the Competition:

" We (name of Chairman) ----- of ----- FC

**AND**

(name of Secretary)----- of ----- FC

having read the Rules and Regulations of the Southern Combination Football League, do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Board, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 17."

27.2 All Clubs shall annually complete the appropriate registration form for the League, and it shall be received by the Competition Secretary not later than 1<sup>st</sup> June prior to the commencement of any season. Any Club failing to do so will be liable to a fine not exceeding that shown in the Fines Tariff.

27.3 Clubs must inform the League of any Kit Sponsorship obtained by them and have permission to do so granted by the Board. Clubs shall not obtain sponsorship which will conflict with the interest of any Sponsors of the Competition.

**28. PROVISION FOR FULL & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Clubs in membership of Divisions One and Two shall be Full Members and all other Clubs in membership of this League shall be Associate Member Clubs.

**29. PROMOTION AGREEMENTS**

See Rule 12

**30. GENERAL MEETINGS**

30.1 The Annual General Meeting shall be held in June or early July.

30.2 The Competition Secretary shall give 21 days' formal notice of the meeting to all Clubs and shall send the Agenda with invitations to all Clubs, Management Committee, Hon. Life Vice Presidents, Vice Presidents, Auditors and Solicitors 7 clear days prior thereto.

30.3 Each Club shall be entitled to send 2 delegates who shall be members of the Club Management Committee or Board of Directors.

30.4 Members of the League Management Committee, Hon. Life Vice Presidents, Auditors, Solicitors, and all delegates shall be allowed to participate in discussion, but voting shall be restricted to Club delegates. Each delegate of Clubs in Full Membership shall have one vote, each Club in Associate Membership shall have one vote. Observers may attend but shall not take part in the proceedings.

30.5 A quorum for the conduct of business at a meeting of the Clubs shall not be less than twenty Full Member Clubs.

30.6 The President may formally preside at any meeting of the Clubs, but the Chairman shall assume responsibility for conducting the business of the meeting. The Chairman shall have the right to exercise a casting vote.

30.7 The Officers of the League if elected shall be the Patron, President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

All other Official positions will be advertised and appointed by the Officers and approved by the Management Committee. The Officers shall form the Executive Committee together with three(3) members nominated by the Management Committee and shall be elected annually by the meeting. Appointed Officials may attend Executive Meetings when called upon. All nominations for Officers shall be in writing, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the proposing member Club and shall be received by the Competition Secretary on or before 30th April in each year, and if posted, by recorded delivery. The Competition Secretary will acknowledge receipt of the nominations within 48 hours. Nominations may be made by the Management Committee.

30.8 The League may elect at the meeting any new Life Members. Life Members shall number not more than ten, proposed by the Management Committee for their services to the League.

30.9 The League may elect at the meeting any new Life Vice Presidents, proposed by the Management Committee for their services to Sussex football.

30.10 The meeting may elect annually Vice Presidents, Auditors and Solicitors.

30.11 On the Competition Secretary receiving a request, in writing, signed by the Secretary, Chairman or Vice Chairman of at least 10 Clubs in membership of the League, or by order of the Management Committee, he shall convene a Special General Meeting. Such meeting shall be held within 42 days of the requisition or order and only such business as specified by the Management Committee or requisition shall be considered. If the business for the Special General meeting includes an alteration to the rules of the League, the Competition Secretary shall give all Clubs not less than 28 days' notice of the date, time, and place of the meeting and of such proposed alteration. Notice of any amendment to such proposed alterations to the Rules must be notified in writing to the Competition Secretary so as to reach him not less than 21 days prior to the

date for the holding of the Special General Meeting. The Competitions Secretary shall subsequently send the Agenda with invitations as specified in Rule 30.2.

- 30.12 Any Club failing to attend any General Meeting, or any other meeting called by the League without adequate explanation acceptable to the Management Committee shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff (see Rule 2.19).

### **31. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

- 31.1 The Management Committee shall consist of the Officers, Life Members and Club representatives, all of whom shall have one vote, and shall be responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the League.
- 31.2 All nominations for the Management Committee Club Representatives shall be in writing, signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the proposing Member Club. It shall be received by the Competition Secretary on or before 31st May in each year and, if posted, by Recorded Delivery. The Competition Secretary will acknowledge receipt of the nomination within 48 hours. No Club shall nominate more than one representative or provide more than one Officer of the League at any one time.
- 31.3 The twelve representatives of the Clubs, shall each serve three years, one third of those representatives shall retire in rotation each year and be eligible for re-election.
- 31.4 Any representative absent from three consecutive meetings of the Management Committee without reasonable explanation, shall be considered to have resigned. If a casual vacancy occurs on the Management Committee, it shall be filled by the unsuccessful nominee next in order of voting at the previous AGM.
- 31.5 The Management Committee will appoint three Club Representatives to the Executive Committee.
- 31.6 The Management Committee may, by a four-fifths majority, at any time amend standing orders.
- 31.7 The Management Committee will, following each Annual General Meeting, appoint those members to serve on appropriate Committees of Joint Liaison with other Leagues, within the Constitution of those Committees.
- 31.8 The Youth Section shall be managed by a separate Committee consisting of the Youth Secretary and such assistants to be approved by the Management Committee together with a maximum of three representatives elected by the Clubs in membership of the Youth Section.
- 31.9 The Management Committee shall have the power to deal with all matters covered by these rules, and any other matters, as they deem fit, dealing with any offending Club, player or official. Breaches of the Laws of the Game, the Rules and Regulations of the Football Association are dealt with in accordance with FA Rules 9 and 26.
- 31.10 The Management Committee may appoint other persons who may be co-opted to serve on all sub-committees as it may deem necessary and may delegate any or all of its power to such sub-committees. The Officers of the League shall be ex-officio members of all sub-committees.
- 31.11 The decision or recommendations of any sub-committee shall be reported to the Management Committee. Decisions of the Management Committee or of a sub-committee when delegated the powers of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to right of appeal (Rule 17).
- 31.12 Clubs should be administered in accordance with the standard expected of Clubs participating in a Senior League. Attention should be properly given to all correspondence and, where from any Officer of the League, shall be replied to within fourteen days of the date of such correspondence. Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- 31.13 All fines and charges approved by the Management Committee shall be paid to the League Treasurer within twenty-eight days of the date of notification (unless otherwise ordered). Any Club failing to comply with this Rule shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff for each week or part week in default thereafter.
- 31.14 Each season a Handbook will be published by the League of which each Full Member club must purchase at least fifteen copies and Associate Member Clubs must purchase at least 10 copies, at a price to be decided by the Management Committee at their meeting in June.
- 31.15 The management Committee shall have discretionary powers to arrange representative matches. Players travelling expenses shall be as for Match Officials.
- 31.16 All members of the Management Committee shall, when travelling on official League business, be entitled to claim reimbursement of all reasonable expenses.

### **32. COMPETITION OFFICERS**

- 32.1 The Competition Officers will be:

President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Fixtures Secretary, Referees Secretary, Registration Secretary, Fines Officer, Youth Secretary.

33. Each Club shall at all times comply with all reasonable requests by the Competition to ensure due compliance by the Competition with its commercial agreements and shall not enter into any new agreements with any direct competitor to the Competition's title sponsor.

34. Each Club must utilise any match boards provided by the Competition's sponsor and must procure that any corporate bench kit shall be worn during competitive and first team matches, as directed by the Competition.

In the event that a Competition does not have a bench kit sponsor, a Club may enter into its own bench kit sponsor agreement providing any such agreement is in writing and the Club obtains the consent of the Competition in writing before entering into such agreement which must include a break clause which facilitates ending the agreement if the Club is promoted, relegated or laterally moved to another competition, or the Competition negotiates a new agreement in the future. A full copy of such agreement must be provided to the Competition Secretary within five (5) days of the sending of such request by the Competition.

In the event of any Club having an existing agreement with a competitor to any of the Competition's sponsors in respect of match boards, and/or other commercial or advertising obligations, the Club is permitted to honour that agreement on an on-going basis, with the consent of the Competition provided the Club's agreement was signed before that of the Competition and a full copy of any such agreement must be provided to the Competition Secretary within five (5) days of the sending of such request by the Competition. For the avoidance of doubt, the Club would not be permitted to extend said agreement beyond the existing term.

35. Each Club shall permit photography, filming and audio and web broadcasting at their home ground to enable the Competition to comply with the terms of any Commercial Contract (as defined in the Articles), which may be entered into by the Company and will provide all necessary facilities as may reasonably be requested by the Competition or any broadcaster as may be nominated by the Competition.[Appendix....]

36. [Any distribution of any income received by the Company from any source whatsoever shall be entirely at the discretion of the Board.]

[The amount of central funding available for distribution will be agreed by the Board from time to time and will be distributed to Clubs, subject to the Board's discretionary rights above, in the ratio of 70% of the total agreed fund to Clubs in the Premier Division and 30% to Clubs in the North and South Divisions. The Board's discretion not to distribute central funding to a Club or Clubs will extend to, but may not be limited to, Clubs subject to a winding-up petition and/or an Insolvency. Event. Payment of central funding withheld under this rule will not be distributed retrospectively.]

### 37. CLUB FINANCIAL RECORDS

The Company shall be entitled either directly or through its duly appointed agents to inspect the books, accounts and financial records of any Club and that Club shall make available to the Company all information as may be required from time to time in that respect.

## SCHEDULE A

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### FEES TARIFF

RULE	SUBJECT MATTER	AMOUNT (£)
2.5	Grading	£100
3.1	Application for membership	£100
3.1	Grading	£100
3.2	Membership	£250
3.2	Annual Subscription	£500
6.1.1	Registration Forms	£2
6.1.1	Additional forms	£2
13.A.7	Sporting sanctions appeal	£100
16.1	Appeal to Board	£50
16.4	Appeal to The FA	£75
16.5	Appeal by Player	£50
16.6	Appeal by Club	£50
16.10	Arbitration	£500

### FINES TARIFF

RULE	OFFENCE	UP TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF (£)
2.2	Failure to return Form D questionnaire	£20 - £80
2.2	Failure to complete Form D	£20 - £80
2.2	Failure to provide affiliation number	£10 - £25
2.8	Failure to notify change in Memorandum and Articles within 14 days	£25 - £100
2.13	Failure to publish legal name and ownership	£25 - £100
2.14	Failure to notify occurrence of an Insolvency Event	£100 - £400
2.20	Failing to attend any General Meeting	£50 - £200
3.2	Failure to pay Annual Subscription 7 days before AGM	£25 - £100
4.5	Failure to pay amount due within 28 days	£25 = 10% - £100 + 10%
4.8	Failing to attend to business	£25 - £100



RULE	OFFENCE	UP TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF (£)
6.4.2	Failure to register 16 players prior to start of the season	£50 - £200
6.7	Failure to return Retained List by the due date	£10 - £25
6.8	(i) Failure to use a board for substitutions in a match (ii) Named substitute not registered but not taking part	£25 - £100 £15 - £60
6.9	Playing ineligible Player	£50 - £200
7.1	Failure to provide details of colours by due date	£25 - £100
7.1	Failure to wear registered colours at home	£25 - £100
7.1	Failure to number all shirts	£25 - £100
7.1	Failure to have numbers on striped etc. shirts on contrasting patch	£25 - £100
7.2	Failure to change relevant item in event of clash	£25 - £100
7.2	Goalkeeper not wearing kit different to ALL OTHER Players	£25 - £100
7.4	Failure to wear official shirt/short numbers in a match	£25 - £100
7.4	Failure of Player to wear number in accordance with Team Sheet	£25 - £100
7.5	Captain not wearing armband	£15 - £60
7.6	Failure to wear official sleeve logos in a match	£15 - £60
8.32-8.36, 14.3	Causing Abandonment	£250 - £1000
8.38	Failure to notify postponement or abandonment	£100 - £400
8.39	Failure to fulfil fixture	£250 - £1000
8.39	Failure to agree new date of postponed match in time set	£25 - £100
8.15	Failure to carry out inspection procedure in accordance with 14.2	£25 - £100
8.12	Failure to have fax, mobile phone or email operational at all times	£25 - £100
8.23	Failure to start with Eleven Players	£50 - £200
8.23	Failure to play full strength team	£50 - £200
8.20	Late Team Sheet	£15 - £60
8.20	Incomplete Team Sheet	£15 - £60
8.21	Altering Team Sheet after exchange (except for Player injured in warm up)	£15 - £60
8.13	Failure to notify details of match to visiting Club and / or Match Officials	£15 - £60
8.16	Failure to notify cancellation or rearrangement to Match Officials	£15 - £60

RULE	OFFENCE	UP TO A MAXIMUM FINE OF (£)
8.18	Failure to have a defibrillator present at home matches (Steps 1 to 4 only)	N/A
8.6 / 8.23	Late kick off	£15 + £2 per minute – £30 + £2 per minute
8.4	Failure to play County Cup match midweek	£50 - £200
8.9	(i) Playing in competition without permission (ii) FAILURE TO NOTIFY RESULT TO THE COMPETITION SECRETARY	£50 - £200 £15 - £60
8.37	Failure to provide details of match immediately following end of match	£15 - £60
8.14	Failure to provide acceptable match programme	£50 - £200
8.14	Failure to provide programme information to hosts when playing away	£25 - £100
8.24 - 8.28	Benches	£25 - £100
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8.30	Failure by a home Club to provide a full match video	N/A
10.8 / 10.14	Failure to submit accounts within nine months of accounting reference date	£50 - £200
8.31	Failure to send result form within the required timescales as detailed in 8.31	£15 - £60
14.7	Failure to pay Match Officials on day of match in dressing room	£25 - £100
14.8	Failure to provide flags	£15 - £60
14.9	Failure to play with Match balls required by The Competition	£25 - £100
14.10	Failure to provide practice balls to visitors	£15 - £60
15	Failure to give notice of resignation by due date	£500 - £2000
18	Failure to return trophy by due date	£25 - £100
18	Failure to return trophy engraved	£25 - £100
18	Failure to return trophy in good condition	£25 - £100
24.1	Failure to insure Players	£100 - £400
24.2	Failure to implement public liability insurance to required level	£100 - £400
25	Failure to have medical personnel as stated	£25 - £100
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# NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM REGULATIONS

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## 1. DEFINITIONS

In the interpretation of these Regulations: any words and expressions, unless otherwise defined herein, shall be words and expressions as defined as follows:-

“The Association” means The Football Association Limited.

“Club” means a football club for the time being in a League in membership of the NLS or Feeder Leagues (as applicable)

“Committee” in these Regulations means the relevant Committee appointed by the Association.

“Competition” in these Regulations means a League in the NLS.

“Conditional Licence” means a Licence with conditions attached to be met by a Club within a period determined by the Competition in which the Club holding the Licence is allocated by the Committee. Such period is not to exceed 1 March in the Membership Year to which the Licence relates. Save in exceptional circumstances a Conditional Licence cannot be granted to a Club for successive Membership Years in respect of the same Criterion.

“Criteria” means the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches and Inter-Step Play Off Matches as set out in regulation 9 of these Regulations.

“Feeder Leagues” means Regional NLS Feeder Leagues from where a Club can enter the NLS.

“League” means any competition sanctioned by The Association and/or an Affiliated Association in membership of the NLS or Feeder Leagues (as applicable).

“Licence” means an annual licence required to be held by a Club to be a member of a Competition that may be either an Unconditional Licence or Conditional Licence.

“NLS” means the National League System of competitions controlled by The Association where promotion and relegation links exist between participating Leagues.

“Playing Season” means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the League is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the League is played. For Clubs participating in Play Off Matches this does include the period when Play Off Matches are played.

“Play Off Match(es)” means matches played between Clubs in a Play Off Position on a format to be determined by each League provided that the format is the same across each Step.

“Play Off Position” means the position of a Club at the end of each Playing Season which is provided for in Standardised Rule 12 as qualifying the Club to take part in a Play Off Match to qualify for promotion to the next Step for the next Playing Season.

“Regular Season” means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the League is played each year and the date on which the last competitive fixture in the League is played, excluding Play Off Matches.

“Regulations” means these regulations.

“Rules” means The Association’s Standardised Rules or The Association’s Standard Code of Rules under which a League is administered.

“Step” means the level at which a Club participates in the NLS or Feeder League (as applicable).

“Unconditional Licence” means a Licence without any conditions attached.

1.1 Due to the impact of COVID-19, a number of regulations were temporarily amended or disapplied for the 2020/2021 season. It is intended that any temporarily amended or disapplied regulations will be reinstated for the commencement of the 2021/2022 season, save where any further amendments have been approved by FA Council. A number of existing regulations have also been amended.

## 2. THE NLS SHALL BE OPERATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS.

The aims and objectives of the NLS are to provide:

2.1 Clubs with a level of competitive football appropriate to their playing ability, stadium/ ground facilities and geographical location.

2.2 A framework for discussion on matters of policy and common interest to Leagues and Clubs.

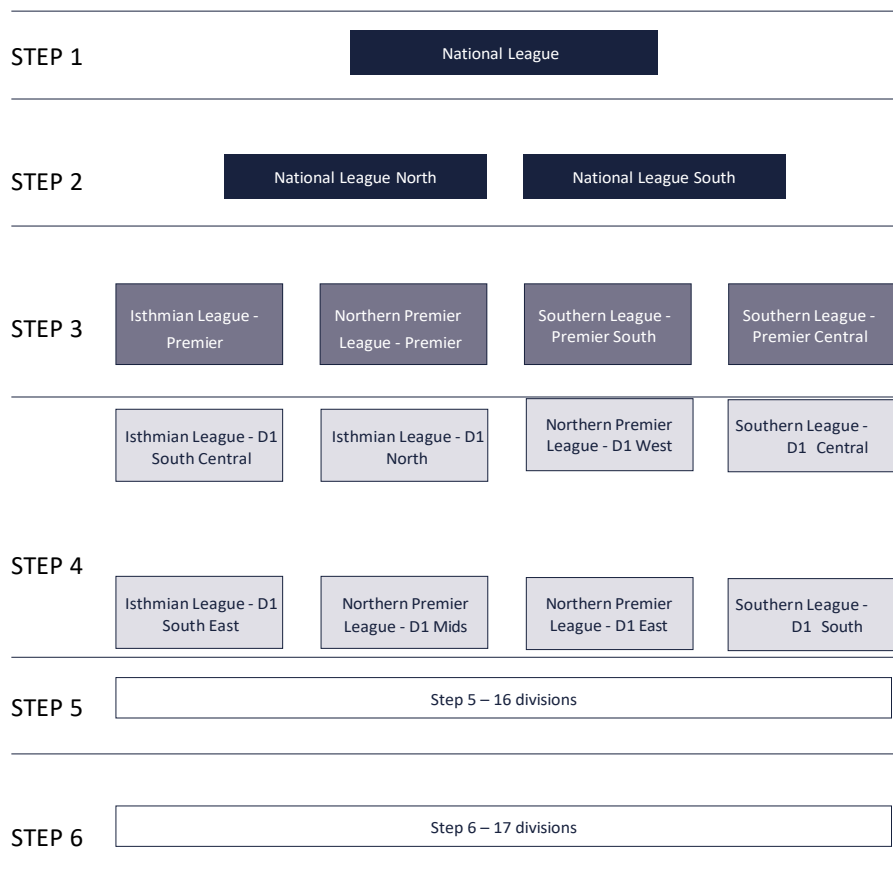
2.3 The seasonal movement of Clubs.

2.4 A co-ordinated approach between Leagues regarding the final date of the Playing Season.

All Leagues are bound by the Regulations. A Club is bound by the Regulations from the date it has qualified for placement into the NLS until such time as it leaves the NLS for whatever reason.

### 3. NLS LEAGUE STRUCTURE

3.1 The current structure of the NLS is set out below:



The Leagues currently at Steps 5 and 6 are set out at the end of the Regulations.

Each Step shall have the following maximum number of Clubs: Step 1-24, Step 2-48, Step 3-88, Step 4- 160, Step 5 - 320, Step 6- 340. Clubs will be placed in the most geographically appropriate division.

3.2 Any league wishing to become part of the NLS must apply to the Committee by 31st December in the relevant year in such form and/or providing such information as shall be required by the Committee from time to time. The decision as to whether or not a league should be admitted to the NLS shall be made by the Committee which will then decide on the Step at which the League will compete.

3.3 Any League wishing to propose an adjustment to its position within the NLS must apply in writing to the Committee by 31st December in any year for such proposal to be determined by the Committee in order, if approved, to have effect in the following Playing Season.

### 4. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

The Committee shall provide for the seasonal promotion, relegation or the movement of Clubs.

### 5. DETAILED PROMOTION AND RELEGATION ISSUES

5.1 The criteria for entry to the NLS and the criteria for ground/stadium facilities and the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches shall be determined by the Committee. All criteria so determined shall be published by The Association from time to time.

5.2 Subject to 5.5, at the conclusion of each Playing Season, the following procedures will apply to promotion / relegation subject to the application of the Rules:

### **Step 1 and Step 2**

These regulations do not deal with promotion from Step 1

The Clubs finishing in the bottom four places at Step 1 at the end of the Playing Season will be relegated and placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 2 for the following Playing Season.

They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 2 together with a further two Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the criteria for promotion to the next Step, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted. The Clubs finishing in 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th positions shall be eligible to take part in the Play Off Matches. The Play Off Matches shall be played so that in each Step 2 division there is a qualifying round, semi-finals and a promotion final with all ties being played over a single leg at the ground of the higher placed Club. The winner of the promotion final in each Step 2 division will be promoted. If a Club is not eligible to enter Step 1 then it shall not take part in any Play Off Matches. In that event, such Club shall not be replaced and the Play Off Matches structure and draw shall be adjusted as necessary by the Competition on the basis of the remaining Clubs' final league positions.

### **Step 2 and Step 3**

The Clubs in the bottom four places in each of the two divisions at Step 2 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3 for the following Playing Season.

They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the four divisions at Step 3 together with a further four Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the criteria for promotion to the next Step, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted and the Club finishing in 3rd position (and so on) shall be the Club in the next eligible position to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the Play Off Matches. In each division at Step 3, the Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other. The ties will be played on a single match basis with the home Club being the Club with the best points per match ratio in the Regular Season. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to a second match where it will play the winner of the other Play Off Match and the winner of that match will play in the further Play Off Match described above. Clubs finishing below position 7 will not be eligible to take part in Play Off Matches.

The promoted Clubs will be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 2 for the following Playing Season.

### **Step 3 and Step 4**

The Clubs finishing in the bottom four places in each of the four divisions at Step 3 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 4 for the following Playing Season.

They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the eight divisions at Step 4 together with a further eight Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the criteria for promotion to the next Step, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted and the Club finishing in 3rd position (and so on) shall be the Club in the next eligible position to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches, the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the Play Off Matches. In each division at Step 4 the Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other. The ties will be played on a single match basis with the home Club being the Club with the best points per game ratio in the Regular Season. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to the second match where it will play the winner of the other Play Off Match and the winner of that match will be promoted. Clubs finishing below 7th position will not be eligible to take part in Play Off Matches.

The promoted Clubs will be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3 for the following Playing Season.



## **Step 4 and Step 5**

### **2023/24 Season**

The Clubs finishing in the bottom two places in each of the eight divisions at Step 4 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 5 for the following Playing Season.

Clubs relegated for finishing in the bottom two places in each of the eight divisions at Step 4 will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the sixteen divisions at Step 5 together with a further 16 Clubs (one Club from each of the sixteen divisions at Step 5) determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the minimum criteria for promotion to the next Step (which shall include being awarded a Grade 5 following an independent ground grading inspection), the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted and the Club finishing in 3rd position (and so on) shall be the Club in the next eligible position to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches, the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the Play Off Matches. In each division at Step 5, the Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed of the eligible Clubs and the other two eligible Clubs play each other. The ties will be played on a single match basis with the home Club being the Club with the best points per match ratio in the Regular Season. If there are only three eligible Clubs, then the highest placed eligible Club shall receive a bye and play the winner of the other Play Off Match, and the winner of that match will be promoted. Clubs finishing below 7<sup>th</sup> position will not be eligible to take part in Play Off Matches.

The promoted Clubs will be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 4 for the following Playing Season. In addition, a Club promoted to Step 4 shall comply with the Licencing System provision as set out in Appendix 1 to the Standardised Rules.

### **2024/25 Season onwards**

The Clubs finishing in the bottom four places in each of the eight divisions at Step 4 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 5 for the following Playing Season.

Clubs relegated for finishing in the bottom four places in each of the eight divisions at Step 4 will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the sixteen divisions at Step 5 together with a further 16 Clubs (one Club from each of the sixteen divisions at Step 5) determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the minimum criteria for promotion to the next Step (which shall include being awarded a Grade 5 following an independent ground grading inspection), the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted and the Club finishing in 3rd position (and so on) shall be the Club in the next eligible position to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches, the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the Play Off Matches. In each division at Step 5, the Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed of the eligible Clubs and the other two eligible Clubs play each other. The ties will be played on a single match basis with the home Club being the Club with the best points per match ratio in the Regular Season. If there are only three eligible Clubs, then the highest placed eligible Club shall receive a bye and play the winner of the other Play Off Match, and the winner of that match will be promoted. Clubs finishing below 7<sup>th</sup> position will not be eligible to take part in Play Off Matches.

## **Step 5 and Step 6**

### **2023/24 Season**

The Clubs in bottom place in each of the sixteen divisions at Step 5 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 6 for the following Playing Season.

These Clubs will be replaced by (i) the Clubs finishing in 1st position at the end of the Regular Season in each of the two divisions operated by the South West Peninsula League; (ii) the Clubs finishing in 1st position at the end of the Regular Season in each of the remaining fifteen divisions at Step 6; and (iii) a further fifteen Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches within those remaining fifteen divisions (i.e. not including the two divisions operated by the South West Peninsula League). Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the criteria for promotion to the next Step, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted and the Club finishing in 3rd position (and so on) shall be the Club in the next eligible position to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches, the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the Play Off Matches. In each division at Step 6, the Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs

plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other. The ties will be played on a single match basis with the home Club being the Club with the best points per game ratio in the Regular Season. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to the second match where it will play the winner of the other Play Off Match and the winner of that match will be promoted. Clubs finishing below 7th position will not be eligible to take part in Play Off Matches.

The promoted Clubs will be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 5 for the following Playing Season.

### **2024/25 Season onwards**

The Clubs in the bottom two places in each of the sixteen divisions at Step 5 at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 6 for the following Playing Season.

These Clubs will be replaced by (i) the Clubs finishing in 1st position at the end of the Regular Season in each of the two divisions operated by the South West Peninsula League; (ii) the Clubs finishing in 1st position at the end of the Regular Season in each of the remaining fifteen divisions at Step 6; and (iii) a further fifteen Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches within those remaining fifteen divisions (i.e. not including the two divisions operated by the South West Peninsula League). Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the criteria for promotion to the next Step, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted and the Club finishing in 3rd position (and so on) shall be the Club in the next eligible position to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in a Play Off Position but does not meet the Criteria for participation in Play Off Matches, the Club finishing in the next eligible position shall take part in the Play Off Matches. In each division at Step 6, the Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other. The ties will be played on a single match basis with the home Club being the Club with the best points per game ratio in the Regular Season. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to the second match where it will play the winner of the other Play Off Match and the winner of that match will be promoted. Clubs finishing below 7th position will not be eligible to take part in Play Off Matches.

The promoted Clubs will be placed in a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division

#### *Step 6 and relegation*

At the end of the Regular Season the Clubs in the bottom three positions of each of the seventeen Step 6 divisions will be liable to relegation. The final number of Clubs to be relegated will be confirmed once promotion candidates from Feeder Leagues and any vacancies are known. If reprieves are required the Clubs third from bottom will be ranked on a points per match basis (then goal difference, then goals scored if required) - the Club(s) with the best points per match will be reprieved. If all third from bottom Clubs are reprieved, and a further reprieve(s) is required, the same process will apply for Clubs in second from bottom (and so on).

5.3 At Steps 2-5 the Club finishing in last place in the table at the end of the Regular Season will be relegated and not reprieved.

5.4 At Steps 1 to 6, if a Club becomes eligible to take part in a Play Off Match and refuses to take part in that match or if a Club qualifies for promotion and refuses to be promoted then that Club shall be relegated from the division it last played in and shall play the following Playing Season in the division at the next Step level below. If the refusal/ineligibility applies to a Club currently operating at Step 6, the Club will be removed from the NLS and placed in the appropriate Regional NLS Feeder League, provided there is an eligible Club at Feeder League level to replace them.

5.5 Where a vacancy occurs within the NLS the following procedures will apply:

#### End of the Playing Season

5.5.1 (a) Where a Club notifies its decision to resign from its League at the end of the Playing Season, then a vacancy is created on the date the notification of that decision is formally recorded by that League. Such resignation can only be withdrawn by the end of that Playing Season with the consent of the Board of that League.

(b) In all cases, that Club is treated as a relegated Club. The final table of that division is not affected.

(c) In cases where the vacancy is created after the end of the Playing Season but before the League's AGM, the vacancy will be filled in accordance with Regulation 5.5.2 below.

5.5.2 (a) Where a vacancy occurs at Step 1 and Step 2 following the completion of a Playing Season the best ranked Club in a relegation position is reprieved.

- (b) Where a vacancy arises at Step 3 to 6 following the completion of a Playing Season it shall be dealt with at the sole discretion of the Committee.
- (c) Where a vacancy occurs at Step 3 and 4 after the allocations for the following season have been published and prior to the holding of the League's AGM. The vacancy created shall be dealt with at the sole discretion of the Committee in order to minimise disruption.
- (d) Where a vacancy occurs after the date of a League AGM then a League is not able to replace the Club(s) concerned for the following Playing Season.

Prior to the end of a Playing Season

- 5.5.3 (a) In cases where the vacancy is created prior to the end of the Playing Season, at Steps 1 and 2 the vacancy will be filled by the best ranked Club in a relegation position at the end of the Regular Season, eligible of being reprieved in that same division. In the event of there being more vacancies than Clubs eligible to be reprieved, such vacancy or vacancies will be filled by Clubs eligible to be reprieved in the Competition's other division(s) on a points per match ratio. At Steps 3 to 6, the vacancies shall be filled at the sole discretion of the Committee.
  - (b) Where, prior to the end of the Playing Season, a Club notifies its decision to resign from its League with immediate effect or where a Club is removed from the League for any reason, then the playing record of that Club will be expunged and a vacancy is created on the date the resignation or removal is formally recorded by that League.
  - (c) In all such cases that Club is treated as a relegated Club and the vacancy will be filled in accordance with 5.5.3(a) above.
- 5.6 Only internal changes to the constitution of a League are allowed following the holding of a League's Annual General Meeting.
- 5.7 Clubs are not allowed to enter into a ground share agreement in order to gain promotion or to retain membership at a particular Step where the Club has failed to attain or maintain the relevant Grade.
- 5.8 Ground grading requirements will be in accordance with the Rules.
- Each Playing Season, a Club participating at Step 1 to Step 6 must attain the following ground grading by 31 March:

STEP	GRADE
Step 1	Grade 1
Step 2	Grade 2
Step 3	Grade 3
Step 4	Grade 4
Step 5	Grade 5
Step 6	Grade 6

Where a Club fails to attain the relevant grade by 31 March in a Playing Season, it will not be eligible for promotion or to participate in any Play Off Match in that Playing Season and will be relegated to the Step immediately below at the end of the Playing Season (save for where that Club also fails to meet the ground grading criteria applicable for the Step immediately below, in which case the Committee shall decide (at its sole discretion) where to place the Club for the following Playing Season).

Clubs promoted from Feeder Leagues must install floodlights in working order by 30th September following promotion. Failure to do this will result in a sanction being imposed at the discretion of the League of which the Club is a member. If by 31st March in the year following promotion the floodlights are still not installed then the Club will be a relegated Club and be dealt with accordingly.

- 5.9 If a Club is relegated for not achieving the required Grade for the Step at which it is playing (regardless of whether the Club finishes in a relegation position or not), it will not be eligible for promotion again until it has attained the required Grade for the Step to which it wishes to be promoted. The Club must have that Grade at 31st March in the year in which it seeks promotion.
- 5.10 Where a Club resigns from a League that Club will not be eligible for promotion for at least one Playing Season following the Season in which it resigned. Regulation 5.9 shall also apply if, in the Playing Season

during which the Club resigns, that Club failed to attain the required Grade for the Step at which it was playing.

- 5.11 In the event of any question arising regarding the interpretation of these Regulations it will be decided by The Association in its sole discretion.

## 6. THE MOVEMENT OF CLUBS WITHIN THE NLS OTHER THAN BY PROMOTION OR RELEGATION

- 6.1 Movement of a Club from participation in one League to another is not permitted other than by promotion and relegation or otherwise as set out in these Regulations or League Rules save with the approval of the Committee.

It may be necessary from time to time to move Clubs laterally at the same Step. Each year the Committee (or sub-committee thereof) will consider whether any lateral movements may be necessary at each Step and the final decision shall rest with the Committee / sub-committee. Only a Club subject to lateral movement from one League to another may appeal that decision pursuant to Regulation 8.2(b).

- 6.2 Any Club wishing to move from one League to another must make an application in writing to the Committee on or before 31st March in each year to be effective for the following Playing Season. In the event of such application being successful the League from which the Club is moving shall not levy a financial penalty on that Club.

- 6.3 (i) If a Club (whether a Members' Club or a Company) is wound up, liquidated, or is removed from its League or withdraws from football competition ('the Former Club'), and a new Club ('the New Club') is established which wishes to be placed within the NLS, it will be allowed to make an application only to join a League/ division at Step 5 of the NLS unless the Former Club was in either Step 4 or Step 5 when the event which caused it to cease its membership occurred in which case it must re-join the NLS at a minimum of two Steps below the level at which it was at the time the event occurred, or withdrew from football competition, whichever is lower. Where the Former Club was a member of Premier League or EFL then the Committee shall at its absolute discretion determine in which League the New Club shall be placed for the following Playing Season and will set out at its complete discretion the requirements to be met by the New Club.

In order for consideration to be given to the placement in the NLS of the New Club in the following Playing Season, an initial application must be received by the Committee by 1st March or within twenty-one days of the Former Club being wound up, liquidated, resigning or being removed from its League or withdrawing from football competition, if such date is later than 1st March.

The full application accompanied by all necessary documents including evidence of security of tenure having been granted to the New Club and affiliation to a County Football Association must be received by 31st March or within twenty-one days of the Former Club being wound up, liquidated, resigning or being removed from its League or withdrawing from football competition, if such date is later than 1st March. The application shall be copied to the League of which membership is being requested. The application will be determined by the Committee.

In considering any application, the Committee will set out at its sole discretion the requirements to be met by the New Club.

In the event of more than one application being received within twenty-one days of the Former Club being wound up, liquidated, resigning or being removed from its League or withdrawing from football competition, the Committee will consider at its discretion which application will be considered in accordance with this Regulation.

- (ii) If a Club is removed from its League and wishes to remain in the NLS it shall apply to the Committee within five working days of it receiving written notification of its removal from its League. The Committee will consider such application and will place the Club in what it considers at its sole discretion to be the most appropriate League/division for the following Playing Season.
- 6.4 If a Club (whether a Members' Club or a Company) ceases to be a member of its league and that Club (that is not a New Club as defined at 6.3 above) wishes to be placed within the NLS for the immediately following Playing Season, then unless otherwise determined by the Committee, it may be allowed to make an application to join a League/division below the most recent League/division of which the Club was a member.

In order for consideration to be given to the placement in the NLS by the Club in the immediately following Playing Season, an initial application must be received by the Committee in accordance with the procedures set out at 6.3 above. The application shall be copied to the League of which membership is being requested. The application will be determined by the Committee at its absolute discretion.

In considering any application, the Committee will set out at its sole discretion the requirements to be met by the Club in determining whether to approve the application.

- 6.5 If two or more Clubs (“the Merging Clubs”) are proposing a transaction or series of transactions that result in the merging or consolidation (“the Proposed Merger”) of those Clubs into one Club (“the Merged Club”) then a formal application to do so must be received by the Committee and the league(s) of which the Merging Clubs are members by 31st December to be valid for the following Playing Season.

A Deed of Agreement, which shall be legally binding on all parties must be submitted to The Association by 31st March in the year immediately following receipt of the application. The Committee shall determine at its absolute discretion where the Merged Club is to be included in the NLS for the following Playing Season subject to the provisions of item 6.5.5 below.

A Deed of Agreement, which shall be legally binding on all parties must be submitted to The Association by 31st March in the year immediately following receipt of the application. The Committee shall determine at its absolute discretion where the Merged Club is to be included in the NLS for the following Playing Season subject to the provisions of item 6.5.5 below.

In arriving at its decision the Committee may apply the following minimum criteria:

- 6.5.1 The requirements of Standardised Rule 2.9 for the current Playing Season must be met by each of the Merging Clubs. If one or more of the Merging Clubs is subject to an insolvency event then Standardised Rule 2.9.2 shall be applied to such club(s), otherwise Standardised Rule 2.9.1 shall be applied;
- 6.5.2 The proposed playing name of the Merged Club must be acceptable to the Committee; and
- 6.5.3 The Merged Club must have security of tenure to a ground that meets the relevant ground grading requirements;
- 6.5.4 Any other criteria that the Committee may from time to time deem to be appropriate;
- 6.5.5 The Merged Club will ordinarily be placed at the lower of the Steps at which the Merging Clubs ended the Playing Season in which the application is made. For the purposes of this Regulation, if one of the Merging Clubs has finished that Playing Season in a relegation place, then they will be deemed to have ended the Playing Season at the Step to which they would have been relegated without the Proposed Merger proceeding.

Any decision regarding whether a proposed transaction or series of transactions falls to be considered under this Regulation shall be determined by the Committee at its absolute discretion.

## 7. **PLACEMENT OF A CLUB INTO A LEAGUE**

- 7.1 Usually a club can only enter the NLS at Step 6 via a Feeder League. However a League may seek approval from the Committee to receive a club or team not currently in membership of a League within the NLS provided that there is: (a) exceptional circumstances, (b) a vacancy within its constitution, (c) the club meets the entry criteria and (d) promotion and relegation issues have been satisfied. Such request must be received from the league by no later than 1st February. Any decision shall only be capable of Appeal to The Association by the affected League.
- 7.2 Reserve teams, including a team from a club or Club which is not considered by the Committee to be sufficiently separate from another club or Club, will not be permitted to compete above Step 6 in the NLS. There must be a minimum of two Steps between a first and reserve team. This does not apply at Steps 6 and Feeder League level. No two teams from the same Club can play at the same Step.
- 7.3 Teams from Higher Education or Further Education establishments are not permitted to compete above Step 5. This does not prevent any such establishment forming a Club which complies with all entry criteria and which is separate from the establishment itself.
- 7.4 Where a Club moves from one League to another, for whatever reason, the League from which it is being moved must provide the League to which the Club is being moved with a certificate confirming that the Club being moved does not owe any money or other property of any nature to the League from which it is being moved. The Club being moved cannot compete in its new League until such certification has been provided and the onus will be on the Club being moved to ensure that it has cleared all indebtedness to its previous League.

## 8. **PROCEDURES FOR THE DETERMINATION OF ANY MATTER, DISPUTE OR DIFFERENCE BY THE COMMITTEE**

- 8.1 The Committee may adopt such procedures for the determination of any matter, dispute or difference as it considers appropriate and expedient, having regard to the aims and objectives set out at Regulation 2.

The Committee may require the attendance at a meeting or the written observations of any League or Club, as it considers appropriate to assist its determination.

8.2 (a) Any dispute or difference between a League and a Club relating to promotion and relegation issues, lateral movement and/or other eligibility criteria must be referred for determination to the Committee; such determination shall be final and binding subject only to Arbitration in accordance with Rule K.

(b) Subject to Regulation 6.1 above, any decision of the Committee shall be subject to a right of appeal to an Appeal Board. The decision of that Appeal Board shall be final and binding on all parties.

All referrals of appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the Appeal Regulations save for (i) appeals in relation to Ground Grading decisions where the procedures are outlined in Regulation 8.2(c) below and (ii) appeals in relation to decisions made pursuant to Regulations 6.1 and 6.2 above where the procedures are outlined in Regulation 8.2(d) below.

(c) Procedures for Ground Grading Appeals

(i) The ratification of the Ground Grading decision must be sent in writing within 14 days of the final decision date, currently 31st March.

(ii) Appeals in relation to Ground Grading Appeals must be submitted to The Association's Judicial Services Department within seven days from the date of the written decision outlining the Grounds of Appeal, with a copy to The Association's National League System Department.

(iii) Unless both parties agree that a hearing should be conducted on the papers, the Committee will appear before an Appeal Board with the Appellant to respond to the application and there is no requirement to make a formal response in writing.

(iv) In all cases the Committee will submit any documentation including the Ground Grading report that was considered by the Committee in relation to the Ground Grading decision, (which the appellant would already have received).

(v) Dates would be set annually in advance by the Judicial Services Department for the hearing of Ground Grading appeals and details of the dates would be notified to all Clubs in the correspondence from the Committee notifying the decision of the Ground Grading assessment.

(d) Procedures for appeals against decisions made pursuant to Regulation 6.1 and 6.2.

(i) Such appeals must be submitted to The Association's Judicial Services Department within seven days from the date of the written decision outlining the Grounds of Appeal, with a copy to The Association's National League System Department.

(ii) The Committee's response to the appeal shall be submitted to The Association's Judicial Services Department within seven days of the date the Club's appeal was submitted, with a copy to The Association's National League System Department.

(iii) In all cases the Committee will submit any documentation considered by the Committee in relation to the relevant decision (which the appellant would already have received) with its response.

(iv) The Committee will appear before an Appeal Board with the Appellant for determination of the appeal.

(v) Dates would be set annually in advance by the Judicial Services Department for the hearing of such appeals and details of the dates would be notified to the Club in the correspondence from the Committee notifying them of the relevant decision.

8.3 The Committee may, at its discretion, delegate the resolution of any matter, dispute or difference arising under these Regulations to anybody it considers to be appropriate (including a sub-committee or commission which may include members of council not on the Committee or a body constituted by a County Football Association).

## 9. CRITERIA FOR THE PARTICIPATION IN PLAY-OFF MATCHES

In order to qualify for Play Off Matches, a Club must comply with:

- Security of Tenure – see Standardised Rule 2.3.2
- Solvency – see Standardised Rule 13.B.2
- Ground Share requirements, i.e. not ground share in order to gain promotion – see 5.7 of these Regulations
- Ground Grading – see 5.8 of these regulations and the relevant criteria document

## 10. ARBITRATION

The fact of participation in the NLS and signifying agreement to be bound by the Regulations shall constitute an agreement between each League and Club to refer to Arbitration any challenge in law arising out of, or in relation to, the Regulations in accordance with the provisions of FA Rule K.

11. **LICENSING SYSTEM**

A Club shall be required to hold a Licence to be a member of a Competition at Steps 1 to 4 of the NLS.

- (a) The Association shall through the appropriate Committee operate a Licensing System to apply to all Clubs competing at Steps 1 to 4 of the National League System (“NLS”). A Club is required to hold a Licence to be a member of a Competition at Steps 1 to 4 of the NLS. The Licensing System to be applied is as shown at an Appendix to the Standardised Rules.
- (b) Each Competition at Steps 1 to 4 of the NLS shall be responsible for the operation, assessment and granting of the Licence in respect of its Clubs through the Standardised Rules as approved by a Committee of The Association. A Competition at Steps 1 to 4 shall take all reasonable and practical steps to co-operate with The Association in the application of the Licence.
- (c) In the event that a Competition fails to apply the Licensing System set out in the Standardised Rules to the satisfaction of The Association, then The Association shall have the powers of the Board of that Competition as set out in the Standardised Rules to apply such Licensing System. In addition, The Association may, if necessary, bring an action against the Competition for Misconduct under the Rules of The Association.

12. **PRECEDENCE**

In the case of conflict between the Regulations for the Operation of the NLS and the Rules, the Regulations take precedence:

LEAGUES/DIVISIONS AT STEPS 5 AND 6 OF THE NLS (SEASON 2023-24)

STEP 5	STEP 6
Combined Counties League Premier Div North	Combined Counties League Div 1
Combined Counties League Premier Div South	Eastern Counties League Div 1
Eastern Counties League Premier Div	North Eastern Counties League Div 1
Essex Senior League	South Hellenic League Div 1
Hellenic League Premier Div	Midland League Div 1
Midland League Premier Div	Northern Counties East Div 1
North West Counties League Premier Div	North West Counties League Div 1 North
Northern League Div 1	North West Counties League Div 1 South
Northern Counties East League Premier Div	Northern League Div 2
Southern Counties East League Premier Div	South West Peninsula League Premier Div East
Spartan South Midlands League Premier Div	South West Peninsula League Premier Div West
Southern Combination Football League Premier Div	Spartan South Midlands League Div 1
United Counties League Premier Div North	Southern Combination Football League Div 1
United Counties League Premier Div South	Southern Counties East League Div 1
Wessex League Premier Div	United Counties League Div 1
Western League Premier Div	Wessex League Div 1
	Western League Div 1



### Regional NLS Feeder League Regulations

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#### 1. League Structure

- 1.1 The Leagues currently operating as Feeder Leagues are set out at the end of the Appendix.
- 1.2 At Feeder League level the maximum number of Clubs in each division shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority taking into account all relevant factors. In any case, this shall not be more than 18 Clubs. The minimum amount of Clubs should be 14.
- 1.3 Any league wishing to become a Feeder League must apply to the FA Leagues Committee by 31st December in the relevant year in such form and /or providing such information as shall be required by the Committee from time to time. The decision as to whether or not a league should be admitted as a Feeder League shall be made by the Committee.

#### 2. Rules and Regulations for Promotion and Relegation

- 2.1 All Feeder League Clubs seeking promotion to Step 6 must make an application using the prescribed form direct to The Association, copied to their existing League, by 31st December in the relevant year. In order to be considered for promotion Clubs must finish in 1st position in their Feeder League. If the Club finishing in 1st position does not wish to be promoted or fails to meet the entry criteria then the Club finishing in 2nd position will be eligible for promotion. If the Club in 2nd position does not seek promotion or fails to meet the entry criteria then Clubs down to 5th position may be considered for promotion provided that they meet the appropriate entry criteria. Clubs finishing below 5th position may not be considered for promotion and only one Club may be considered for promotion from each League. Each application must be accompanied by the agreed application fee, as determined by the Committee, which is non-refundable.
- 2.2 Clubs competing in a Feeder League must comply fully with the minimum requirements of Grade 8. To be considered for promotion to Step 6, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade 7 and attain Grade 6 by 31st March in the year following promotion. Clubs can be promoted from Feeder Leagues to Step 6 without floodlights, provided that that all other requirements of Grade 7 are met by 31st March in the Playing Season in which the Club wishes to gain promotion and that the Club has the following in place:-
  - Planning permission granted for floodlights.
  - That by 30th September following promotion that floodlights are installed and in working order.
  - A development / business plan
  - Quotations / estimates for the work to be carried out.
  - Funding applications submitted, if required.

Failure to install floodlights in working order by 30th September following promotion will result in a sanction being imposed at the discretion of the League of which the Club is a member. If by 31st March in the year following promotion the floodlights are still not installed then the Club will be a relegated Club and be dealt with accordingly.

#### 3. Placement of a Club in a League

- 3.1 The matter of draft placements for Clubs in Feeder Leagues is for the League in conjunction with its Sanctioning Authority. Once drafted, proposed placements are to be submitted to the Committee for ratification by an appropriate date as prescribed by the Committee from time to time. This is save for Clubs being allocated to Feeder Leagues having been relegated from Step 6, which is a matter for the Committee.
- 3.2 Reserve and 'A' teams may participate in Feeder Leagues. Clubs should note the provision concerning Reserve teams at Step 6 under Regulation 7.2 in the 'National League System Regulations'.

#### 4. Movement of a Club between Leagues

- 4.1 Movement of a Club from participation in one League to another is not permitted other than by promotion and relegation or otherwise as set out in League Rules save with the approval of the Committee.

It may be necessary from time to time to move Clubs laterally at the same Step. Each year the Committee (or sub-committee thereof) will consider whether any lateral movements may be necessary at each Step and the final decision shall rest with the Committee/sub-committee. Only a Club subject to lateral movement from one League to another may appeal that decision pursuant to Regulation 5.2(b).
- 4.2 Any Club wishing to move from one League to another must make an application in writing to the Committee on or before 31st March in each year to be effective for the following Playing Season. In the event of such application being successful, the League from which the Club is moving shall not levy a financial penalty on that Club.

5. **Procedures for the determination of any matter, dispute or difference by the Committee**
- 5.1 The Committee may adopt such procedures for the determination of any matter, dispute or difference as it considers appropriate and expedient, having regard to the aims and objectives set out in Regulation 2. The Committee may require the attendance at a meeting or the written observations of any League or Club, as it considers appropriate to assist its determination.
- 5.2 (a) Any dispute or difference between a League and a Club relating to promotion and relegation issues, lateral movement and/or other eligibility criteria must be referred for determination to the Committee; such determination shall be final and binding subject only to Arbitration in accordance with Rule K.
- (b) Subject to Regulation 4.1 above, any decision of the Committee shall be subject to a right of appeal to an Appeal Board. The decision of that Appeal Board shall be final and binding on all parties.
- All referrals of appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the Appeal Regulations save for (i) appeals in relation to Ground Grading decisions where the procedures are outlined in Regulation 5.2(c) below and (ii) appeals in relation to decisions made pursuant to Regulations 4.1 and 4.2 above where the procedures are outlined in Regulation 5.2(d) below.
- (c) **Procedures for Ground Grading Appeals**
- (i) The ratification of the Ground Grading decision must be sent in writing within 14 days of the final decision date, currently 31st March.
- (ii) Appeals in relation to Ground Grading Appeals must be submitted to The Association's Judicial Services Department within seven days from the date of the written decision outlining the Grounds of Appeal, with a copy to The Association's National League System Department.
- (iii) The Committee will appear before an Appeal Board with the Appellant to respond to the application and there is no requirement to make a formal response in writing.
- (iv) In all cases the Committee will submit any documentation including the Ground Grading report that was considered by the Committee in relation to the Ground Grading decision, (which the appellant would already have received).
- (v) Dates would be set annually in advance by the Judicial Services Department for the hearing of Ground Grading appeals and details of the dates would be notified to all Clubs in the correspondence from the Committee notifying the decision of the Ground Grading assessment.
- (d) **Procedures for appeals against decisions made pursuant to Regulation 4.1 and 4.2**
- (i) Such appeals must be submitted to The Association's Judicial Services Department within seven days from the date of the written decision outlining the Grounds of Appeal, with a copy to The Association's National League System Department.
- (ii) The Committee's response to the appeal shall be submitted to The Association's Judicial Services Department within seven days of the date the Club's appeal was submitted, with a copy to The Association's National League System Department.
- (iii) In all cases the Committee will submit any documentation considered by the Committee in relation to the relevant decision (which the appellant would already have received) with its response.
- (iv) The Committee will appear before an Appeal Board with the Appellant for determination of the appeal.
- (v) Dates would be set annually in advance by the Judicial Services Department for the hearing of such appeals and details of the dates would be notified to the Club in the correspondence from the Committee notifying them of the relevant decision.
- 5.3 The Committee may, at its discretion, delegate the resolution of any matter, dispute or difference arising under these Regulations to anybody it considers to be appropriate (including a sub-committee or commission which may include members of council not on the Committee or a body constituted by a County Football Association).

Leagues with Regional NLS Feeder League status - 2023-24 season:

Anglian Combination Premier Div  
Bedfordshire County League Premier Div  
Cambridgeshire County League premier  
Div Central Midlands League Div North  
Central Midlands League Div South  
Cheshire League Premier Div  
Devon League Premier Div East  
Devon League Premier Div West  
Dorset Premier League  
Essex & Suffolk Border League Premier  
Div Essex Olympian League Premier Div  
Gloucestershire County League Premier  
Div Hampshire Premier League Senior Div  
Herts Senior County League Premier Div  
Humber Premier League Premier Div  
Kent County League Premier Div  
Leicestershire Senior League Premier Div  
Lincolnshire Football League Premier Div  
Liverpool County Premier League Premier  
Div Manchester Football League Premier  
Div Mid Sussex Football League Premier  
Div Middlesex County League Premier Div  
Midland League Div 2  
Northamptonshire Combination Premier Div  
Northern Football Alliance Premier Div  
North Riding Football League Premier Div

Nottinghamshire Senior League Senior Div  
Oxfordshire Senior League Premier Div  
Peterborough & District League Premier Div  
Salop Leisure Football League Premier Div  
Sheffield & Hallamshire County Senior  
League Premier Div  
Somerset County League Premier Div  
Southern Combination Div Two  
Spartan South Midlands League Div 2 St  
Piran Football League Premier East St  
Piran Football League Premier West  
Staffordshire County Senior League  
Premier Div  
Suffolk & Ipswich League Senior Div  
Surrey Elite Intermediate League  
Intermediate Div  
Thames Valley Premier League Premier Div  
Wearside League  
West Cheshire League Div 1  
West Lancashire League Premier Div  
West Midlands (Regional) League Div 1  
West Yorkshire League Premier Div  
Wiltshire Football League Premier Div  
York Football League Premier Div  
Yorkshire Football League

## **STANDARD CODE OF RULES** (applicable for Division Two & Under 23)

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for open age football (the "Standard Code").

The Standard Code is mandatory for all Competitions at Regional NLS Feeder League level and below, and Tier 7 and below of The FA Women's Pyramid

Competitions seeking sanction must draft their Rules in conformity with the Standard Code, using the same numbering and standard headings.

The mandatory rules are printed in normal text and the optional rules in italics.

It should be noted that in many cases rules are so printed because they are alternatives and the procedure to apply should be retained and the others omitted.

In all cases where a [ ] is shown the necessary name, address, number, or wording to complete that rule must be inserted.

Competitions may add to the core of the Standard Code, which is mandatory, providing the additions are approved by the Sanctioning Authority and do not conflict with the mandatory rules or any relevant principles and policies established by the FA.

### **1. DEFINITIONS**

(A) In these Rules:

"Affiliated Association" means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of the FA.

"AGM" shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Club" means a club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

"Competition" means the SOUTHERN COMBINATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

"Competition Match" means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

"Contract Player" means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

"Deposit" means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

"Fees Tariff" means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

"Fines Tariff" means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

"Ground" means the ground on which the Club's Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

"Management Committee" means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

"Match Officials" means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

"Non-Contract Player" means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

"Officer" means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

"Participant" shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time.

"Player" means any Contract Player, Non-Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

"Player Registration System" means the FA system to register players as determined by The FA from time to time.

"Playing Season" means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

"Rules" means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

"Sanctioning Authority" means [The FA] [the.....County Football Association Limited].

"Scholarship" means a Scholarship as defined in the FA rules.

"Season" means the period of time between one AGM and the next AGM.

"Secretary" means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

"SGM" means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Team" means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.

“The FA” means The Football Association Limited.

“Virtual Meetings” means meetings held electronically.

“written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

- (B) Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and also the other way round.

## GOVERNANCE RULES

### 2. COMPETITION NAME, CONSTITUTION

- (A) The Competition will be known as SOUTHERN COMBINATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist, or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.
- (B) This Competition shall consist of not more than 20 Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (C) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be The County of Sussex and neighboring areas.
- (D) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of the FA.
- (E) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation to them, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.
- (F) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules (the “Standard Code”) determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.
- (G) 1. All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.  
2. This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, *each not exceeding 10 in number*.
- (H) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination
- (i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (including those contained in the Equality Act 2010).
- (ii) This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability, or disability or otherwise.
- (iii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
- (I) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, England Football Accredited and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (J) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children and Regulations for Safeguarding Adults at Risk as determined by The FA from time to time.
- (K) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing in the Competition in any other competitions (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (L) At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary, this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.
- (M) Only one Team from a Club shall be permitted to participate in a single division unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given,

Teams from a Club operating in the same division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than by transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

### **3. CLUB NAME**

Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority following consultation with the Competition. In the event that permission is granted, the Club must advise the Competition Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

### **4. ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT**

(A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the

Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> June and must be accompanied by an Entry Fee for each Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-

Election.

Applications, of which due notice has been given, will be received at the AGM or an SGM if confirmed by a majority of the accredited voting members present.

When Rule 22(B) is applied or a Team seeks a transfer or is compulsorily transferred to another division, no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff for each *Club/Team* payable at a date agreed at the AGM or set by the competition.

(C) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid (in accordance with the Fees Tariff) by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription, and deposit (if required) have been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise the Secretary annually in writing by 30<sup>th</sup> June of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

### **5. MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION**

a) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and ordinary members who shall all be elected at the AGM.

b) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year. All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than 31<sup>st</sup> March in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.

c) The Management Committee shall meet a minimum of twice a season or as and when required. On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.

d) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

e) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## 6. POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

(A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all

sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only

with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained, the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call on each Club to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.

(C) Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote

at all such meetings, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly relating to that member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

(D) In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.

(E) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters

affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 6(J), 8(H), and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge.

to the Club concerned. The Club charge shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:

- (i) Accept the charge and/or submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee; or
- (ii) Accept the charge and notify the competition that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or
- (iii) Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee; or
- (iv) Deny the charge and notify the competition that it wishes to have a hearing before the Management Committee.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Management Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).

Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.

With the exception of Teams playing at Regional NLS Feeder League level, the maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

The maximum fine permitted for a breach of a Rule by a Team playing at Regional NLS Feeder League level, of the National League System is £500.

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game, or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate sanctioning Association.

(F) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.



(G) A minimum of Two Thirds (2/3) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any of its sub-committees .

(H) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number.

(I) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the # Fines Tariff.

(J) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

(K) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or Competition Match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(L) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season, subject to the provisions of the National League System Regulations or Women's Football Pyramid Regulations (which shall take precedence if applicable)

(M) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

## **7. PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS**

(A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee prior to the commencement of Match.

(B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests, and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within 14 days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such a protest or complaint is being determined.

(C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days before the protest or complaint being heard.



- (i) All parties must have received a minimum of 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
  - (ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should indicate such when forwarding the written response.
- (E) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.
- (F) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, and the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):
- i. invite submissions by the parties involved.
  - ii. convene a hearing to hear the appeal.
  - iii. permit new evidence; or
  - iv. impose deadlines as are appropriate.

Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.

(G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

(H) All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming, or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff) which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee.

All such protests, claims, complaints, and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

## **8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

(A) The AGM shall be held not later than 31<sup>st</sup> July in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 60%

members are present and entitled to vote:-

- (i) confirm the minutes of the last AGM.
- (ii) Adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts from the previous season or accounting period.
- (iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
- (iv) Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.
- (v) Election of competition Officers and Management Committee members.
- (vi) Appointment of auditors/verifiers.
- (vii) Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14).
- (viii) Agree the date for the beginning of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
- (ix) Agree the date for the end of the Playing Season (save for Regional NLS Feeder League level which shall be determined by The FA).
- (x) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted by the chair as being relevant to an AG

(B) A copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to

the meeting, together with any proposed Rule changes.

- (C) A signed copy of the duly audited/verified balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.
- (D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.
- (E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing Season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the

Season being concluded. *This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.*

- (F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands, or count of email or virtual responses (for virtual meetings), unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chair so decides.
- (G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.
- (H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a Club (see Rule 8.G)
- (J) Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.

## **9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- a) On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call an SGM.
- b) The Management Committee may call an SGM at any time.
- c) At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.
- d) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.
- e) Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- f) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs, but cannot also cast a vote on behalf of a Club (See Rule 9.D)

## **10. AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED**

Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, (A) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Chairman)/(Director) and (B) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Secretary)/(Director) of [ ] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [ ] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7."

The agreement shall be signed :

- (i) Where a Club is an unincorporated association, by the Club chair and secretary; or
- (ii) Where a Club is an incorporated entity, by two directors of the Club.

Any change of Chair, secretary or Directors of the Club as named on the above agreement must be notified to the Sussex County Football Association(s) to which the Club is -sanctioned and to the Secretary of this competition.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## **11. CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB**

- (A) Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing of such intention by 31st March each season. This does not apply to a Club moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (B) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including, but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (C) Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

**12. EXCLUSION OF CLUBS, TEAMS. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

(A) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to:

- (i) remove a member of the Management Committee from office.
- (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of which must be supported by more than two thirds

(2/3) of those present and

Voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of

the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(B) At the AGM, or at an SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, provided this is supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any Officer or member of a Club found guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of 12 (A) and/or 12 (B) of this Rule.

**13. TROPHY**

(A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the cup or trophy:-

“We (A) (name) and (B) (name), the Chair and Secretary of [ ] FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of cup or trophy, and the cup or trophy having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before 1<sup>st</sup> March. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair.”

Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

**14. ALTERATION TO RULES**

(A) Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at an SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season, except in exceptional circumstances and approved by the Sanctioning Authority or The FA.

(B) Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> January each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 30<sup>th</sup> April and any amendments to these proposals shall be submitted to the Secretary by 17<sup>th</sup> May. The proposals and proposed amendments to these proposals shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present, and entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

(C) A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

**15. FINANCE**

(A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.

(B) Not applicable.

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end on 31<sup>st</sup> May.

(D) The accounting records, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be *audited/verified* annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

## **16. INSURANCE**

- (A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover for a minimum of ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.
- (B) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.
- (C) Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## **17. DISSOLUTION**

- (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at an SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.
- (B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.
- (C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:
  - i. Any surplus assets, save for a trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Authority.
  - ii. If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide.

## MATCH RELATED RULES

### 18. QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

(A) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:

1. Registered through the Player Registration System and received approval from the Competition *except in the case of a Player who has been registered on the day of a match. For any players registered on the day of a match, a Club Officer must email the Competition with details of the registration 4 hours prior to the scheduled kick off time in order for the player to be eligible to play in that match. The Player shall not play again in any subsequent match in the Competition until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration System and is in possession of the approval from the Competition. A maximum of 1 Players may be registered in this manner*

OR

2. *signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink on a match day prior to playing which is countersigned by an Officer of the Club and witnessed by an Officer of the opposing Club, and submitted to the Competition within two days (Sundays excluded) subsequent to the Competition Match. The Player shall not play again in a subsequent match in the Competition until the Club has registered the player through The FA Player Registration System and is in possession of the approval from the Competition.*

Any registration that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed and the player classed as unregistered. If a Club attempts to register a player via the Player Registration System but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via-the Player Registration System the registration will not be processed.

For Clubs registering Players under Rule 18.A, registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players by the Player Registration System, Clubs must access the Player Registration System in order to complete the registration process.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B)

1. Contract players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under Contract with the same Club who have a team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System, or Tiers 1-4 of the Womens Pyramid System
2. It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.
3. Each must have at least 11 Players registered 7 days before the start of each Playing Season. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
4. In the event of a Non Contract Player changing his status to that of a contract player with the same Club, or with a Club in another competition their registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18.B.1
5. For UNDER 23 Development section; only those players are eligible to take part who have reached age of 16 years on 31<sup>st</sup> August of current season and not reached age of 23 Years as at midnight on 31<sup>st</sup> August of the current season. Each club will be permitted to include on its team sheet a maximum of FOUR overage players.

(C) A Player that owes a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) shall be permitted to register for a club

but will be suspended from Football activities if the player does not comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt.

(D) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered.

(E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club, priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(F) It shall be a breach of Rule for a Player to:-

- i. Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.
- ii. Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season except for the purpose of a transfer, or where the Competition adopts rule 18.P
- iii. Submit a signed registration form as per Rule 18 A.2 or submit a registration through the player Registration System that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(G) 1. The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rules 18(G) (ii) and below.

2.. The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player or may fine any Player, at their discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).

3.. The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the Player is registered or intending to be registered with.

Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.

4. A Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G)(iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition may consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.

(Note: Action under Rule 18(G) (iii) shall not be taken against a Player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and then only in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

(H). Subject to compliance with FA Rule C when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or three days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

(I) A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 31<sup>st</sup> March except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(J) Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.

(K) Not Applicable.

(L) A Team shall not include more than 3, Players who has/have taken part in 3 or more senior Competition Matches during the current Playing Season unless a period of 21 days has elapsed since they last played.

For the purpose of this Rule a senior competition(s) are at step 4 or above of the NLS. (Does not apply to U23 Divisions)  
Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff. .

(M) (i) Subject to Rule 18(M)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff).

(ii) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N)(i) only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.

(iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(M)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion order one or more of the following (if appropriate):

- a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; or
- b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; or
- c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

(N) The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education:-

- 1) Priority must be given at all times to activities of school and school organizations. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- 2) The availability of children and young people must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday leagues competitions).
- 3) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

(O) *Not Applicable.*

(P) *Not adopted*

## **19. CLUB COLOURS**

- a) Every team must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by 30<sup>th</sup> June and the competition secretary shall decide as to their suitability.
- b) Any team changing its colours during the Playing Season must notify the competition secretary immediately.
- c) Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.
- d) No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.
- e) Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents of the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper's jersey) at least five days before the Competition Match.
- f) If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, the *away* Team shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- g) Shirts must be numbered, and no two shirts shall have the same number, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## **20. PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES**

(A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be



played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Match(es) on another ground.

Artificial Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches - <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register> . All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20(C).

Within Regional NLS Feeder Leagues, all Competition Matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes. All other Competition Matches shall have duration of 90 minutes unless a shorter time (not less than sixty (60) minutes) is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the match, and in any event shall be of equal halves. Two matches involving the same two Teams can be played on the same day providing the total playing time is not more than 120 minutes.

The times of kick-off shall be agreed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs and the competition. Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition, if not provided. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

#### **No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 affiliated matches**

**Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are removed for all affiliated matches at Regional NLS Feeder League level**

**For those leagues which are not Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are ideally removed for affiliated matches but if they cannot be removed then discretion is given to the match official to restart the match in accordance of the laws of the game.**

(B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally agreed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition match with the consent of the competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) In accordance with the Laws of the Game, the minimum number of Players which will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is 7.

(E) (i) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except by the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

(ii) Any Club with more than one Team in the Competition shall always fulfil its fixture, within the Competition, in the following order of precedence:- First Team, Reserve Team, A Team.

(iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the , the Competition , the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.



(iv) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the competition. Failing such agreement and notification to the competition within 7 days the competition shall have the power to order the Match to be played on or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(v) The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall award the points for the Match to the opponent. In cases where a Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Match, and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Match.

The Management Committee shall review any Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 18(N) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.

(F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match. A Club may name up to 5 substitute Players of whom not more than FIVE may be used.

A Player who has been substituted becomes a substitute and may replace a Player at any time subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

Where a Competition does allow return substitutes, a Club may use up to 5 from 5 substitutes Players in a Competition Match.

The referee [and a representative of the opposing Club] shall be informed of the names of the Players taking part in the Match (including Substitutes) not later than 45 minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

A Player who has been named as a substitute before the start of the Competition Match but does not actually play in that game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.

(G) The half time interval shall be of 15 minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(H) The Teams taking part in a Competition Match shall identify a Team captain who may wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of their teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## **21. REPORTING RESULTS**

(A) The competition must receive within Three days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) and also the *referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition*. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) The Home Club/both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/FA Full Time / FA Matchday as directed by the Competition to notify the result of each Competition Match to the results line by 5.30pm or 10.00pm for midweek games. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## **22. DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP**

(A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of

the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings shall be determined by goal difference (where the goals scored against each Team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Team and the Team with the most favorable goal difference shall be placed highest).

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team which has scored the most goals during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team that has won the most matches during the Playing Season shall be placed highest.

In the event of two or more Teams still being equal, the Team which has the better playing record against the other Team in their head to head Competition Matches during the Playing Season will be placed highest.

If the records of two or more Teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the Teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches under conditions as determined by the Management Committee.

(B) & (C) Not Applicable

(D) In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 22(D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

(E) Not Applicable

### **23. MATCH OFFICIALS**

(A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.

(B) 1. In the event of the non-appearance of the appointed referee the appointed senior assistant referee shall take charge and a substitute assistant referee appointed by the competing Teams.

2. In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status, and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match.

(C) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(D) Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: No Club shall postpone a Competition match on account of the apparent state of the ground. In the event that such circumstances prevail, Clubs should comply with procedures provided for in the document published by The FA "Recommended procedure for the guidance of Clubs and Referees in determining the suitability of grounds in adverse weather conditions". Should the ground be declared unfit it is the responsibility of the home Club to immediately advise the Competition, the Appointing Authority, the visiting Club, and the Match Officials.

For those leagues which are not Regional NLS Feeder Leagues: The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.

(E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff inclusive of travel expenses.

Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to *half fee*. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(G) A referee not keeping their engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form

provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to the Sanctioning Authority.

(J) The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.

(K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.

*(L) Match Officials shall comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA and/or Sanctioning Authority adopted by the Competition*

**SCHEDULE A**

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£100.00
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£80.00
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	£0.00
7 (C), 7 (E), 7(G)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£50.00
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£1.00
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£20.00
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	£40.00
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	£25.00

FINES TARIFF		
RULE	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£25.00
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£15.00
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£25.00
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£15.00
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£15.00
4(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	£15.00
5(E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25.00
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£25.00
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	£25.00
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£50.00
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£50.00
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£25.00
11(A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£250.00
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£175.00
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£50.00
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£25.00
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£25.00
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£100.00
18 (B) (ii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE SEASON COMMENCING	£30.00
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS, OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£150.00
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£150.00
18 (M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	N/A
18 (N)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£50.00
18(O)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	N/A
19	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£15.00
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£15.00
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED	£15.00
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£25.00
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£15.00
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£10.00 per player
20 (E) (i) & (iv)	FAILURE TO PLAY FIXTURE	£250.00
20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£15.00
21 (A)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£15.00
21 (B)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE RESULT	£15.00
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## STANDARD CODE OF RULES FOR Southern Combination Youth Football League

### 1. (A) In these Rules:

"Affiliated Association" means an Association accorded the status of an Affiliated Association under the rules of The FA.

"AGM" shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Club" means a club for the time being in membership of the Competition.

"Competition" means the Southern Combination Youth Football League.

"Competition Match" means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

"Contract Player" means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play under a written contract of employment with a Club.

"Deposit" means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

"Fees Tariff" means a list of fees approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any matters for which fees are payable under the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

"Fines Tariff" means a list of fines approved by the Clubs at a general meeting to be levied by the Management Committee for any breach of the Rules, as set out at Schedule A.

"Ground" means the ground on which the Club's Team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

"Management Committee" means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

"Match Officials" means the referee, the assistant referees and any fourth official appointed to a Competition Match.

"Mini Soccer" means those participating at ages under 7s to under 10s.

"Non Contract Player" means any Player (other than a Player on a Scholarship) who is eligible to play for a Club but has not entered into a written contract of employment.

"Officer" means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

"Participant" shall have the same meaning as set out in the rules of The FA from time to time.

"Player" means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

"Playing Season" means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

"Rules" means these rules under which the Competition is administered.

"Sanctioning Authority" means The SCFA

"Scholarship" means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the rules of The FA.

"Season" means the period of time between an AGM and the subsequent AGM.

"Secretary" means such person or persons appointed or elected to carry out the administration of the Competition.

"SGM" means a special general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Team" means a team affiliated to a Club, including where a Club provides more than one team in the Competition in accordance with the Rules.

"The FA" means The Football Association Limited.

"Player Registration System" means The FA system to register players as determined by The FA from time to time.

"written" or "in writing" means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

"Youth Football" means those participating at ages under 11s to under 18s.

[B] Unless stated otherwise, terms referring to natural persons are applicable to both genders. Any term in the singular applies to the plural and vice-versa.

## GOVERNANCE RULES

### COMPETITION NAME AND CONSTITUTION

#### 2

- a) The Competition will be known as ["The Macron Store Southern Combination Youth League ] (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.
- b) This Competition shall consist of not more than [48 ] Clubs *and/or* [48 ] Teams approved by the Sanctioning Authority.
- c) The geographical area covered by the Competition membership shall be [Sussex and it's border Counties ].
- d) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

- e) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 7.
- f) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules for Youth Competitions (the "Standard Code") determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.
- g) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date in a manner prescribed by the Sanctioning Authority and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.  
This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Sanctioning Authority and the constituent Teams of Clubs may be grouped in divisions, each not exceeding 12 in number.
- h) Inclusion and Non-discrimination
  - i. The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusion and to eliminating all forms of discrimination and should abide and adhere to The FA Equality Policy and any legislative requirements (to include those contained in the Equality Act 2010).
  - ii. This Competition and each Club must make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability or otherwise.
  - iii. Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.
  - i) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
  - j) All Participants shall abide by The Football Association Regulations for Safeguarding Children as determined by The FA from time to time.
  - k) Clubs shall not enter any of their Teams playing at a particular age group in the Competition in any other competition (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
  - l) At the AGM or a SGM called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 22.

#### **CLUB NAME**

- 3 Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

#### **ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT**

- 4 (A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional Team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by an entry fee per Team as set out in the Fees Tariff, which shall be returned in the event of non-election.  
At the discretion of the voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the AGM or a SGM or on a date agreed by the Management Committee.
- (B) The annual subscription shall be payable in accordance with the Fees Tariff per Club/Team (where a Club has more than one Team in membership of the Competition) and shall be payable on or before [1<sup>st</sup> July] in each year.
- (C) Not applicable in this competition
- (D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the entry fee, annual subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid.
- (E) If requested by the Competition, Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by [1<sup>st</sup> September] of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Playing Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its headquarters, its Officers and any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (F) An all-female team can apply to the Competition to play an age group down in a mixed gender competition, subject to rule 8A(iii)&(iv) and provided the team has obtained approval from its Sanctioning Authority.

#### **MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION**

- 5 (A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and [ ] members who shall all be elected at the AGM.
- (B) Retiring Officers shall be eligible to become candidates for re-election without nomination provided that the Officer notifies the Secretary in writing not later than [1<sup>st</sup> May] in each year.  
All other candidates for election as Officers of the Competition or members of the Management Committee shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the secretaries of two Clubs, not later than [31<sup>st</sup> May] in each year. Names of the candidates

for election shall be circulated with the notice of the AGM. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the AGM.

(The Management Committee shall meet as and when required, save that no more than three calendar months shall pass between each meeting.

- (C) On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Management Committee the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Management Committee.
- (D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.
- (E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their Officers and sent to the Secretary.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

#### **POWERS OF MANAGEMENT**

- 6 (A) The Management Committee may appoint sub-committees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all sub-committees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The FA or Affiliated Association.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each Season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any club which may have withdrawn during the Season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the Season.

(C) Each member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall also apply to the procedure of any sub-committee).

In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman of the Management Committee shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 6(I), 8(H) and 9, for all alleged breaches of a Rule the Management Committee shall issue a formal written charge to the Club concerned. The Club charged shall be given 7 days from the date of notification of the charge to reply. In such reply a Club may:-

- i. Accept the charge and submit in writing a case of mitigation for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
- ii. Accept the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee; or
- iii. Deny the charge and submit in writing supporting evidence for consideration by the Management Committee on the papers; or
- iv. Deny the charge and notify that it wishes to put its case of mitigation at a hearing before the Management Committee.

Where the Club charged fails to respond within 7 days, the Management Committee shall determine the charge in such manner and upon such evidence as it considers appropriate.

Where required, hearings shall take place as soon as reasonably practicable following receipt of the reply of the Club as more fully set out above.

Having considered the reply of the Club (whether in writing or at a hearing), the Management Committee shall make its decision and, in the event that the charge is accepted or proven, decide on the appropriate penalty (with reference to the Fines Tariff where applicable).

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £100 and, when setting any fine, the Management Committee must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

No Participant under the age of 18 can be fined.

All breaches of the Laws of the Game or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.

- (F) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7. Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within 7 days.

(F) 50% of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.

(G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill, in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.

(H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee, and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(I) Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7 below, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision.



Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

- (J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or Competition Match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.
- (K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the AGM or SGM called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Playing Season.
- (L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

#### **PROTESTS, CLAIMS, COMPLAINTS, APPEALS**

7. (A) (i) All questions of eligibility, qualification of Players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the referee before the commencement of the Competition Match.

(B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within 7 days (excluding Sundays) of the Competition Match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.<sup>5</sup>

(C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the inquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

- i. All parties must have received 7 days' notice of the hearing should they be instructed to attend.
- ii. Should a Club elect to state its case in person then it should forward a deposit of £25 and indicate such when forwarding the written response.

(E) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.

(F) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee (as set out in the Fees Tariff), which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld. A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. The procedure for the appeal shall be determined by the Sanctioning Authority, in such respect the Sanctioning Authority may (but is not obliged to):

- i. invite submissions by the parties involved; or
- ii. convene a hearing to hear the appeal; or
- iii. permit new evidence; or
- iv. impose deadlines as are appropriate.

Any appeal shall not involve a rehearing of the evidence considered by the Management Committee.

(G) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an AGM or SGM unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

#### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- 8 (A) The AGM shall be held not later than 31<sup>st</sup> July in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 24 members are present and entitled to vote:-

- i. To receive and confirm the minutes of the preceding AGM.
- ii. To receive and adopt the annual report, balance sheet and statement of accounts.
- iii. Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.
- iv. Constitution of the Competition for the ensuing Season.
- v. Election of Officers of the Competition and the Management Committee members.
- vi. Appointment of auditors.
- vii. Alteration of Rules, if any (see Rule 14).
- viii. Fix the date for the commencement of the Playing Season and kick off times applicable to the Competition.
- ix. Fix the date for the end of the Playing Season.
- x. Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an AGM.

(B) A copy of the duly *audited/verified* balance sheet, statement of accounts and agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least 14 days prior to the meeting together with any proposed Rule changes.

(C) A signed copy of the duly *audited/verified* balance sheet and statement of accounts shall be sent to the Sanctioning Authority within 14 days of its adoption by the AGM.

- (D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an AGM. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. 14 days' notice shall be given of any AGM.
- (E) Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the Competition during the Playing Season being concluded or who are not continuing membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the Season being concluded. This provision will not apply to Clubs expelled in accordance with Rule 12.
- (F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.
- (G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Club.
- (H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the AGM. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (I) Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an AGM.
- (J) Where a Competition is an incorporated entity, the Officers of the Competition shall ensure that the Articles of Association of the Competition are consistent with the requirements of these Rules.

#### **SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

- 9 Upon receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a SGM. The Management Committee may call a SGM at any time.
- At least seven (7) days' notice shall be given of a meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting.
- Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all SGMs. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only.
- Any Club failing to be represented at a SGM shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- Officers of the Competition and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all SGMs.

#### **AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED**

10. Each Club shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the application for membership for the coming Season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.
- "We, (A), (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Chairman)/Director and (B) (name) [ ] of (address) [ ] (Secretary/Director) of [ ] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [ ] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club, if elected or accepted into membership, to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7."
- The agreement shall be signed by:
- i. Where a Club is an unincorporated association, the Club chairman and secretary; or
  - ii. Where a Club is an incorporated entity, two directors of the Club.
- Any alteration of the chairman and /or secretary of the Club on the above agreement must be notified to the FA to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary.
- Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

#### **CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP, WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB**

11. (A) Any Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a Team from the Competition must do so at least 7 days before the AGM. This does not apply to a Club **moving in accordance with Rule 22(B). Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.**
- (B) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a Team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season, including but not limited to, issuing a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (C) Notwithstanding the powers of the Management Committee pursuant to Rule 6(I), in the event of a Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee shall be empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

#### **EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAM. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

12. (A) At the AGM or SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, notice of motion having been duly circulated on the agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to: (i) remove a member of the Management Committee from office, (ii) exclude any Club or Team from membership, both of which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A member of the Management Committee or Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (B) At the AGM, or at a SGM called for the purpose in accordance with the provisions of Rule 9, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any *Club or Team* whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by more than two-thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.
- (C) Any Officer or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a Player or Players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of clauses (A) and/or (B) of this Rule.

## TROPHY

13. (A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the cup or trophy:-

"We A [name] and B [name], the Chairman and Secretary of [ ] FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of [ ] cup or trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the cup or trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before 1<sup>st</sup> March. If the cup or trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair."

Failure to comply will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (B) At the close of each Competition awards may/shall be made to the winners and runners-up if the funds of the Competition permit.

## ALTERATION TO RULES

14. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the AGM or at a SGM specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 9. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by [ ] in each year. The proposals, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by [ ] and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31<sup>st</sup> January. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority] of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or SGM shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

## FINANCE

15. (A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.
- (B) All expenditure in excess of £100 shall be approved by the Management Committee. Cheques shall be signed by at least two Officers nominated by the Management Committee.
- (C) The financial year of the Competition will end on the 31<sup>st</sup> May.
- (D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be *audited/verified* annually by a suitably qualified person(s) who shall be appointed at the AGM.

## INSURANCE

16. (A) All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.
- (B) All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident insurance cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition Match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the Sanctioning Authority. In instances where The FA is the Sanctioning Authority, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.
- Failure to comply with Rule 16(A) or 16(B) will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## DISSOLUTION

17. (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a SGM by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant SGM.
- (B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.
- (C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:
- Any surplus assets, save for a trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the Sanctioning Authority.
  - If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide.

## MATCH RELATED RULES

### QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

18. A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:-
- (A) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by his /her parent or guardian and by an Officer of the Club, and who has been registered with the (Registrations) Secretary [1 ] day prior to the Player playing and whose completed registration counterfoil has been received by the Club prior to playing in a Competition Match. The registration document must incorporate emergency contact details of the Player's parents or guardians. These details must be available at matches and training events the Player attends within the management of the Club or Competition;

(C) or registered through WGS.

Any registration form which is sent by either of the means set out at Rules 18(A) (i)(a) or (b) above that is not fully and correctly completed will be returned to the Club unprocessed. If a Club attempts to register a player via WGS but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information via WGS, the registration will not be processed.

For Clubs registering Players under Rules 18 (A) (i) (a) or (b) registration forms will be provided in a format to be determined by the Competition. For Clubs registering Players via WGS (under Rule 18 (A) (i) (c)) Clubs must access WGS in order to complete the registration process.

ii. Registration forms may also be submitted to the (Registrations) Secretary by electronic mail or facsimile machine prior to the Player playing in a Competition Match. The original document must also be forwarded by post to the appropriate Officer of the Competition within three days of the Competition Match.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(B) (i) Contract Players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under contract with the same Club who have a Team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(ii) A Player registered with a Premier League or ~~English Football League~~ EFL Academy under the Elite Player Performance Plan contained within Youth Development Rules will not be permitted to play in this Competition, except for those in the under 11 age-group and below where consent has been given by the relevant Premier League or EFL (such consent can be withdrawn at any time). Trial players are not considered to be registered with a Premier League or EFL Academy for these purposes and therefore the prohibition on playing in the Competition does not apply to them. The relevant Premier League/EFL Academy remains responsible for managing the frequency of the player's playing time. Details of the Youth Development Rules are published on The FA website. A Player registered with an ~~FA Girls' Regional Talent Club~~ FA Emerging Talent Centre or an FA Professional Game Academy may play in this Competition subject to the ~~FA Girls' Emerging Talent Centre Operating Criteria and Professional Game Academy Youth Development Rules~~

(iii) Each Team must have the following number of Players registered [ ] days before the start of each Playing Season:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5v5	5
7v7	7
9v9	9
11v11	11

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(C) A child who has not attained the age of 6 shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match of any kind.

The relevant age for each Player is determined by his or her age as at midnight on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season i.e. children who are aged 6 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season (together with those who attain the age of 6 during the Playing Season) will be classed as Under 7 Players for that Playing Season. Children who are aged 7 as at midnight on 31 August in a Playing Season will be classed as Under 8 Players for that Playing Season, and so on.

Notwithstanding the above, a child is permitted to play up in the age group above his or her chronological age group, irrespective of any changes of format or competition structure, save that a child who attains the age of 6 after 31 August is permitted to play only in the Under 7 age group, and may not play in the Under 8 age group, for that Playing Season.

The age groups that children are eligible to play in are set out in the table below, along with the permitted football formats for each of those age groups. **For the purposes of this Rule 18(C), provisions relating to playing in specified age groups shall include participating in training as well as playing in matches.** Children shall not play, and shall not be permitted or encouraged to play, in a match between sides of more than the stated number of players, according to their age group:

Age on 31 August of the relevant Playing Season	Eligible Age Groups	Maximum Permitted Format	Minimum Pitch Sizes		Maximum Pitch Sizes		Recommended Goal Sizes in feet	Ball Size
			Yards	Metres	Yards	Metres		
6	Under 7	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 8		30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	
7	Under 8	5v5	30 x 20	27.45 x 18.3	40 x 30	36.3 x 27.45	12 x 6	3
	Under 9	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	
8	Under 9	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	3
	Under 10		50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	
9	Under 10	7v7	50 x 30	45.75 x 27.45	60 x 40	54.9 x 36.6	12 x 6	4
	Under 11	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	
10	Under 11	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 12		70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	

11	Under 12	9v9	70 x 40	64 x 36.6	80 x 50	73.15 x 45.75	16 x 7	4
	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
12	Under 13	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 14		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	
13	Under 14	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	100 x 60	91.44 x 54.9	21 x 7	4
	Under 15		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
14	Under 15	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 16		90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	
15	Under 16	11v11	90 x 50	82.3 x 45.75	110 x 70	100.58 x 64	24 x 8	5
	Under 17		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
16	Under 17	11v11	100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	5
	Under 18		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	
	Open Age		100 x 50	91.44 x 45.75	130 x 100	118.87 x 91.44	24 x 8	

- (D) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/Team for each Player registered, if applicable.
- (E) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes taking into account the following.
- i. A Player shall not be permitted to register for more than one Club subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below.
  - ii. In the event of a Player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club priority of registration shall decide for which Club the Player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the Player of the fact of the previous registration subject to the exceptions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) below.
  - iii. A Player is only permitted to register for more than one Club provided that:
    - a) The Team(s) in which the Player plays in are not in the same age group; or
    - b) Except for the purpose of a transfer.
And the Player meets the requirements in Rule 18(C).
- (F) It shall be a breach of these Rules for a Player to:-
- Play for more than one Team in the same age group in the Competition in the same Playing Season without first being transferred.
- Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that Playing Season, except if the provisions set out in Rule 18 (E)(iii) apply, or where the competition adopts rule 18.P
- Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS for registration that the Player had willfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.
- Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (G) (i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any Player subject to the provisions of Rule 18(G)(ii) and (iii) below.
- (ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any Player, the exercise of such power being without prejudice to the Management Committee's ability to fine a Club at its discretion (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) that has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 7).
- (iii) The Management Committee shall have the power to refuse or cancel the registration of any Player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 7) subject to the right of appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. Where the Management Committee does not have enough information to enable it to make a decision pursuant to the above power, it may apply, in its absolute discretion, to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA for further information.
- i. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a Participant from being involved in this Competition.
- (iv) For a Player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with Rule 18(G)(iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the Player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into disrepute.
- (Note: Action under Rule 18(G)(iii) shall only be taken against a Player in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any event be subject to an appeal to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA. All decisions must include the period of restriction. For the purpose of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days' suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in any competition (and is not restricted to the Competition) in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)
- (H) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C when a Club wishes to register a player who is already registered with another club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the club for which the player is registered. Should this club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the player concerned within 3 days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written

objection within 3 days, the Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or [1 ] days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

(I) A Player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after [31<sup>st</sup> March] except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(J) A Club shall keep a list of the Players it registers and a record of all matches in which those Players have played for the Club, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.



In the event a Club has more than one Team in an age group, each Team must be clearly identifiable but not designated 'A' or 'B' or 1st or 2nd. In such cases, Players will be registered for one Team only. A Player so registered will be allowed to play for his Club in a younger or older age group within the provisions of Rule 18(C).

- (K) A register containing the names of all Players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the (Registrations) Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of an Officer of the Club at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Playing Season only.

In the event of a Non Contract Player changing his status to that of a Contract Player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a club in another competition his registration as a Non Contract Player will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 18(B)(i).

- (L) A Player shall not be eligible to play for a Team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding Competition Match (as specified in Rule 22(A)) unless the Player has played [N/A ] Competition Matches for that Team in the current Playing Season.

(M) .Not applicable to this competition.

- (N) (i) Subject to Rule 18(N)(ii), any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a Competition Match or Matches where points are awarded shall have the points gained from that Competition Match deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(ii) The Management Committee may vary the sanction as relates to the deduction of points set out at Rule 18(N)(i) only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.

(iii) Where a Club is found to have played an ineligible Player in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above, the Management Committee may also, at its discretion:

- a) Award the points available in the Competition Match in question to the opponents, subject to the Competition Match not being ordered to be replayed; ~~or~~
- b) Levy penalty points against the Club in default; ~~and/~~ or
- c) Order that such Competition Match or Matches be replayed (on such terms as are decided by the Management Committee).

(The following clause applies to Competitions involving Players in full-time secondary education):-

- (O) (i) Priority must be given at all times to **the activities of school and school organisations activities**. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with their head teacher (except for Sunday league competitions).

(iii) A child under the age of 15 as at midnight on 31 August in the relevant Playing Season, shall not be permitted to play in a Competition Match during that Playing Season where any other Player is older or younger than that child by two years or more.

(P) Not adopted

## CLUB COLOURS

19. Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts with the Secretary by [1<sup>st</sup> June] who shall decide as to their suitability.

Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other Players and the Match Officials.

No Player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any Team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colours of the goalkeeper jersey) at least [5 ] days before the Competition Match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Teams have the same or similar colours, **the home Team** shall make the change. Should a Team delay the scheduled time of kick-off for a Competition Match by not having a change of colours they will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

Shirts must be numbered, failing which a fine will be levied in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

## PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF, POSTPONEMENTS, SUBSTITUTES

20. (A) All Competition Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board or, for Mini-Soccer, ~~and 9v9 football, the Rules The Mini-Soccer and Youth Futsal Handbook, or, for 9v9 football as set down by~~ The FA's Guide to 9v9 Football.

Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their Grounds in a playable condition. All Competition Matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home Team a Competition Match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for Competition Matches and to order the Club concerned to play its Competition Matches on another ground.

Artificial Football Turf Pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition provided they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf Pitches - <https://footballfoundation.org.uk/3g-pitch-register>. All Football Turf Pitches used must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to The FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising Participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 20(C).

Overhead netting is allowed for 5v5 and 7v7 mini soccer if the overhead netting height is at a minimum of 6m. No overhead netting is allowed for 9v9 and 11v11 affiliated matches.

Overhead wires used to support pitch divider netting are ideally removed for affiliated matches but if they cannot be removed then discretion is given to the match official to restart the match in accordance of the laws of the game.

All Competition Matches shall have a duration as set out below unless a shorter time is mutually arranged by the two Clubs in consultation with the referee prior to the commencement of the Competition Match, and in any event shall be of equal halves.

Competition Matches should be played in accordance with the Laws appropriate to the relevant age group, as laid down by The FA, as detailed below.

Age Group	Minimum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum duration of play per half (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all organised development fixtures (minutes)	Maximum playing time in one day in all tournaments and trophy events/festivals (minutes)	Competition structure
Under 7 and Under 8	10	20	40	60	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 2 week periods (6 weeks)
Under 9 and Under 10	20	25	60	90	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 4 week periods (12 weeks)
Under 11	20	30	80	120	Development focussed with a maximum of 3 trophy events per season over 6 week periods (18 weeks)
Under 12	20	30	80 (if applicable)	120	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 13 and Under 14	25	35	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 15 and Under 16	25	40	100	150	Any varieties including one season long league table
Under 17 and Under 18	25	45	120	180	Any varieties including one season long league table

For round robin/trophy events, the maximum duration of play per half cannot be exceeded, but the minimum duration of play per half may be adjusted.

For trophy events, the Competition may award mementos.

The times of kick-off shall be fixed at the AGM and can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing Clubs prior to the scheduled date of the Competition Match with written notification given to the Competition at least [5 ] days prior.

Referees must order Competition Matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

The home Team must provide goal nets, corner flags and at least two footballs fit for play and the referee shall make a report to the Competition if the footballs are unsuitable. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the FinesTariff.



- (B) Except by permission of the Management Committee all Competition Matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The FA and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a Competition Match with the consent of the (Fixtures) Secretary. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the Competition Match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

- (C) An Officer of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the Ground and time of kick-off to the Match Officials and an Officer of the opposing Club at least [5 ] clear days prior to the playing of the Competition Match. If not so provided, the away Club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (D) The minimum number of Players that will constitute a Team for a Competition Match is as follows:

FORMAT	MINIMUM NUMBER
5v5	4
7v7	5
9v9	6
11v11	7

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (E) (i) In competitions where points are awarded, home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have the power to impose a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff), deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the Competition Match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any reasonable expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a Competition Match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's Ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.
- (ii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a Competition Match has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the (Fixtures) Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the secretary of the opposing Club and the Match Officials.
- (iii) In the event of a Competition Match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be mutually agreed by the two Clubs and approved by the Management Committee. Failing such agreement and notification to the (Fixtures) Secretary within [N/A ] days the Management Committee shall have the power to order the Competition Match to be played on a named date or on or before a given date. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand. Providing gate money is taken and retained the visiting Club shall receive their actual standard class rail or bus fares or the equivalent for [ ] persons, or car allowance at [N/A ] p per mile for transporting [N/A ] persons, or hire charge of a coach (receipt to be submitted). The residue (if any) to be equally divided between the two Clubs after deducting the cost of advertising, printing, posting, police and Match Officials charges. The home Club shall take the whole of the proceeds of the second Competition Match.

Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

- (iv) The Management Committee shall review all Competition Matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a Competition Match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one Team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the Competition Match to the opponent. In cases where a Competition Match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both Teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule that neither Team will be awarded any points for that Competition Match and it shall not be replayed. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned Competition Match.
- (v) The Management Committee shall review any Competition Match that has taken place where either or both Teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by The FA or Affiliated Association. In each case the Team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 18(N)(i) above. Where both Teams were under suspension the Competition Match must be declared null and void and shall not be replayed.
- (F) A Club may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use substitute Players in any Competition Match.

Where a Competition does allow return substitutes:

In Youth Football only, the referee shall be informed of the names of the substitute Players not later than [45 mins ] minutes before the start of the Competition Match and a Player not so named may not take part in that Competition Match.

A Player who has named as a substitute before the start of that Competition Match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a Player in that Competition Match within the meaning of Rule 18 of this Competition.

- (G) The half time interval shall be of [10 mins ] minutes' duration, but it shall not exceed 15 minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

- (H) The Teams taking part in Under 7s to Under 11 or Youth Football shall identify a Team captain who *may/shall* wear an armband and shall have a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her teammates. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

#### REPORTING RESULTS

21. (A) The (*Registration/Fixtures*) Secretary must receive within [ 3 ] days of the date played, the result of each Competition Match in the prescribed manner. This must include the forename(s) and surname of the Team Players (in block letters) **and** also the referee markings required by Rule 23, or any other information required by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (B) The Home Club/both Clubs shall telephone/SMS/email/notify the result of each Competition Match to the [League Secretary ] by 3pm for 11.00am KO and 10.30 pm for evening KO. ]. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by an Officer of the Club, or as prescribed by the Competition. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (D) The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect but NOT publish results or any grading tables for fixtures involving Under 7s, Under 8s, Under 9s, Under 10s, and Under 11s. Any Competition failing to abide by this Rule will be dealt with by the Sanctioning Authority, and any Club failing to abide by this Rule will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. The Competition and Clubs are permitted to collect and publish results for trophy events.

#### DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

22. (A) In Competitions where points are awarded, Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn Competition Match. The Teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective divisions at the end of the Playing Season shall be adjudged the winners. Competition Matches must not be played for double points.

In the event of two or more Teams being equal on points at the end of the Playing Season, rankings may be determined by a deciding match or matches played under conditions determined by the Management Committee, or the position shared.

(B) *N/A to this competition*

- (C) In the event of a Team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the Playing Season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting Team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 22 (C) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

#### MATCH OFFICIALS

23. (A) Registered referees (and assistant referees where approved by The FA or County FA) for all Competition Matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority.
- (B) In cases where there are no officially appointed Match Officials in attendance, the Clubs shall agree upon a referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that Competition Match, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any open age competition and individuals under the age of 14 must not participate either as a referee or assistant referee in any Competition Match. Referees between the ages of 14 and 16 are only eligible to officiate in competitions where the Players' age band is at least one year younger than the age of the referee, for example a 15 year old referee may only officiate in competitions where the age banding is 14 or younger.
- (C) Where assistant referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club assistant referee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) being imposed on the defaulting Club.
- (D) The appointed referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the Ground in all Competition Matches and that decision shall be final, subject to the determination of the Local Authority or the owners of a Ground, which must be accepted.
- (E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the Sanctioning Authority, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff and travel expenses of [£35 ] inclusive of travel expenses.
- Match Officials will be paid their fees and/or expenses by the home Club before/immediately after the Competition Match, unless otherwise ordered by the Management Committee. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (F) In the event of a Competition Match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to *full fee plus expenses/half fee plus expenses/expenses only*. Where a Competition Match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Match Officials, if they attend the Ground, their full fee and expenses. Failure to comply with this Rule will result in a fine in accordance with the Fines Tariff.
- (G) A referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Affiliated Association with which he or she is registered.
- (H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The FA, award marks to the referee for each Competition Match and the name of the referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined (in accordance with the Fines Tariff) or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.
- (I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the form provided by the prescribed date each Season, shall submit a summary to The FA/County FA.
- (J) The referee shall submit a report form, supplied by the Competition, giving the result of the Competition Match, the number of Players in each Team and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the Competition Match.

- (K) Match Officials shall be supplied, each season, with a copy of the Competition Rules free of charge.
- (L) Match Officials shall have undertaken a RESPECT briefing offered by The FA/County FA or the Competition.

#### SCHEDULE A

FEES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FEE
4 (A)	CLUB ENTRY FEE	£50.00
4 (B)	CLUB/TEAM ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	£150.00
4 (C)	DEPOSIT	£100.00
7 (C), 7(E)	PROTEST/APPEAL FEES	£25.00
18 (D)	PLAYER REGISTRATION FEE	£10.00 (per player)
18 (H)	TRANSFER FEE	£10.00
23 (E)	REFEREE FEES	As agreed with Sanctioning Authority
23 (E)	ASSISTANT REFEREE FEES	As agreed with Sanctioning Authority
FINES TARIFF		
RULE NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM FINE
2 (G)	FAILURE TO AFFILIATE	£100.00
2 (I)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH FA INITIATIVES	£100.00
2 (K)	UNAUTHORISED ENTRY OF TEAMS INTO COMPETITIONS	£100.00
3	FAILURE TO OBTAIN CONSENT FOR A CHANGE OF CLUB NAME	£30.00
4 (C)	FAILURE TO PAY A DEPOSIT	£100.00
4(E)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE AFFILIATION NUMBER/DETAILS FORM	£100.00
5 (E)	COMMUNICATIONS CONDUCTED BY PERSONS OTHER THAN NOMINATED OFFICERS	£25.00
6 (H)	FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH AN INSTRUCTION OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	£100.00
6 (I)	FAILURE TO PAY A FINE WITHIN REQUIRED TIMEFRAME	DOUBLE THE ORIGINAL FINE UP TO £100.00
8 (H)	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT AGM	£100.00
9	FAILURE TO BE REPRESENTED AT SGM	£100.00
10	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT OR TO NOTIFY CHANGES TO SIGNATORIES	£25.00
11 (A)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL BEFORE DEADLINE	£100.00
11 (B)	FAILURE TO COMMENCE/COMPLETE FIXTURES	£100.00
13 (A)	FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE REQUIRED WRITTEN AGREEMENT REGARDING THE TROPHY	£25.00
16(A)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£100.00
16(B)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED INSURANCE	£100.00
18 (A)	FAILURE TO CORRECTLY REGISTER A PLAYER	£40.00
18 (B)(iii)	FAILURE TO HAVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF REGISTERED PLAYERS PRIOR TO THE PLAYING SEASON COMMENCING	£25.00
18 (F)	REGISTERING OR PLAYING FOR MULTIPLE CLUBS OR INACCURATE COMPLETION OF A REGISTRATION FORM	£25.00
18 (G)(ii)	REGISTRATION IRREGULARITIES	£100.00
18(M)	FIELDING MORE THAN THE PERMITTED NUMBER OF PLAYERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN SENIOR COMPETITIONS MATCHES	£100
18 (N)(i)	PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER	£100.00
18 (O)(i)	FAILURE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO SCHOOL ACTIVITIES	£50.00
19	FAILURE TO NUMBER SHIRTS	£10.00 (per shirt, up to an aggregate maximum of £30)
19	DELAYING KICK OFF TO DUE TO NO CHANGE OF COLOURS	£30
20(A)	DELAYING KICK OFF DUE TO FAILURE TO PROVIDE REQUIRED EQUIPMENT	£30.00
20 (B)	FAILURE TO PLAY MATCHES ON THE DATE FIXED	£100.00
20 (C)	FAILURE TO PROVIDE DETAILS OF A FIXTURE	£50.00
20 (D)	PLAYING MATCH WITH LESS THAN REQUIRED NUMBER OF PLAYERS	£100.00

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20 (H)	NO CAPTAIN'S ARMBAND	£10.00
21 (A) & 21 (C)	LATE RESULT NOTIFICATION FORM	£20.00
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## RULES FOR SOUTHERN COMBINATION FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP COMPETITIONS

- 1. ALL RULES FOR THE LEAGUE COMPETITION WILL APPLY EXCEPT WHERE STATED.**
- 2. NAMES OF COMPETITIONS**

The Competition shall be called:

  - (a) The Peter Bentley Challenge Cup
  - (b) The Southern Combination Football League Division One Challenge Cup
  - (c) The Southern Combination Football League Division Two Challenge Cup
  - (d) The Southern Combination Football League U23 Cup
  - (e) The Southern Combination Football League Youth Section Cup
- 3. ELIGIBLE CLUBS**

Each Competition will be restricted to those teams participating in the section of the League named in the title of the Competition except the Peter Bentley Challenge Cup which shall be for teams competing in Premier Division and Division One of the League.
- 4. ENTRIES**

All Clubs participating in the Southern Combination Football League will be automatically entered into the appropriate competitions.
- 5. ORGANISATION OF THE COMPETITION**
  - (a) A Southern Combination FL Challenge Cup shall normally be played on a knock-out basis unless in exceptional circumstances the Management Committee otherwise determine.
  - (b) All other competitions may be played on a knock-out basis or as the Management Committee determine.
  - (c) In all competitions, the Management Committee shall have the power to divide the competing Clubs if thought necessary into geographically convenient districts or otherwise, and to exempt any number of Clubs to the second round. No exemptions will be made beyond this round.
  - (d) When the draw is made for any knock-out competition, the game shall be played on the ground of the Club first drawn unless otherwise mutually offered or paid in connection with the negotiations for a change of venue. In the case of replayed matches, the Club which had not the choice of ground for the first match shall have the choice of ground for the second match. The Fixtures Secretary may order that Semi-Final and Final ties will be played on neutral grounds. Semi Finals and Finals in each game will be played to a finish by the taking of penalties as determined by League Cup Rule 5(i)1.
  - (e) Members of each respective team may be changed during the series of matches in any competition, but a player shall not play for more than one Club in a particular competition covered by these rules. Any Club found guilty of playing an ineligible player shall be removed from the competition, and shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. In addition any Club which intentionally plays an ineligible player and attempts to conceal the fact by making a false entry on the Official Match Return Card shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. When an offending Club is removed from a competition the Management Committee shall have the power to take such action as it deems fit in regard to any particular match.
  - (f) All matches will be played to a finish in the first match. In the event that the scores are level at the end of normal time, a result shall be obtained by the taking of penalty kicks from the penalty mark as determined by League Cup rule 5 (i).
  - (g) Any match abandoned before the end of normal time shall be replayed on the ground of the home Club, but if the abandonment takes place at the end of normal time, then the replay shall be on the ground of the away Club.
  - (h) In the event of the score of the second match being a draw at the end of normal time, a result shall be obtained by the taking of penalty kicks in the following manner:
    - (i)
      - (1) The referee shall choose the goal at which all of the kicks shall be taken.

- (2) He shall toss a coin, and the team whose captain wins the toss shall decide whether to take the first or second kick.
- (3) (a) Subject to the terms of the following paragraphs (c) and (d) both teams shall take five kicks.  
 (b) The kicks shall be taken alternately.  
 (c) If, before both teams have taken five kicks, one has scored more goals than the other could, even if it were to complete its five kicks, the taking of kicks shall cease.  
 (d) If, after both teams have taken five kicks, both have scored the same number of goals, or have not scored any goals, the taking of kicks shall continue in the same order, until such times as both have taken an equal number of kicks (not necessarily five more kicks) and one has scored more goals than the other.
- (4) The team which scores the greater number of goals, whether the number of kicks is in accordance with the terms of the foregoing paragraphs (3a), (3c) or (3d) shall qualify for the next round of the Competition, or shall be declared winner of the competition, as the case may be.
- (5) (a) With the exception referred to in the following paragraph (b) only the players who are on the field of play at the end of the match, which shall mean at the end of extra time in so far as a match in which extra time is authorised, is concerned, and any who, having left the field temporarily, with or without the referee's permission, are not on the field of play at that time, shall take part in the taking of kicks  
 (b) Provided that his team has not already made use of the maximum number of substitutions permitted by the rules of the competition under which the match was played, a goalkeeper who sustains an injury during the taking of kicks, and who, because of injury, is unable to continue as goalkeeper, may be replaced by a substitute.
- (6) Each kick shall be taken by a different player, and not until all eligible players of any team, including the goalkeeper or the named substitute by whom he had been replaced in terms of paragraph (5) as the case may be, have each taken a kick, may a player of the same team take a second kick.
- (7) Subject to the terms of paragraph (5) any player who is eligible may change places with his goalkeeper at any time during the taking of the kicks.
- (8) (a) Other than the player taking the kick from the penalty mark, and the two goalkeepers, all players shall remain within the centre circle whilst the taking of kicks is in progress.  
 (b) The goalkeeper who is a colleague of the kicker, shall take up position within the field of play, outside the penalty area at which the kicks are being taken, behind the line which runs parallel with the goal line, and at least 10 yards from the penalty mark.
- (9) Unless stated to the contrary in the foregoing paragraphs 1 to 8, the Laws of the Game, and the International Board Decisions relating thereto, shall, in so far as they can, apply at the taking of the kicks.

NB. In the event of the light failing before the end of the taking of kicks from the penalty mark, the result shall be decided by the toss of a coin or the drawing of lots

- (a) In the Final and Semi Final ties the Management Committee may order both clubs to change any of their colours
- (b) For the Final and Semi Final ties, the Management Committee shall fix the ground, date and time of kick-off and shall have direct control of the arrangements connected with the match.
- (c) For the Final tie, Match Officials will receive a suitable memento in addition to their expenses. Players of both Clubs shall be presented with 20 suitable mementoes, to include the Manager. Clubs may apply for additional awards for players engaged in the Competition, giving details of players and number of matches played, such application to be received by the Competition Secretary before 31st May.
6. The Management Committee shall have the power to order any Cup match to be played on the ground of the side drawn as the away team, or on a ground of the Management Committee's choice, if a tie is postponed twice.
7. **CONTINGENCY**  
 The Management Committee shall have the power to deal with any contingency not provided for in the foregoing rules.

# SCFL Directives

## **Club Commitment**

All clubs shall adhere to the Competition Rules and Directives. Every club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and Directives and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 16.

## **Data Protection**

Personal data provided to the Competition by clubs and individuals shall be collected, recorded and used fairly, stored safely and securely and not disclosed to any third party unlawfully in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018.

## **Charter Standard**

Clubs that have Charter Standard Status by the end of the season will have their annual subscription for the following season discounted by an amount set by the Management Committee. Conversely, clubs that do **not** have Charter Standard Status by the end of the season will pay their **full** annual subscription for the following season as prescribed by the Football Association.

## **Race Relations**

The use of unacceptable language related to Gender, Sexuality, Disabilities, Racial Origins or Ethnicity or Religion are covered by this directive.

Any infringement concerning racist behaviour will be reported by the referee as misconduct, including a report of any action taken.

Any infringement of the above by Spectators or Club Officials may first be dealt with by the relevant County FA, then by the League under Rule 4.2 and Rule 17.

## **Payments**

All financial transactions to the League in relation to Player Transfers, Player Registrations, fees and fines, should be paid by cheque and made payable to 'The Southern Combination Football League' or preferably via BACS. For information on BACS payments please contact the league treasurer.

## **Promotion**

All clubs requiring promotion from Step 6 to Step 5, in other words from Division 1 (One) to the Premier Division will be interviewed and **must** have their ground available for the commencement of the following season for the duration of that season. Note that all decisions on promotion (and relegation) are governed by the Football Association.

## **Player Eligibility**

It is a Cubs responsibility to check that a player has been correctly registered and is eligible to play in a competition fixture. It is not the responsibility of the SCFL or any of its officers.

## **Ground Control**

Under no circumstances shall any person or persons be allowed to stand inside the permanent fixed barrier surrounding the playing area during a match.

## Floodlights

Clubs using floodlights must provide the Competition with a certified grid every two years. This grid must be inspected and passed by the Competition before any games under floodlights can be played at a club. The competition recommends that clubs use D&H Electrical Services for this purpose and will part-fund their cost of providing a grid. A club may, at their discretion use a different certified company (eg.. because they have a maintenance contract that includes the provision of a bi-annual grid), and this is acceptable – however, no funding support is available in those cases.

## Alcohol

It is advisable to confine the consumption of alcohol to club bars and adjoining buildings. Notwithstanding this advice, at no time should glass, cans etc containing alcohol be taken out and drunk in the vicinity of the playing area. Any Club breaching this directive will be dealt with by the Board under League Rule 4.2.

## Footballs

Sponsored match balls will be supplied by the Competition and clubs must use these footballs for all Southern Combination Football League fixtures. Further sponsored footballs are available on request from the Competition. Failure to use the sponsored match balls will result in a fine of £25 minimum to £100 maximum for repeated offences. It is the duty of the home club to ensure that a minimum of THREE match balls are available during each match.

## Dugouts, Technical Area and Substitutes

- a) A Technical Area to suit the requirements of the Football Association is to be marked out by the sides and front of both the home and away team dug outs. Only two persons at a time shall occupy the Technical Area; only one person at a time has the authority to convey tactical instructions to players during the match from within the technical area.
- b) Substitutes (from each team) may warm up behind the touchline and behind the Assistant Referee, or the spare ground behind the barrier. Only Substitutes and Managerial Staff named on the club's Team Sheet shall occupy the dug outs. Substitutes shall remain seated in the dug outs at all times unless warming up in the designated area or when a substitution is made.
- c) Each club shall ensure that their Physio (for the duration of the match) and substitutes (prior to them replacing a member of their team on the field of play), wear tops of a distinctly different colour than their player shirts. The wearing of suitably coloured bibs is acceptable in this regard.
- d) Any non-playing individual removed from the Technical Area by a Match Official must go to the opposite side of the ground furthest from the Technical Area for the remainder of the match and must not re-enter the field of play at the end of the match. The individual must not influence the game by speaking (e.g. telephone) to the remaining members of the Technical Area or to a member of the management team who is watching the game.

The only exception to the above is for the therapist who meets the minimum requirement, for health and safety reasons.

## Programmes

All programmes must contain the League Sponsor's Advert as approved by the Board. This can be downloaded from the league website.



## Hospitality (Minimum Requirements)

Tea and/or soft drinks shall be provided prior to the match, at half-time and at the end of the match for players and match officials. Light refreshments shall be provided for invited guests at half-time.

At full-time, solid refreshments (eg. sandwiches, sausage rolls and/or hot food etc.), may be provided for players, dressing room staff and match officials.

## Warmup Areas

Where clubs have warm up areas other than on the designated playing area (i.e. the pitch) – visiting clubs are instructed to comply with the home clubs wishes regarding the use of allocated warm up areas. Please respect the home club facilities.

## Whiteboards

Each club should provide an all-weather whiteboard or similar, used for listing both squads and the appointed match officials on match days and display this in a prominent position for all fixtures.

## Results

Clubs must complete the online Match Return Card (MRC) within three (3) days of each match.

Note that where a referee mark of 60 or below is awarded the person completing the online MRC must provide a report in the online 'Explanation Box' using a minimum of 300 characters

## Match Officials Fees

The following Match Official Fees shall apply to all matches under the jurisdiction of the Southern Combination Football League.

Premier Division and Division 1      Referees: £53.00      Appointed Assistants: £38.00

Division 2 and Under 23 Divisions      Referees: £43.00      Appointed Assistants: £28.00

Youth (U18) Divisions      Referees: £38.00

Where a 4<sup>th</sup> Official is appointed for SCFL cup matches their fee will be the same as that for the Appointed Referee.

## League Awards Dinner

The league awards presentation dinner is held on a Saturday in early June at a suitable venue chosen by the league. All clubs are required to send 4 representatives to the dinner, the cost of which is subsidised by the league. Additional tickets are available on request and there are no restrictions on numbers.

Where a club has confirmed attendance but then doesn't attend the cost of their meals will be invoiced at a further cost per head, representing the difference between the subsidised cost paid and the true cost.

Clubs that do not send a representative will pay their full annual subscription as prescribed by the Football Association (unless they have communicated an acceptable reason for non-attendance), for the following season

## **Southern Combination Football League Data Protection Policy**

### **1. About this Policy**

- 1.1 This Policy is provided to help our league deal with data protection matters internally. This should be kept with other league policies and a copy should be given (or made available) to all staff members, volunteers and others who come into contact with personal data during the course of their involvement with the league.
- 1.2 The Southern Combination Football League handle personal data about current, former, and on occasion prospective players; employees, volunteers, committee members, referees, coaches, managers, contractors, third parties, suppliers and any other individuals that we communicate with.
- 1.3 In your official capacity with the Southern Combination Football League, you may process personal data on our behalf and we will process personal data about you. We recognise the need to treat all personal data in an appropriate and lawful manner, in accordance with the EU General Data Protection Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR).
- 1.4 Correct and lawful treatment of this data will maintain confidence in the Southern Combination Football League, and protect the rights of players and any other individuals associated with the league. This Policy sets out our data protection responsibilities and highlights the obligations of the Southern Combination Football League, which means the obligations of our employees, committee, volunteers, members, and any other contractor or legal or natural individual or organisation acting for or on behalf of the league.
- 1.5 You are obliged to comply with this policy when processing personal data on behalf of the Southern Combination Football League, and this policy will help you to understand how to handle personal data.
- 1.6 The Southern Combination Football League will be responsible for ensuring compliance with this Policy. Any questions about this Policy or data protection concerns should be referred to the league committee.
- 1.7 We process employee, volunteer, member, referee, coach, manager, contractor, committee, supplier and third party personal data for administrative and Southern Combination Football League management purposes. Our purpose for holding this personal data is to be able to contact relevant individuals on league business, and our legal basis for processing your personal data in this way is the contractual relationship we have with you. We will keep this data for no longer than three months after the end of your official relationship with the league, unless required otherwise by law and / or regulatory requirements. If you do not provide your personal data for this purpose, you will not be able to carry out your role or the obligations of your contract with the Southern Combination Football League.
- 1.8 All the key definitions under GDPR can be found [here](#).

### **2. What we need from you**

- 2.1 To assist with our compliance with GDPR we will need you to comply with the terms of this policy. We have set out the key guidance in this section but please do read the full policy carefully.

- 2.2 Please help us to comply with the data protection principles (set out briefly in section 3 of this policy and in further detail below):
- 2.2.1 please ensure that you only process data in accordance with our transparent processing as set out in our Privacy notice;
  - 2.2.2 please only process personal data for the purposes for which we have collected it (i.e. if you want to do something different with it then please speak to Tim Dawes first);
  - 2.2.3 please do not ask for further information about players and / or members and / or staff and / or volunteers without first checking with Tim Dawes;
  - 2.2.4 if you are asked to correct an individual's personal data, please make sure that you can identify that individual and, where you have been able to identify them, make the relevant updates on our records and systems;
  - 2.2.5 please comply with our retention periods listed in our Privacy Notice and make sure that if you still have information which falls outside of those dates, that you delete/destroy it securely;
  - 2.2.6 please treat all personal data as confidential. If it is stored in electronic format then please consider whether the documents themselves should be password protected or whether your personal computer is password protected and whether you can limit the number of people who have access to the information. Please also consider the security levels of any cloud storage provider. If it is stored in hard copy format then please make sure it is locked away safely and is not kept in a car overnight or disposed of in a public place;
  - 2.2.7 if you are looking at using a new electronic system for the storage of information, please talk to Tim Dawes first so that we can decide whether such a system is appropriately secure and complies with GDPR;
  - 2.2.8 if you are planning on sharing personal data with anybody new or with a party outside the FA structure then please speak to Tim Dawes before doing so who will be able to check that the correct contractual provisions are in place and that we have a lawful basis to share the information;
  - 2.2.9 if you receive a subject access request (or you think somebody is making a subject access request for access to the information we hold on them), then please tell Tim Dawes as soon as possible because we have strict timelines in which to comply;
  - 2.2.10 if you think there has been a data breach (for example you have lost personal data or a personal device which contains personal data or you have been informed that a coach has done so, or you have sent an email and open copied all contacts in) then please speak to Tim Dawes who will be able to help you to respond.

If you have any questions at any time then please just ask Tim Dawes.

### **3. Data protection principles**

3.1 Anyone processing personal data must comply with the enforceable principles of data protection. Personal data must be:

3.1.1 processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner;

3.1.2 collected for only specified, explicit and legitimate purposes;

3.1.3 adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary for the purpose(s) for which it is processed;

3.1.4 accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date;

3.1.5 kept in a form which permits identification of individuals for no longer than is necessary for the purpose(s) for which it is processed;

3.1.6 processed in a manner that ensures its security by appropriate technical and organisational measures to protect against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage;

3.2 We are responsible for and must be able to demonstrate compliance with the data protection principles listed above.

### **4. Fair and lawful processing**

4.1 This Policy aims to ensure that our data processing is done fairly and without adversely affecting the rights of the individual.

4.2 Lawful processing means data must be processed on one of the legal bases set out in the GDPR. When special category personal data is being processed, additional conditions must be met.

### **5. Processing for limited purposes**

5.1 The Southern Combination Football League collects and processes personal data. This is data we receive directly from an individual and data we may receive from other sources.

5.2 We will only process personal data for the purposes of the Southern Combination Football League as instructed by the committee, the Sussex County FA or The FA, or as specifically permitted by the GDPR. We will let individuals know what those purposes are when we first collect the data or as soon as possible thereafter.

### **6. Consent**

6.1 One of the lawful bases on which we may be processing data is the individual's consent.

6.2 An individual consents to us processing their personal data if they clearly indicate specific and informed agreement, either by a statement or positive action.

6.3 Individuals must be easily able to withdraw their consent at any time and withdrawal must be promptly honoured.

6.4 Explicit consent is usually required for automated decision-making and for cross-border data transfers, and for processing special category personal data.

6.5 Where consent is our legal basis for processing, we will need to keep records of when and how this consent was captured.

6.6 Our Privacy Notice sets out the lawful bases on which we process data of our players and members.

## **7. Notifying individuals**

7.1 Where we collect personal data directly from individuals, we will inform them about:

7.1.1 the purpose(s) for which we intend to process that personal data;

7.1.2 the legal basis on which we are processing that personal data;

7.1.3 where that legal basis is a legitimate interest, what that legitimate interest is;

7.1.4 where that legal basis is statutory or contractual, any possible consequences of failing to provide that personal data;

7.1.5 the types of third parties, if any, with which we will share that personal data, including any international data transfers;

7.1.6 their rights as data subjects, and how they can limit our use of their personal data;

7.1.7 the period for which data will be stored and how that period is determined;

7.1.8 any automated decision-making processing of that data and whether the data may be used for any further processing, and what that further processing is.

7.2 If we receive personal data about an individual from other sources, we will provide the above information as soon as possible and let them know the source we received their personal data from;

7.3 We will also inform those whose personal data we process that we, the Southern Combination Football League, are the data controller in regard to that data, and which individual(s) in the league are responsible for data protection.

## **8. Adequate, relevant and non-excessive processing**

8.1 We will only collect personal data that is required for the specific purpose notified to the individual.

8.2 You may only process personal data if required to do so in your official capacity with the Southern Combination Football League. You cannot process personal data for any reason unrelated to your duties.

8.3 The Southern Combination Football League must ensure that when personal data is no longer needed for specified purposes, it is deleted or anonymised.

## **9. Accurate data**

We will ensure that personal data we hold is accurate and kept up to date. We will check the accuracy of any personal data at the point of collection and at the start of each season. We will take all reasonable steps to destroy or amend inaccurate or out-of-date data.

## **10. Timely processing**

We will not keep personal data longer than is necessary for the purpose(s) for which they were collected. We will take all reasonable steps to destroy or delete data which is no longer required, as per our Privacy Notice.

## 11. Processing in line with data subjects' rights

11.1 As data subjects, all individuals have the right to:

11.1.1 be informed of what personal data is being processed;

11.1.2 request access to any data held about them by a data controller;

11.1.3 object to processing of their data for direct-marketing purposes (including profiling);

11.1.4 ask to have inaccurate or incomplete data rectified;

11.1.5 be forgotten (deletion or removal of personal data);

11.1.6 restrict processing;

11.1.7 data portability; and

11.1.8 not be subject to a decision which is based on automated processing.

11.2 The Southern Combination Football League is aware that not all individuals' rights are absolute, and any requests regarding the above should be immediately reported to the committee, and if applicable escalated to the FA for guidance.

## 12. Data security

12.1 We will take appropriate security measures against unlawful or unauthorised processing of personal data, and against the accidental loss of, or damage to, personal data.

12.2 We have proportionate procedures and technology to maintain the security of all personal data.

12.3 Personal data will only be transferred to another party to process on our behalf (a **data processor**) where we have a GDPR-compliant written contract in place with that data processor.

12.4 We will maintain data security by protecting the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the personal data.

12.5 Our security procedures include:

12.5.1 **Secure desks, cabinets and cupboards.** Desks and cupboards should be locked if they hold personal data.

12.5.2 **Methods of disposal.** Paper documents should be shredded. Digital storage devices should be physically destroyed.

12.5.3 **Equipment.** Screens and monitors must not show personal data to passers-by, and should be locked when unattended. Excel spreadsheets will be password protected.

12.5.4 **Personal Devices.** Anyone accessing or processing the Southern Combination Football League's personal data on their own device, must have and operate a password only access or similar lock function, and should have appropriate anti-virus protection. These devices must have the league's personal data removed prior to being replaced by a new device or prior to such individual ceasing to work with or support the Southern Combination Football League.

### **13. Disclosure and sharing of personal information**

- 13.1 We occasionally share personal data with Sussex County FA, The FA, and with applicable leagues.
- 13.2 We may share personal data with third parties or suppliers for the services they provide, and instruct them to process our personal data on our behalf as data processors. Where we share data with third parties, we will ensure we have a compliant written contract in place incorporating the minimum data processor terms as set out in the GDPR, which may be in the form of a supplier's terms of service.
- 13.3 We may share personal data we hold if we are under a duty to disclose or share an individual's personal data in order to comply with any legal obligation, or in order to enforce or apply any contract with the individual or other agreements; or to protect our rights, property, or safety of our employees, players, other individuals associated with the Southern Combination Football League or others.

### **14. Transferring personal data to a country outside the EEA**

We may transfer any personal data we hold to a country outside the European Economic Area (**EEA**), provided that one of the appropriate safeguards applies.

### **15. Reporting a personal data breach**

- 15.1 In the case of a breach of personal data, we may need to notify the applicable regulatory body and the individual.
- 15.2 If you know or suspect that a personal data breach has occurred, inform a member of the committee immediately, who may need to escalate to the Sussex County FA or FA as appropriate. You should preserve all evidence relating to a potential personal data breach.

### **16. Dealing with subject access requests**

- 16.1 Individuals may make a formal request for information we hold about them. Anyone who receives such a request should forward it to the board/committee immediately, and where necessary escalated to the Sussex County FA or FA for guidance. Nobody should feel bullied or pressured into disclosing personal information.
- 16.2 When receiving telephone enquiries, we will only disclose personal data if we have checked the caller's identity to make sure they are entitled to it.

### **17. Accountability**

- 17.1 The Southern Combination Football League must implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to look after personal data, and is responsible for, and must be able to demonstrate compliance with the data protection principles.

17.2 The Southern Combination Football League must have adequate resources and controls in place to ensure and to document GDPR compliance, such as:

17.2.1 providing fair processing notice to individuals at all points of data capture;

17.2.2 training committee and volunteers on the GDPR, and this Data Protection Policy;

17.2.3 reviewing the privacy measures implemented by the Southern Combination Football League.

## **18. Changes to this policy**

**We reserve the right to change this policy at any time. Where appropriate, we will notify you by email.**



# **Southern Combination Football League Privacy Notice**

The **Southern Combination Football League** take your privacy very seriously.

This Privacy Notice sets out how we use and look after the personal information we collect from you. We are the data controller, responsible for the processing of any personal data you give us. We take reasonable care to keep your information secure and to prevent any unauthorised access to or use of it.

## **What personal data we hold on you**

Personal data means any information about an individual from which that individual can be identified. We collect, use, store and transfer some personal data of our participants, and other League members.

You provide information about yourself and your members when you register with the League, and by filling in forms, at an event, online, or by corresponding with us by phone, e-mail or otherwise.

The information you give us may include name, date of birth, address, e-mail address, phone number, gender, and the contact details of a third party in the case of emergency.

Where we need to collect personal data to fulfil League responsibilities and you do not provide that data, we may not be able honour or administer your registration.

## **Why we need your personal data**

We will only use personal data for any purpose for which it has been specifically provided.

The reason we need participants' and members' personal data is to be able to run the football league and arrange matches; to administer registration, and provide the league services you are signing up to when you register with the League as a club or participant. Our lawful basis for processing this personal data is that we have a contractual obligation to anyone as a participant or member to provide the services they are registering for.

We have set out below, in a table format, a description of all the ways we plan to use personal data, and which of the legal bases we rely on to do so. We have also identified what our legitimate interests are where appropriate.

## **Purpose/ Processing Activity    Lawful Basis for processing under Article 6 of the GDPR.**

<b>Purpose/ Processing Activity</b>	<b>Lawful Basis for processing under Article 6 of the GDPR.</b>
processing registration forms	Performance of a contract
organising matches	Performance of a contract
sending out match or League information and updates	Performance of a contract

to check compliance with our League criteria to participate in the League	Performance of a contract and Legitimate Interests. Our Legitimate Interests are that we need to ensure that participants meet the appropriate criteria to ensure that the matches that are organised are fair.
sharing data with referees	Performance of a contract
sharing data with the club you are a member of, County Football Associations and the FA	Performance of a contract
sharing data with committee members to provide information about league activities, registration renewals or invitation to social events	The League has a legitimate interest to maintain participant correspondence for league community purposes.
sharing data with third party service or facility providers	The League has a legitimate interest to run the organisation efficiently and as it sees fit. Provision of some third party services is for the benefit of the League and participants.
publishing match and league results	Consent. We will only publish personal data in a public domain, including images if we have your consent for us to do so
sending out marketing information such as newsletters and information about promotions and offers from sponsors	Consent. We will only send direct marketing if you are an existing member, participant or other associated individual and you have not previously objected to this marketing, or, you have actively provided your consent.

### **Who we share your personal data with**

When you register with the League, your information will be entered onto the League website and app databases plus the Whole Game System database (which is administered by the FA). We also pass your information to the County FA/ FA for affiliation purposes.

We may share personal data with selected third parties, suppliers and sub-contractors such as, coaches or match organisers. Third-party service providers will only process your personal data for specified purposes and in accordance with our instructions.

We may disclose personal information to third parties to comply with a legal obligation; or to protect the rights, property, or safety of our participants, members or affiliates, or others.

### **Protection of your personal data**

We have put in place appropriate security measures to prevent personal data from being accidentally lost, used or accessed in an unauthorised way, altered or disclosed.

**How long we hold your personal data**

We keep personal data on our participants while they continue to be a participant or are otherwise actively involved with the League. We will delete this data after a participant has left or otherwise ended their registration or affiliation, or sooner if specifically requested and we are able to do so. We may need to retain some personal data for longer for legal or regulatory purposes. The personal data that is stored on the Whole Game System is subject to the FA's privacy policy so we advise you review that policy together with this notice. If anyone would like their personal data to be deleted from Whole Game System then please contact the County FA.

**Your rights regarding your personal data**

As a data subject participants may have the right at any time to request access to, rectification or erasure of their personal data; to restrict or object to certain kinds of processing of their personal data, including direct marketing; to the portability of their personal data and to complain to the UK's data protection supervisory authority, the Information Commissioner's Office about the processing of their personal data.

As a data subject participants are not obliged to share their personal data with the League. If they choose not to share their personal data with us we may not be able to register them with the League.

We may update this Privacy Notice from time to time, and will inform you to any changes in how we handle personal data.

If participants have any questions about this Privacy Notice then please contact SCFL General Secretary, Tim Dawes.

## SCFL ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Sadly 2022-23 will be remembered for the weather rather than the Football! , there were some 531 games postponed during the season, of which an unprecedented 150 plus during March & April.

Whilst we have had wetter winters, the amount of rain which fell throughout those final two months led to flooded pitches & mass postponements – at a time of the year when we should normally be expecting to be able to catch up on earlier problems.

At the AGM, (held face to face for the first time in three years !!) we were constituted with 51 clubs across our three Divisions.

We said goodbye to two clubs, Littlehampton Town following the title win the previous season, not to mention the little matter of their run to the FA Vase Final at Wembley had been promoted to the Isthmian League's South East Division, and somewhat more surprisingly Pagham who had been laterally moved by the FA's NLS committee to the Wessex League.

However, after having spent eight seasons in the Southern Counties East (Kent) League we were pleased to be able to welcome back Crowborough Athletic following a similar lateral move.

Roffey having won Division One, and Midhurst & Easebourne (the first ever winners of Step 6 play-offs) were duly promoted to our Premier Division, while moving in the other direction was East Preston, following their last place finish in 2021-22 Loxwood meanwhile despite having finished 2<sup>nd</sup> bottom were one of several clubs nationally to be given a reprieve due to their points per game ratio.

In Division One we welcomed another Surrey based club in Chessington & Hook United to join the trio of Epsom & Ewell, Godalming Town, and Dorking Wanderers Res, who had all been laterally moved to SCFL last year. Sadly, with no club being promoted from step 7 we were now effectively three short, at step 6 level as we were constituted with just 17.

Division Two had 14 clubs with Capel FC, a welcome addition following promotion from the West Sussex League – together with Storrington FC relegated from Division One following their last placed finish.

There were a most impressive 35 Under 23 teams constituted at the AGM spread over Three regional Divisions (East; West & North), although sadly one of those were to pull out early season – however, given the vast number of weather-related postponements during the season, that figure was to become a burden.

Furthermore, there were 39 Under 18 teams starting the season, which for the first time again meant four regional Divisions (East; West; North; & Central), although of course the inevitable dropouts at that level saw two of those teams pull out prior to Christmas!

The title race in the Premier Division, turned out to be a three-horse race with surprise pairing Crawley Down Gatwick and Broadbridge Heath, vying for supremacy with pre-season favourites Newhaven for pretty much the entire season, with the Bears eventually prevailing to finish three points clear of GDG at the finish, with Newhaven who were hampered all-season by their habit of dropping points when least expected, a further three back in third. Broadbridge Heath consequently will now be promoted to the Isthmian League South East Division. Due to their 2<sup>nd</sup> placed finish the Anvils took on Sutton Common Rovers in the inter-step play-off game – although SCR prevailed to remain in the Isthmian League.

At the wrong end of the table newly promoted Roffey were beset with massive internal problems which resulted in all the players that had gained them promotion departing just before the start of the new season, meaning they had to kick-off live in the Premier with a side made up entirely of U23 & U18 players! – perhaps not surprisingly it took them till 29<sup>th</sup> October to gain their first point (at 14<sup>th</sup> attempt) and until 11<sup>th</sup> March (30<sup>th</sup> Game) to achieve their first win, given this their final tally of 21 points was creditable although survival was always going to be a bridge too far. Alfold, another club who suffered massively from manager & player exodus were eventually to finish in the second relegation position.

In Division One, Shoreham were to stay unbeaten in the league till 28<sup>th</sup> February when Selsey overcame them at Middle Road – despite a couple more wobbles the Mussel Men went on to finish six points clear of 2<sup>nd</sup> place and therefore will now return to the Premier Division after an absence of 4 years.

Below Shoreham an interesting battle developed as the second spot was again to be determined via play-offs involving teams finished 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> (so long as they were eligible!) this meant that right until the final week 5 clubs were in contention for the four available places. (Dorking Wanderers, who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> knew they could not go up, as NLS regulation do not allow reserve sides to compete above step 6.)

Arundel were eventually the side to miss out as play-off spots were claimed by Epsom & Ewell; Wick; Godalming Town & Selsey. In the semi-finals Wick overcame Godalming, & Epsom defeated Selsey on penalties. Epsom & Ewell eventually overcame Wick 2-1 to claim the second promotion spot – although as was largely expected they will now return to the Combined Counties league.

At the wrong end of the table, various clubs flirted with relegation, although one by one they were able to pull clear leaving Hailsham Town to fill the unwanted position, and sadly they now lose their 'Senior status' after nearly fifty years!

Division Two was won by Jarvis Brook, who finished some 13 points clear of their nearest challenger, sadly delays with obtaining the necessary planning permission for improvement mean they are unable to gain promotion at this stage. Brook also won the Sussex Intermediate Cup, so can claim with some justification to be the best Intermediate side in Sussex.

Copthorne finished in second place, and given their groundshare at Horsham FC will now consequently gain promotion to Senior Football for first time in the clubs history.

The U23 East Division was won once again Peacehaven & Telscombe, while Chichester City took the West section, with Hassocks being the North Champions

The Youth Section once again regional divisions, with Peacehaven & Tels. taking the East title; Chichester City the West; St. Francis Rangers (Yellow) the North; and St. Francis (Black) winning the Central Division with Peacehaven & Tels. eventually winning the champions play-offs.

In our League Cup competitions, Newhaven won the Peter Bentley Cup defeating Crowborough Athletic 2-1 in the final, meanwhile the Division One Cup was won by Godalming Town who came from behind to defeat Billingshurst 2-1 in the final.

Storrington won the Division Two Cup, defeating Southwater on Penalties following a 1-1 draw; Eastbourne Town won the U23 Cup defeating Steyning Town 3-1 in the final while the Youth Section Cup was won by Newhaven, again following a penalty shoot-out against Alfold.

Sadly once again interest in the FA Cup, ended after 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifying Round, when out three remaining sides; Peacehaven, Eastbourne Town & Midhurst all end out

However, we did better in the FA Vase, although to expect Littlehampton's run to Wembley twelve months ago to be repeated again so soon was always going to be difficult. However Peacehaven & Tels. FC deserve huge credit for reaching the quarter finals before losing to Corsham Town on penalties, in front of a crowd of over 1,200 at the sportsfield, Peacehaven also finished the season with the SCFA R.U.R Cup after defeating champions Broadbridge Heath in the final.

Congratulations also to Horsham YMCA U23 who won the SCFA U23 Cup

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## **STANDING ORDERS**

1. The Management Committee shall meet every month at such place and time as they may determine.
2. The order of business of each Management Committee Meeting shall be:
  - (a ) Minutes of the previous meeting
  - (b) Business arising therefrom
  - (c ) Reports of Sub-Committee
  - (d) Correspondence
  - (e) Officers Report
  - (f) Motions of which notice has been given
  - (g) Motions of which notice has not been given
  - (h) Appeals
  - (i) Other business
3. The Management Committee shall have the power to appoint Sub-committees when necessary, and may delegate all or any of their powers to any such Sub-committees. Nine members shall form a quorum of the Management Committee and three of any Sub-committee. In the event of the voting at any meeting being equal, the Chairman of such meeting shall have the casting vote. All Sub-committees shall make written reports to the Management Committee.
4. Every question at a Management Committee Meeting shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members present each having one vote, and voting on the question, ordinarily by a show of hands or by a recorded division if demanded. No member of the Management Committee shall be allowed to take part in or vote on any issue to which the Club he is a member of is a party, and he shall retire from the meeting during the hearing of the said issue.
5. Notice of Motion shall be delivered to the League Secretary at least ten days before the meeting at which it is proposed to be moved.
6. With motions moved without notice, the Chairman may, should he deem it expedient - having regard to the importance of the question to be considered - require that notice of motion should be given.
7. All cheques shall be signed by any two of the Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary or Honorary Chairman.
8. At the end of each official year the Secretary shall prepare the Annual Report and shall present the same to the last meeting of the Management Committee each season.

9. The Annual Balance Sheet shall contain a report by the Auditors as to whether all their requirements have been complied with and such other matters as they may deem it advisable to bring before the notice of the League. It shall be forwarded to each Club, together with the notice of the Annual General Meeting at least seven days before the date of such meeting.
10. The order of business at the Annual General Meeting shall be:
  - (a) to receive the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting held during the interim period;
  - (b) to consider any matter arising from the minutes;
  - (c) to receive the Annual Report of the League
  - (d) to receive the Financial Report and Balance Sheet of the League;
  - (e) alteration of Rules (of which notice has been given);
  - (f) election of Officers;
  - (g) election of Club representatives;
  - (h) to consider any motions of which notice has been given;
  - (i) any other business
11. Special meetings of the Management Committee may be summoned by order of the President or Chairman or upon requisition signed by not less than half of the Club representatives.

## **RULES OF DEBATE**

1. A member of the Management Committee or Representative at the Annual General Meeting shall stand when speaking, and shall address the chair, and his speech must be relevant to the issue. The question of relevance shall be decided by the Chairman. If two or more members shall rise to speak at the same time, the Chairman shall decide to whom priority shall be given.
2. Whenever the Chairman rises during a debate, any member then speaking, or rising to speak, shall sit down and remain silent.
3. A member shall not speak more than once on the same motion, amendment, or point of order, except by leave of the meeting, obtained without discussion; subject, however, to the right of reply of the mover of the original motion, and the mover of such amendment shall be entitled to a reply in the event of a further amendment being proposed.

4. A motion of amendment once made and seconded shall not be altered or withdrawn without the consent of the Meeting without discussion.
5. Every motion not on the Agenda, and every amendment shall, if required, be submitted in writing, and shall be seconded before it has been discussed or put to the vote.
6. An amendment shall be either:
  - (a) to leave out words
  - (b) to insert words; or
  - (c) to omit words in order to insert others.
7. No member shall be permitted to move or second more than two amendments upon any motion.
8. Whenever an amendment has been moved and seconded, no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the preceding one has been disposed of.
9. If an amendment be carried it shall become a substantive motion, to which a further amendment may be moved. If it be lost, a further amendment may be moved.
10. A resolution which has been discussed and negatived shall not be again considered until after the lapse of three calendar months.
11. The following motions of order (which need to be in writing) may be moved and seconded but shall be put to the vote without discussion:
  - (a) to adjourn the meeting or debate;
  - (b) to proceed to the next business;
  - (c) that the question be now put;
  - (d) that a member be no longer heard.
12. In the event of a disorder, the Chairman may, at his sole discretion, quit the Chair, and announce the adjournment or the meeting: and by that announcement the meeting will stand adjourned accordingly.
13. The decision of the presiding Chairman of any meeting, upon any point of order shall be final.
14. The above regulations shall have effect not only at the Annual General Meeting, but as far as applicable, the Meetings of the Management Committee and Sub-committees of the League.



# PREVIOUS CHAMPIONS OF THE SCFL

## DIVISION ONE

1920-21	Worthing	1962-63	Emergency Cup Shoreham
1921-22	Worthing	1963-64	Whitehawk
1922-23	Vernon Athletic	1964-65	Lewes
1923-24	Royal Signals	1965-66	Bexhill Town
1924-25	Royal Signals	1966-67	Bexhill Town
1925-26	Southwick	1967-68	Chichester City
1926-27	Worthing	1968-69	Southwick
1927-28	Southwick	1969-70	Haywards Heath
1928-29	Worthing	1970-71	Ringmer
1929-30	Southwick	1971-72	Bognor Regis
1930-31	Worthing	1972-73	Chichester
1931-32	Horsham	1973-74	Newhaven
1932-33	Horsham	1974-75	Southwick
1933-34	Worthing	1975-76	Burgess Hill
1934-35	Horsham	1976-77	Eastbourne Town
1935-36	Horsham	1977-78	Shoreham
1936-37	Horsham	1978-79	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1937-38	Horsham	1979-80	Chichester City
1938-39	Worthing	1980-81	Pagham
1939-40*	Worthing	1981-82	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1945-46*	Haywards Heath	1982-83	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1946-47	Horsham	1983-84	Whitehawk
1947-48	Southwick	1984-85	Steyping Town
1948-49	Bognor Regis	1985-86	Steyping Town
1949-50	Haywards Heath	1986-87	Arundel
1950-51	Haywards Heath	1987-88	Pagham
1951-52	Shoreham	1988-89	Pagham
1952-53	Shoreham	1989-90	Wick
1953-54	Newhaven	1990-91	Littlehampton Town
1954-55	Eastbourne United	1991-92	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1955-56	Eastbourne United	1992-93	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1956-57	Bexhill Town	1993-94	Wick
1957-58	Arundel	1994-95	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1958-59	Arundel	1995-96	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1959-60	Chichester City	1996-97	Burgess Hill Town
1960-61	Chichester City	1997-98	Burgess Hill Town
1961-62	Whitehawk		

\* War Emergency Div. Comp.

**DIVISION ONE/ cont.**

1998-99	Burgess Hill Town	2007-08	Crowborough Athletic
1999-2000	Langney Sports	2008-09	Eastbourne Utd Assoc
2000-01	Sidley United	2009-10	Whitehawk
2001-02	Burgess Hill Town	2010-11	Crawley Down
2002-03	Burgess Hill Town	2011-12	Three Bridges
2003-04	Chichester City United	2012-13	Peacehaven & Telscombe
2004-05	Horsham YMCA	2013-14	East Preston
2005-06	Horsham YMCA	2014-15	Littlehampton Town
2006-07	Eastbourne Town	Renamed as PREMIER DIVISION from 2015-16	

**PREMIER DIVISION**

2015-16	Horsham
2016-17	Shoreham
2017-18	Haywards Heath Town
2018-19	Chichester City
2019-20	Competition abandoned
2020-21	Competition abandoned
2021-22	Littlehampton Town
2022-23	Broadbridge Heath

**DIVISION TWO**

1952-53	Wigmore Athletic	1984-85	Shoreham
1953-54	Hove White Rovers	1985-86	Wick
1954-55	Three Bridges	1986-87	Pagham
1955-56	Rye United	1987-88	Langney Sports
1956-57	A.P. V. (Crawley)	1988-89	Seaford
1957-58	Lancing	1989-90	Bexhill Town
1958-59	Sidley United	1990-91	Newhaven
1959-60	Old Varndeanians	1991-92	Portfield
1960-61	Hastings Rangers	1992-93	Crowborough Athletic
1961-62	Shoreham	1993-94	Shoreham
1962-63	Competition Abandoned	1994-95	Mile Oak
1963-64	Selsey	1995-96	Saltdean United
1964-65	Sidley	1996-97	Littlehampton Town
1965-66	Horsham YMCA	1997-98	East Preston
1966-67	Wadhurst	1998-99	Sidley United
1967-68	Whitehawk	1999-2000	Sidlesham
1968-69	Ringmer	2000-01	Southwick
1969-70	Lancing	2001-02	Rye & Iden United
1970-71	Bognor Regis Town	2002-03	Rye & Iden United
1971-72	Newhaven	2003-04	Littlehampton Town
1972-73	Portfield	2004-05	Crowborough Athletic
1973-74	Wigmore Athletic	2005-06	Oakwood
1974-75	Burgess Hill	2006-07	Pagham
1975-76	Selsey	2007-08	East Grinstead
1976-77	Shoreham	2008-09	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1977-78	Steyning	2009-10	Rye United
1978-79	Pagham	2010-11	AFC Uckfield
1979-80	Hastings Town	2011-12	East Preston
1980-81	Whitehawk	2012-13	Littlehampton Town
1981-82	Wick	2013-14	Eastbourne United Ass
1982-83	Horsham YMCA	2014-15	Worthing United
1983-84	Portfield	Renamed as DIVISION ONE from 2015-16	

**DIVISION ONE**

2015-16	Haywards Heath Town	2019-20	Competition abandoned
2016-17	Saltdean United	2020-21	Competition abandoned
2017-18	Little Common	2021-22	Roffey
2018-19	Alfold	2022-23	Shoreham

### DIVISION THREE

1983-84	East Preston	2000-01	Rye United
1984-85	Oakwood	2001-02	Pease Pottage Village
1985-86	Seaford Town	2002-03	Midhurst & Easebourne
1986-87	Langney Sports	2003-04	Crowborough Athletic
1987-88	Midway	2004-05	Storrington
1988-89	Saltdean	2005-06	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1989-90	Worthing United	2006-07	Rustington
1990-91	Ifield	2007-08	Loxwood
1991-92	Hassocks	2008-09	Clymping
1992-93	Withdean	2009-10	Bosham
1993-94	Bosham	2010-11	Dorking Wanderers
1994-95	Midhurst & Easebourne	2011-12	Newhaven
1995-96	Ifield	2012-13	Sidlesham
1996-97	Sidlesham	2013-14	Langney Wanderers
1997-98	Lingfield	2014-15	Southwick
1998-99	Oving SC		
1999-2000	Bosham	Renamed as DIVISION TWO from 2015-16	

### DIVISION TWO

2015-16	AFC Varndeanians
2016-17	Bosham
2017-18	Rustington
2018-19	Rustington
2019-20	Competition abandoned
2020-21	Competition abandoned
2021-22	Rustington
2022-23	Jarvis Brook

### INVITATION' CUP COMPETITION

1939-40	Lewes	1958-59	Littlehampton & Shoreham (JT)
1940-41	Bognor Regis Town	1959-60	Wigmore Athletic
1945-46	Horsham	1960-61	Whitehawk
1946-47	Horsham	1961-62	Littlehampton
1947-48	Chichester City	1962-63	Bognor Regis Town
1948-49	Newhaven	1963-64	Chichester City
1949-50	Bognor Regis Town	1964-65	Lancing
1950-51	Eastbourne Comrades	1965-66	Southwick
1951-52	East Grinstead	1967-68	Horsham YMCA
1952-53	Littlehampton	1968-69	No Matches
1953-54	Littlehampton	1969-70	Whitehawk
1954-55	Chichester City	1970-71	Three Bridges
1955-56	Bexhill Town	1971-72	Bognor Regis Town
1956-57	Chichester City	1972-73	Haywards Heath
1957-58	Shoreham		

### John O'Hara LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP

1973-74	Burgess Hill	1995-96	Shoreham
1974-75	Wigmore	1996-97	Wick
1975-76	Littlehampton	1997-98	Burgess Hill Town
1976-77	Littlehampton	1998-99	Burgess Hill Town
1977-78	Southwick	1999-2000	Saltdean United
1978-79	Steyning	2000-01	Sidley United
1979-80	Burgess Hill	2001-02	Horsham YMCA
1980-81	Hastings Town	2002-03	Selsey
1981-82	Horsham YMCA	2003-04	Arundel
1982-83	Whitehawk	2004-05	Rye & Iden United
1983-84	Steyning Town	2005-06	Shoreham
1984-85	Littlehampton Town	2006-07	Crowborough Athletic
1985-86	Steyning Town	2007-08	Shoreham
1986-87	Arundel	2008-09	Whitehawk
1987-88	Wick	2009-10	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1988-89	Pagham	2010-11	Three Bridges
1989-90	Langney Sports	2011-12	Three Bridges
1990-91	Littlehampton Town	2012-13	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1991-92	Peacehaven & Telscombe	2013-14	East Preston
1992-93	Peacehaven & Telscombe		
1993-94	Whitehawk	Replaced by <b>Peter Bentley Cup</b> from 2014-15	
1994-95	Hailsham Town		

**PETER BENTLEY CUP**

2014-15	Newhaven	2022-23	Newhaven
2015-16	Lancing		
2016-17	Pagham		
2017-18	Haywards Heath Town		
2018-19	Saltdean United		
2019-20	Competition abandoned		
2020-21	No competition		
2021-22	Littlehampton Town		

**DIVISION TWO CUP**

1973-74	Burgess Hill	1995-96	Selsey
1974-75	Shoreham	1996-97	Sidley United
1975-76	Peacehaven	1997-98	Three Bridges
1976-77	Arundel	1998-99	Sidley United
1977-78	Crowborough	1999-2000	Sidlesham
1978-79	Storrington	2000-01	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1979-80	Hastings Town	2001-02	Rye & Iden United
1980-81	Whitehawk	2002-03	Rye & Iden United
1981-82	Lancing	2003-04	Littlehampton Town
1982-83	Shoreham	2004-05	Wealden
1983-84	Haywards Heath	2005-06	Mile Oak
1984-85	Chichester City	2006-07	Wealden
1985-86	Pagham	2007-08	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1986-87	Selsey	2008-09	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1987-88	Chichester City	2009-10	Littlehampton Town
1988-89	Midhurst	2010-11	AFC Uckfield
1989-90	Oakwood	2011-12	East Preston
1990-91	Chichester City	2012-13	Seaford Town
1991-92	Redhill	2013-14	Loxwood
1992-93	Lancing	2014-15	Worthing United
1993-94	Shoreham		
1994-95	Horsham YMCA	Renamed DIVISION ONE CUP from 2015-16	

**DIVISION ONE CUP**

2015-16	Haywards Heath Town	2020-21	No competition
2016-17	Langney Wanderers	2021-22	Midhurst & Easebourne
2017-18	Little Common	2022-23	Godalming Town
2018-19	Steyning Town		
2019-20	Competition abandoned		

### DIVISION THREE CUP

1983-84	Ferring	2000-01	Haywards Heath Town
1984-85	Bosham	2001-02	Crowborough Athletic
1985-86	Seaford	2002-03	Midhurst & Easebourne
1986-87	Langney Sports	2003-04	Crowborough Athletic
1987-88	East Preston	2004-05	Rustington
1988-89	Franklands Village	2005-06	Rustington
1989-90	Rottingdean '89	2006-07	Pease Pottage Village
1990-91	Withdean	2007-08	Bexhill United
1991-92	Sidlesham	2008-09	Haywards Heath
1992-93	Franklands Village	2009-10	Bosham
1993-94	Ifield	2010-11	Saltdean United
1994-95	East Preston	2011-12	Ifield
1995-96	Shinewater Association	2012-13	Haywards Heath Town
1996-97	Buxted	2013-14	Roffey
1997-98	Storrington	2014-15	Bosham
1998-99	Franklands Village		
1999-2000	Bexhill Town	Renamed as	<b>DIVISION TWO CUP</b> from 2015-16

### DIVISION TWO CUP

2015-16	Bosham
2016-17	Sidlesham
2017-18	Bosham
2018-19	Rustington
2019-20	Competition abandoned
2020-21	No competition
2021-22	Charlwood
2022-23	Storrington

**RESERVE SECTION**

1972-73	Southwick	1975-76	Three Bridges
1973-74	Haywards Heath	1976-77	Burgess Hill Town
1974-75	Horsham YMCA	Split into Regional Divisions from 1977-78	

**RESERVE SECTION EAST**

1977-78	Burgess Hill Town ( C )	1997-98	Shinewater Association
1978-79	Eastbourne Town (Jointly)	1998-99	Eastbourne United
1979-80	Ringmer	1999-2000	Saltdean United
1980-81	Ringmer ( C )	2000-01	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1981-82	Three Bridges ( C )	2001-02	Eastbourne Town
1982-83	Burgess Hill Town	2002-03	East Grinstead Town
1983-84	Peacehaven & Tels. ( C )	2003-04	Oakwood
1984-85	Burgess Hill Town (Jointly)	2004-05	Rye & Iden United
Nb. Premier Division added from 1985-86		2005-06	Ringmer
1985-86	Hastings Town	2006-07	Crawley Down
1987-88	Langney Sports	2007-08	St Francis Rangers
1988-89	Oakwood	2008-09	Mile Oak
1989-90	Eastbourne Town	2009-10	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1990-91	Langney Sports	2010-11	Sidley United
1991-92	Crawley Town	2011-12	Ringmer
1992-93	Stamco	2012-13	Shoreham
1993-94	Whitehawk	2013-14	Haywards Heath Town
1994-95	Eastbourne Town	2014-15	Lancing
1995-96	Three Bridges	2015-16	Haywards Heath Town
1996-97	Sidley United	Nb. Reduced to single Division from 2016-17	

**RESERVE SECTION WEST**

1977-78	Southwick	1990-91	Wick
1978-79	Arundel (Jointly)	1991-92	Worthing
1979-80	Three Bridges ( C )	1992-93	Worthing United
1980-81	Pagham	1993-94	Southwick
1981-82	Horsham YMCA	1994-95	Mile Oak
1982-83	Worthing ( C )	1995-96	Shoreham
1983-84	Southwick	1996-97	Portfield
1984-85	Three Bridges (Jointly)	1997-98	Littlehampton Town
Nb. Premier Division added from 1985-86		1998-99	Southwick
1985-86	Horsham	1999-2000	Horsham YMCA
1986-87	Littlehampton Town	2000-01	Chichester City United
1987-88	Wick	2001-02	Selsey
1988-89	Steyning	2002-03	Whitehawk
1989-90	Southwick	2003-04	Arundel



**RESERVE SECTION WEST cont...**

2004-05	Worthing United	2011-12	Littlehampton Town
2005-06	Shoreham	2012-13	Selsey
2006-07	Selsey	2013-14	Broadbridge Heath
2007-08	Pagham	2014-15	Chichester City
2008-09	Steyning Town	2015-16	Pagham
2009-10	East Preston		
2010-11	Lancing	Nb. Reduced to single Division from 2016-17	

**PREMIER DIVISION**

1985-86	Steyning Town	2001-02	Eastbourne Borough
1986-87	Three Bridges	2002-03	Eastbourne Borough
1987-88	Three Bridges	2003-04	Eastbourne Borough
1988-89	Three Bridges	2004-05	Eastbourne Borough
1989-90	Burgess Hill Town	2005-06	Eastbourne Town
1990-91	Haywards Heath Town	2006-07	Hailsham Town
1991-92	Burgess Hill Town	2007-08	Eastbourne Borough
1992-93	Peacehaven & Telscombe	2008-09	Eastbourne Town
1993-94	Peacehaven & Telscombe	2009-10	Eastbourne United AFC
1994-95	Portfield	2010-11	Eastbourne Town
1995-96	Hailsham Town	2011-12	Eastbourne Town
1996-97	St Leonards Stamcroft	2012-13	Hassocks
1997-98	Mile Oak	2013-14	Saltdean United
1998-99	Worthing	2014-15	Saltdean United
1999-2000	Worthing	Reduced to regional Divisions for 2015-16	
2000-01	Horsham YMCA		

**RESERVE SECTION**

2016-17	Broadbridge Heath
2017-18	AFC Varndeanians

**RESERVE SECTION CUP**

1977-78	Pagham	1987-88	Pagham
1978-79	Arundel	1988-89	Pagham
1979-80	Three Bridges	1989-90	Burgess Hill Town
1980-81	Pagham	1990-91	Pagham
1981-82	Peacehaven & Telscombe	1991-92	Portfield
1982-83	Burgess Hill Town	1992-93	Burgess Hill Town
1983-84	Peacehaven & Telscombe	1993-94	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1984-85	Southwick	1994-95	Stamco
1985-86	Peacehaven & Telscombe	1995-96	Stamco
1986-87	Peacehaven & Telscombe	1996-97	Pagham

**RESERVE SECTION CUP cont...**

1997-98	Eastbourne Town	2008-09	Eastbourne Town
1998-99	Burgess Hill Town	2009-10	Eastbourne United AFC
1999-2000	Langney Sports	2010-11	Mile Oak
2000-01	Horsham YMCA	2011-12	Hassocks
2001-02	Eastbourne Borough	2012-13	Hassocks
2002-03	Burgess Hill Town	2013-14	Saltdean United
2003-04	Eastbourne Borough	2014-15	Little Common
2004-05	Eastbourne Borough	2015-16	Haywards Heath Town
2005-06	Storrington	2016-17	Arundel
2006-07	Hassocks	2017-18	Pagham
2007-08	Eastbourne Borough		

**UNDER 21 - EAST (U23 from 2018-19)**

2015-16	Newhaven	2022-23	Peacehaven & Tels.
2016-17	Newhaven		
2017-18	Newhaven		
2018-19*	AFC Uckfield Town		
2019-20	Competition abandoned		
2020-21	Competition abandoned		
2021-22	Newhaven		

**UNDER 21 - WEST (U23 from 2018-19)**

2015-16	Loxwood	2022-23	Chichester City
2016-17	Pagham		
2017-18	Pagham		
2018-19*	Horsham YMCA		
2019-20	Competition abandoned		
2020-21	Competition abandoned		
2021-22	Pagham		

**UNDER 23 - NORTH**

2020-21	Competition abandoned
2021-22	Broadbridge Heath
2022-23	Hassocks

**UNDER 21 CUP (U23 from 2018-19)**

2015-16	Eastbourne Town	2019-20	Competition abandoned
2016-17	Pagham	2020-21	No competition
2017-18	Peacehaven & Telscombe	2021-22	Alfold
2018-19*	AFC Uckfield Town	2022-23	Eastbourne Town

## YOUTH SECTION

1981-82 Crowborough Athletic

	<b>East</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>North*</b>
1982-83	Whitehawk	Horsham YMCA (c)	
1983-84	Crowborough Ath (c)	Burgess Hill Town	
1984-85	Eastbourne Town	Southwick (c)	
1985-86	Eastbourne United	Worthing (c)	
1986-87	Eastbourne United	Southwick (c)	
1987-88	Ringmer (c )	Southwick	
1988-89	Hailsham (c )	Chichester	
1989-90	Haywards Heath Tn(c)	Chichester	
1990-91	Lewes (c )	Shoreham	
1991-92	Lewes (c )	Burgess Hill Town	
1992-93	Peacehaven & Tels(c)	Burgess Hill Town	
1993-94	Bexhill Town	Worthing (c)	
1994-95	Stamco	Steyning Town (c)	
1995-96	Saltdean United	Worthing United (c)	Burgess Hill Town
1996-97	Saltdean United	Southwick	Burgess Hill Town (c)
1997-98	Saltdean United	Southwick	Burgess Hill Town (c)
1998-99	Langney Sports (c)	East Preston	Hassocks
1999-2000	Hailsham Town	East Preston	Broadbridge Heath
2000-01	Competition abandoned		
2001-02	Eastbourne Town	Chichester City United	Hassocks (c)
2002-03	Lewes	Wick	Burgess Hill Town Chichester City Utd (c)
2003-04	Hailsham Town	Chichester City United	Crowborough Ath (c)
2004-05	Eastbourne Borough	Wick	Burgess Hill Town
2005-06	Eastbourne Town	Wick	Hassocks
2006-07	Eastbourne Borough	Horsham Town Youth	Southwick (c)
2007-08	Hastings United	Arundel	Hassocks Southwick (c)
2008-09	Crowborough Athletic	Shoreham (c)	Whitehawk
2009-10	Crowborough Athletic	Worthing United (c)	Mile Oak
2010-11	Eastbourne Borough (c)	Chichester City	Peacehaven & Tels
2011-12	Eastbourne Borough	Chichester City	Shoreham (c)
2012-13	Eastbourne Borough	Chichester City (c )	Burgess Hill Town
2013-14	Eastbourne United	Chichester City (c )	Hassocks
2014-15	Newhaven	Pagham (c )	Haywards Heath Town
2015-16	Rottingdean Village (C )	Pagham	Shoreham
2016-17	AFC Uckfield Town	Shoreham (C )	Roffey
2017-18	Rottingdean Village	Chichester City	Hassocks (C )

## YOUTH SECTION CUP

1981-82	Southwick	2005-06	East Preston
1982-83	Horsham YMCA	2006-07	Arundel
1983-84	Whitehawk	2007-08	Hassocks
1984-85	Southwick	2008-09	Hassocks
1985-86	Steyning Town	2009-10	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1986-87	Worthing	2010-11	Broadbridge Heath
1987-88	Southwick	2011-12	Shoreham (Central)
1988-89	Hailsham	2012-13	Burgess Hill Town
1989-90	Southwick	2013-14	Hassocks
1990-91	Lewes	2014-15	Littlehampton Town
1991-92	Worthing	2015-16	Pagham
1992-93	Peacehaven & Telscombe	2016-17	Shoreham
1993-94	Worthing	2017-18	Hassocks
1994-95	Lewes	2018-19	Newhaven
1995-96	Worthing United	2019-20	Competition abandoned
1996-97	Langney Sports	2020-21	No competition
1997-98	Burgess Hill Town	2021-22	Alfold
1998-99	Burgess Hill Town	2022-23	Newhaven
1999-2000	Eastbourne United		
2000-01	Hassocks		
2001-02	Chichester City United		
2002-03	Crowborough Athletic		
2003-04	Burgess Hill Town		
2004-05	Burgess Hill Town		

## FIVE -A- SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

1978	Littlehampton Town	1986	Littlehampton Town
1979	Southwick	1987	Arundel
1980	Burgess Hill	1988	Pagham
1981	Whitehawk	1989	Selsey
1982	Littlehampton Town	1990	Langney Sports
1983	Peacehaven & Telscombe	1991	Portfield
1984	Arundel	1992	Three Bridges
1985	Littlehampton Town	1993	Littlehampton Town

## REFEREE OF THE SEASON

1986-87	Phil Salvage	2005-06	Paul Hammond
1987-88	Dennis Goldsmith	2006-07	Tim Robinson
1988-89	Robbie Cox	2007-08	Paul John
1989-90	Ray Innes	2008-09	Andrew Massey
1990-91	Not awarded	2009-10	Lloyd Rendell
1991-92	Ian Moore	2010-11	Jacob Miles
1992-93	Wally Elvin	2011-12	Jacob Miles
1993-94	Ray Innes	2012-13	Jacob Miles
1994-95	Martin Hollands & Michael Jewell	2013-14	Steven Hughes
1995-96	Richard Milton	2014-15	Steven Hughes
1996-97	Lee Bonaldi	2015-16	Steven Hughes
1997-98	Martin Hollands	2016-17	Ciaran Fidler
1998-99	Lee Bonaldi	2017-18	Dan Joseph
1999-2000	David Smith	2018-19	Will Briers
2000-01	David Smith	2019-20	Not awarded
2001-02	Martin Hollands	2020-21	Not awarded
2002-03	Martin Hollands	2021-22	David Spain
2003-04	John Goring	2022-23	Kyle Mann
2004-05	Ashley Slaughter		

## MERIT TABLE WINNERS

1978-79	Pagham	1989-90	Wick
1979-80	Crowborough Athletic	1990-91	Littlehampton Town
1980-81	Arundel	1991-92	Peacehaven & Telscombe
1981-82	Wick	1992-93	Pagham
1982-83	Peacehaven & Telscombe	1993-94	Wick
1983-84	Portfield	1994-95	Wick
1984-85	Steyning Town	1995-96	Wick
1985-86	Wick	1996-97	Wick
1986-87	Pagham	1997-98	Burgess Hill Town
1987-88	Three Bridges	1998-99	Horsham YMCA
1988-89	Wick	1999-2000	Arundel

### JOHN O'HARA LOYALTY AWARD

1993-94	Vic Homewood	Whitehawk FC
1994-95	Len Peters	Three Bridges FC
1995-96	John Buck	Burgess Hill Town FC
1996-97	George Maslen	Portfield FC
1997-98	Bill Parris	Peacehaven & Telscombe FC
1998-99	Frank Cox	Arundel FC
1999-2000	Ray Saxton	Portfield FC
2000-01	Peggy Randell	Littlehampton Town FC
2001-02	Angela Myall	Eastbourne Town FC
2002-03	Len Shindler	Burgess Hill Town FC
2003-04	Ron Pavey	
2004-05	Len Ralph	Lancing FC
2005-06	Don Pryke	East Preston FC
2006-07	Sheila Wilson	Sidley United FC
2007-08	Ann and Dave John	Hassocks FC
2008-09	George Carman	Wick FC
2009-10	Not Awarded	
2010-11	Bernie Morey	Selsey FC
2011-12	Not Awarded	
2012-13	Bert Young	Sidlesham
2013-14	Peter Towell	Lancing
2014-15	–	
2015-16	–	
2016-17	Keith Freeman	East Preston

### SUSSEX SENIOR SIX-A-SIDE TOURNAMENT

1975	Haywards Heath	1981	Southwick
1976	Whitehawk	1982	Steyning Town
1977	Southwick	1983	Whitehawk
1978	Southwick	1984	Eastbourne United
1979	Lewes	1985	Whitehawk
1980	Eastbourne Town		

### YOUTH SECTION cont...

	<b>East</b>	<b>West</b>	<b>Central</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	Newhaven	Selsey ( C )	Haywards Heath Town
2019-20	Competition abandoned	Competition abandoned	Competition abandoned
2020-21	Competition abandoned	Competition abandoned	Competition abandoned
2021-22	Bexhill United ( C )	Chichester City	Montpelier Villa
2022-23	Peacehaven & Tels.	Chichester City	St. Francis Rngs (Black)

### YOUTH SECTION cont...

	<b>North</b>
2021-22	Alfold
2022-23	St.Francis Rngs (Yellow)

### SUPPLEMENTARY SHIELD WINNERS - 2021

<b>PREMIER</b>	Lancing
<b>DIV 1</b>	Midhurst & Ease.
<b>DIV 2</b>	Montpelier Villa
<b>U23</b>	Chichester City
<b>U18</b>	Steyning Town (W)

Above all held following curtailment of regular season due to Covid restrictions

### JOHN O'HARA LOYALTY AWARD cont...

2021-22	Dave Carruthers	Rottingdean Village FC
2022-23	Andy Crisp	Broadbridge Heath FC

## CODES OF CONDUCT ON MATCH DAYS

- 1. Grounds including dressing rooms, must be open to Visiting teams at least one hour prior to kick-off time.**
- 2. Officials of the Home Club to receive visitors.**
- All visiting officials to be handed a programme and informed of entertaining arrangements.
- Tea and Biscuits to be provided at half time in the Clubhouse or Committee Room for those with passes.
- 5. Provision of tea or similar refreshments on arrival and at half time in their dressing rooms for Match Officials and Visiting Teams and similar liquid refreshment at full time.**
- The League to supply all Clubs with 10 (ten) passes to use for away games only. These cannot be used at any other games, only those in which their team are participating. One pass must be used for players, manager(s) and trainer, and these passes must be presented at the entrance.
- Provisions of a minimum of three programmes in the Visiting team's dressing room and three for Match Officials.
- At least two Officials from the Visiting team should attend a match and make themselves known to the Home Officials on arrival.
- 9. At least three kick-about balls of reasonable standard, should be placed in the Visiting team's dressing room. It shall be the responsibility of the Visiting team to return these to a responsible Official of the Home team, at or before the completion of the match. Only Match Balls of a reasonable standard, approved by the League, will be used for all County League Competitions.**
- 10. Visiting teams should in the event of their dissatisfaction relating to their visit, forward complaints in writing to the League Secretary within fourteen days.**
- 11. A stretcher must be provided at all Southern Combination League grounds and must be readily accessible when matches are in progress.**

*The foregoing shall apply to all League and League Cup matches in Premier Division and Division One.*

*For Division Two, only item 6 may not be relevant.*

*For U23, and Youth matches the items in Bold type are essential.*



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## GUIDE TO MARKING REFEREES

The mark awarded by a club must be based on the referee's overall performance, it is most important that the mark is awarded fairly and not based upon isolated incidents or previous games. The referee's performance should be determined by the table below which should act as a guide for the overall mark which should fall within the mark range for each standard of performance.

Mark Range	Comment
91-100	The referee was extremely accurate in decision making and very successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play, adding real value to the game
81-90	The referee was very accurate in decision making and successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play
71-80	The referee was very accurate in decision making and successfully controlled the game using management and communication skills to create an environment of fair play
61-70	The referee was very accurate in decision making and controlled the game well, communicating with the players, making a positive contribution towards fair play
51-60	The referee had some shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision making and control, with only limited success in communicating with the players resulting in variable fair play
50 and below	The referee had significant shortcomings in the level of accuracy of decision making and control with poor communication with the players which resulted in low levels of fair play

### Notes

- Using a scale of up to 100 allows greater flexibility for clubs to distinguish between different refereeing performances more accurately
- A mark within each mark range can be given to reflect the referee's performance e.g. A mark of 79 indicates a somewhat better performance than 71
- **A mark between 71 and 80 represents the standard of refereeing expected**
- When a mark of 60 or less is awarded, an explanation must be provided to the league or Competition by completing the appropriate box on the marking form. It must include comments which could help improve the referee's future performances. Even where a referee had significant shortcomings there will have been some positive aspects which should be given credit; extremely low marks (below 20) should be very rare

# HOW TO DECIDE ON A REFEREE'S MARK

The following questions focus on the key areas of a referee's performance. They are intended as an 'aide memoire', are not necessarily comprehensive and need not be answered individually. It is, however worth considering them before committing yourself the mark for the referee.

## CONTROL AND DECISION MAKING

- How well did the referee control the game?
- Were the players' actions recognised correctly?
- Were the Laws applied correctly
- Were all incidents dealt with efficiently/effectively?
- Were all the appropriate sanctions applied correctly?
- Was the referee always within reasonable distance of incidents?
- Was the referee well positioned to make critical decisions, especially in and around the penalty area?
- Did the referee understand the players' positional intentions and keep out of the way accordingly?
- Did the referee demonstrate alertness and concentration throughout the game?
- Did the referee apply the use of advantage to suit the mood and temperature of the game?
- Was the referee aware of the players' attitude to advantage?
- Did the referee use the assistants effectively?
- Did the officials work as a team, and did the referee lead and manage them to the benefit of the game?

## COMMUNICATION AND PLAYER MANAGEMENT

- How well did the referee communicate with the players during the game?
- Did the referee's level of involvement/profile suit this particular game?
- Did the referee understand the players' problems on the day - e.g. difficult ground/weather conditions?
- Did the referee respond to the changing pattern of play/mood of players?
- Did the referee demonstrate empathy for the game, allowing it to develop in accordance with the tempo of the game?
- Was the referee pro-active in controlling of the game?
- Was the referee's authority asserted firmly without being officious?
- Was the referee confident and quick thinking?
- Did the referee appear unflustered and unhurried when making critical decisions?
- Did the referee permit undue questioning of decisions?
- Did the referee deal effectively with players crowding around after decisions/incidents?
- Was the effective player management in evidence?
- Was the referee's body language confident and open at all times?
- Did the pace of the game, the crowd or player pressure affect the referee negatively?

## FINAL THOUGHTS

- Always try to be objective when marking. You may not obtain the most objective view by marking immediately after the game.
- Judge the performance over **the whole game**. Don't be too influenced by one particular incident
- Don't mark the referee down unfairly because your team was unlucky and lost the game or some disciplinary action was taken against your players.



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# Support Your Benevolent Fund

The Sussex County FA Benevolent Fund is a registered charity which aims to help players and officials who have suffered a football-related injury and, as a result, find themselves in financial hardship. Without donations, the Fund simply would not exist. With Club's help, we can continue with the support we give to injured players. Unfortunately, not every application can be guaranteed a grant, but each case is carefully reviewed by the Fund's Secretary and Trustees who assess the claimant's financial needs. We aim to reach a decision within a few days of receipt of the application.

It is crucial for word to be spread on the experience of the Fund. We want to try to get through to players as well as club secretaries. Clubs are asked for donations when they receive their affiliation forms each year but the request sometimes gets no further than the secretary. It is no longer mandatory for a club to have made a donation in order to submit an application but if the assets dwindle it is the players who ultimately suffer. For an application form please contact the Fund Secretary.

## **Has Your Club Made a Donation?**

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# ***RACISM IN FOOTBALL***

Sussex County League fully supports the aims and objectives of the Let's Kick Racism Out of Football campaign.

- ❖ Football provides us with a unique opportunity to show unity between people of different origins. However, the experience of many players from ethnic minority communities is of abuse and harassment because of the colour of their skin.
  
- ❖ Players, referees and administrators are reminded that racist abuse (such as name calling) on the field of play is a red card offence. Teams, leagues and individuals who are found to have acted in a racist manner in either excluding ethnic minorities or found to be engaging in racist abuse or harassment will face having their registration cancelled.
  
- ❖ Players suffering racist abuse are encouraged to report it to referees on the field of play and to the Secretary or Chairman of their League. The County FA should also be informed immediately.
  
- ❖ Racism in football is a problem that we all have a responsibility to address. Don't let it ruin our game.

## INFORMATION

### MATCH RESULTS

All match results for Premier, Div 1, 2, U23, & U18  
All to use the **SMS** text result service

### REFEREE FEES

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SCFL County Youth: Referee **£45:00**

### TRANSFER FORMS

These can be sent via Email to General Secretary TIM DAWES,  
**admin@scfl.org.uk**.  
Transfer fee £20.00 - must be paid within FIVE DAYS

### FINES

You have 28 days in which to pay from receipt of notification.  
Do not forget that overdue fines will lead to further fines !

### CHANGES

Changes to Club Secretaries, Chairman, or changes of address must be notified immediately to the General Secretary.

### PLAYER'S CONTRACTS

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