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The Rules of the Scottish Professional Football League

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As at 7 March 2014

A General

Name

- A1 The name of this combination of Football clubs is The Scottish Professional Football League.

Alterations to Rules

- A2 Any alteration, deletion or addition shall be made in or to these Rules including the Appendices only in accordance with the Articles.

Severability

- A3 Each Rule shall be construed separately and, if any Rule or provision in these Rules may prove to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable for any reason, such illegality, invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remaining Rules which shall continue in full force and effect.

Definitions and Interpretation

- A4 In these Rules and in the Regulations, the following terms shall (unless the context otherwise requires) have the following meanings:

2006 Act means the Companies Act 2006 including any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;

Adjudication means an adjudication by the Board or, where appointed by the Board, a Commission, of a dispute between parties where the Rules so provide and/or where the parties have agreed that the determination of such a dispute may or must be adjudicated by the Board;

Amateur Player means a player of a Club who is not a party to a Contract of Service with that Club;

Amateur Registration means the Registration of an Amateur Player;

Appeal means an appeal, provided for in the Rules, by a Player to the Board against the decision of a Club;

Appear means entering the field of play for a Club in a League Match or Play-Off Match, whether in the starting 11 or as a substitute and Appears, Appeared and Appearing shall be construed accordingly;

Appendix means an appendix to these Rules;

Articles mean the articles of association for the time being of the Company;

Appeal Tribunal is a tribunal appointed in terms of Rule E11;

Appendix means an appendix to these Rules;

Associated with, in the case of an Amateur Player, means, up to and including 1 August 2013, having during any period been predominantly associated with a particular Club or any organisation or team closely associated for the purpose of training and developing young players for and with that Club, for the purposes of playing, training and being developed for playing Football;

Board means the board of Directors of the Company or where the board of Directors of the Company has made an appropriate delegation in accordance with the Articles the Chairman, Chief Executive or a committee of the Board;

Candidate Club means the Football club, in accordance with these Rules, eligible to participate after the end of a relevant Season in a Pyramid Play-Off Competition and, if successful in winning the relevant Pyramid Play-Off Competition eligible for promotion and admission to participate in the League and, except where the context otherwise requires, includes the owner and operator of that club;

Chairman means the Chairman for the time being of the Company;

Championship/League One Play-Off means the competition to be operated by the Company immediately after the end of each Season in terms of these Rules to determine, other than the Clubs automatically promoted and relegated, which Clubs, if any, shall be relegated from the Championship to League One and promoted to the Championship from League One for the immediately succeeding Season;

Chief Executive means the Chief Executive for the time being of the Company;

Close Season means the period of the year outside the Season;

Club means a Football club, other than a Candidate Club, which is, for the time being, eligible to participate in the League and, except where the context otherwise requires, includes the owner and operator of such club;

Code of Conduct for Under 19 Players means Appendix 4 to these Rules;

Commission means a body of persons comprising members of the Panel appointed by the Board to undertake an enquiry and/or make a determination in terms of Section G of the Rules;

Company means The Scottish Professional Football League Limited;

Compensation means compensation payable to Club for the training and development of a Player in terms of Rule F3;

Compensation Tribunal means a tribunal convened by the Board in accordance with Rule F8;

Confidential Information means all information, details and data of any kind in connection with the business or finances of the Company or any Club being confidential or which might reasonably be regarded as being confidential to the Company or any Club of which in the case of the Company any Director or Club or, in the case of a Club, other Club or Director not appointed by that Club shall have gained knowledge in the course of or in connection with its membership or his Directorship of the Company;

Contract of Service means a contract of service for a Player in the standard form of the League and references to any particular type of Contract of Service shall be construed accordingly;

Development Contribution means an amount payable by one Club to another Club for the costs of the training and development of a young player in accordance with Rule F24;

Development Contribution Period means the period starting with the first day of the Development Contribution Year in which a Player's 11th birthday falls to the last day of the Development Contribution Year in which his 19th birthday falls;

Development Contribution Year means the period from and including 1 July in a calendar year to and including 30 June in the immediately succeeding calendar year;

Director means a director, including any alternate director, of the Company and the term Directorship shall be construed accordingly;

Division means a division of the League;

document includes, unless otherwise specified in these Rules, any document sent or supplied in hard copy form or electronic form;

Due Date means the date upon which a Club is required to account to HMRC for PAYE & NIC, as prescribed by relevant legislation, regulations or guidance in force from time to time;¹

Due Date means the date upon which a Club is required to account to HMRC for any Tax Liability, as prescribed by relevant legislation, regulations or guidance in force from time to time;²

¹ Ceases to have effect midnight on 31 May 2014

² Comes into effect from and including 1 June 2014

electronic form shall have the meaning attributed to that phrase in section 1168 of the 2006 Act;

FIFA means the International Federation of Football Associations;

FIFA Quality Concept Handbooks mean the FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf Handbook of Requirements and Handbook of Test Methods January 2012 Editions and any amendments thereto and/or any substitute such handbooks from time to time published by or on behalf of FIFA;

FIFA Recommended 2 Star Standard means the artificial football turf and associated pitch design, specification, construction and performance laboratory and field tested standard of that name provided for in the FIFA Quality Concept Handbooks and any amended, substituted or replacement standard as may, from time to time, be specified as the highest such standard by FIFA;

Financial Disclosure Requirements means Appendix 3;

Financial Systems mean any method of recording receipts or expenditure including cash books, wages records and accounting systems;

First Team Squad means the list, for each Season, of players of a Club and any additional Players which are given to the Secretary;

Football means association football played in accordance with the Laws of the Game;

Force Majeure Event is an event, which is determined by an Appeal Tribunal to have been unforeseeable and unavoidable;

General Meeting means a general meeting of the Company;

Group Undertaking means a “group undertaking” as defined in section 1161(5) of the 2006 Act;

Guidance for Clubs means guidance on Unacceptable Conduct issued from time to time by the Board to Clubs in accordance with Rule H37;

hard copy form shall have the meaning attributed to that phrase in section 1168 of the 2006 Act;

Home Club means the Club on whose ground any particular League Match or Play-Off Match should be or should have been played;

HMRC means HM Revenue and Customs or such other government department

that may replace the same;³

*HMRC means Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs or such other United Kingdom Government or Scottish Government department or agency that may replace, supplement or substitute for the same, responsible from time to time for accounting to and/or the collection of any Tax Liabilities by and/or from any Club;*⁴

Insolvency Act means the Insolvency Act 1986 and any statutory modification or re-enactment thereof for the time being in force;

Insolvency Event means:-

- (i) entering into a Company Voluntary Arrangement pursuant to Part 1 of the Insolvency Act, a Scheme of Arrangement with creditors under Part 26 of the 2006 Act, or any compromise agreement with its creditors as a whole;
- (ii) the lodging of a Notice of Intention to Appoint an Administrator or Notice of Appointment of an Administrator at the Court in accordance with paragraph 29 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act, an application to the Court for an Administration Order under paragraph 12 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act or where an Administrator is appointed or an Administration Order is made ("Administrator" and "Administration Order" having the meaning attributed to them respectively by paragraphs 1 and 10 of Schedule B1 to the Insolvency Act) or an interim manager is appointed by any court as a step in any proceedings which include an application for the making of an Administration Order;
- (iii) an Administrative Receiver (as defined by the Insolvency Act) or any other Receiver is appointed over any assets which, in the opinion of the Board is material to the Club's ability to fulfil its obligations as a Club or a Judicial Factor is appointed;
- (iv) shareholders passing a resolution pursuant to section 84(1) of the Insolvency Act to voluntarily wind up;
- (v) a meeting of creditors is convened pursuant to section 95 or section 98 of the Insolvency Act;
- (vi) a winding up order is made by the Court under section 122 of the Insolvency Act or a provisional liquidator is appointed under section 135 of the Insolvency Act;
- (vii) ceasing or forming an intention to cease wholly or substantially to

³ Ceases to have effect midnight on 31 May 2014

⁴ Comes into effect from and including 1 June 2014

carry on business save for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation or otherwise in accordance with a scheme or proposals which have previously been submitted to and approved in writing by the Board;

- (viii) in the case of an individual person, partnership or unincorporated association an award of sequestration, appointment of a trustee, entering into a trust deed for creditors, appointment of an interim judicial factor, appointment of a judicial factor or an equivalent or analogous appointment;
- (ix) being subject to an insolvency regime in any jurisdiction outside Scotland which is analogous to the insolvency regimes detailed in paragraphs (a) to (g) above; and/or
- (x) have any proceedings or step taken or any court order in any jurisdiction made which has a substantially similar effect to any of the foregoing.

Insolvency Process means a process or procedure comprising two or more Insolvency Events which occur either concurrently or consecutively;

Judicial Panel means the body with that name formed by the board of the Scottish FA in terms of article 65 of the articles of association of the Scottish FA;

Judicial Panel Protocol means the protocol relating to the operation of the Judicial Panel promulgated by the board of the Scottish FA from time to time in accordance with article 65 of the articles of association of the Scottish FA;

Laws of the Game mean the laws of the game promulgated by the International Football Association Board from time to time;

League or The Scottish Professional Football League means the combination of association football clubs comprising the Clubs known as The Scottish Professional Football League or SPFL;

League Cup means The Scottish Professional Football League Cup Competition previously owned and operated by the SFL under the name The Scottish Football League Cup Competition and now owned and operated by the Company in accordance with these Rules and the League Cup Regulations;

League Cup Match means a match in the League Cup;

League Cup Regulations means the Regulations made by the Board governing the League Cup;

League Match means a match designated as such by the Company and played in

the League;

League Office means the Registered Office, for the time being, of the Company;

League One/League Two Play-Off means the competition to be operated by the Company immediately after the end of each Season in terms of these Rules to determine, other than the Clubs automatically promoted and relegated, which additional Clubs, if any, shall be relegated from League One to League Two and promoted to League One from League Two for the immediately succeeding Season;

Match Officials means the referee and assistant referees and fourth official, if appropriate, in respect of any match;

Media Co-Operation Requirements means Appendix 5;

Membership Criteria means the criteria applying to admission to and membership of the League or as the case may be a Division of the League as set out in or referred to in Rule D4;

Official means any director, secretary, official, representative, manager, agent or employee of a Club and any person having a function or duty or position involving authority or trust within a Club and includes, without prejudice to the foregoing generality, any person who is able to exercise control, whether directly or indirectly, over the Club and/or the majority of the board of directors of any such Club (whether or not such person is himself notified to the Registrar of Companies as holding the office of director of such Club) or is otherwise held out to be a member of the Committee of management of such a Club if not incorporated;

Official Match means a Football match played in the framework of Organised Football under the auspices of and organised by the Company and includes, without limitation, all League Matches, Play-Off Matches, League Cup Matches, Reserve League matches, Under 20 League matches and matches in all other Competitions operated by the Company;

Organised Football means Football organised under the auspices of FIFA, the confederations of FIFA and national associations which are members of FIFA, but excluding friendly and trial Football matches;

Panel means the panel of persons appointed by the Board who may be appointed to a Commission;

PAYE & NIC means any and all payments required to be made by the Club in respect of income tax and national insurance contributions;

Play means taking part as a player in an Official Match either in the starting eleven or as being named as a substitute and the words Plays, Played and Playing shall be construed accordingly;

Play-Off Competition means the Premiership/Championship Play-Off, Championship/League One Play-Off, League One/League Two Play-Off and Pyramid Play-Off Competitions;

Play-Off Match means a match played in a Play-Off Competition;

Player means a player who is or has been a Professional Player or Amateur Player of a Club;

Player Passport means a Player Passport issued to a Player in accordance with FIFA regulations;

Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations means regulations made from time to time by the Board to regulate the Registration, transfer and contracts of service of Players;

Premiership/Championship Play-Off means the competition to be operated by the Company immediately after the end of each Season in terms of these Rules to determine, other than the Clubs automatically promoted and relegated, which Clubs, if any, shall be relegated from the Premiership to the Championship and promoted to the Premiership from the Championship for the immediately succeeding Season;

Professional Player means a Player of a Club who is party to a Contract of Service with that Club;

Professional Registration means the Registration of a Professional Player;

Pyramid Play-Off Competition means the competition to be operated by the Company at the end of each Season in terms of these Rules to determine, subject to Rules D1 and D2, whether the Club finishing in position 42 in the League in the immediately preceding Season is to be relegated from the League and the Candidate Club promoted to the League in its place;

Qualifying Day means a day during the Development Contribution Period of a Player that the Player is Registered to or Associated with a Club and for which a valid claim has been determined by the Secretary in accordance with Rule F29 or the Board following an appeal in accordance with Rule F31;

Registered Ground means the ground of a Club or Candidate Club registered or deemed to have been registered in accordance with Rule H13 and the words register and registered shall, where the context so permits, be construed accordingly;

Registration means the registration of a Player with the League to a specified Club in accordance with the Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations and

the words Register and Registered shall be construed accordingly;

Registration Period means a fixed period for the Registration of Players by Clubs, determined by the Board in accordance with the Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations;

Reserve League Regulations means the regulations made by the Board governing the Reserve League;

Rules mean these rules including the Appendices hereto;

Rules of Procedure mean rules of procedures made from time to time by the Board in accordance with Section J13 of these Rules;

Scottish Championship means the second Division of the League, in these Rules referred to as “the Championship”, comprising the ten Clubs entitled in terms of these Rules to be the members for the time being of the Championship;

Scottish Cup means the Scottish Football Association Challenge Cup Competition;

Scottish Cup Match means a match in the Scottish Cup;

Scottish League One means the third Division of the League, in these Rules referred to as “League One”, comprising the ten Clubs entitled in terms of these Rules to be the members for the time being of League One;

Scottish League Two means the fourth Division of the League, in these Rules referred to as “League Two”, comprising the ten Clubs entitled in terms of these Rules to be the members for the time being of League Two;

Scottish Premiership means the first Division of the League, in these Rules referred to as “the Premiership”, comprising the twelve Clubs entitled in terms of these Rules to be the members for the time being of the Premiership;

Season means the period of the year commencing on the date of the first League Match in a Season and ending on the date of the last League Match in the same Season or otherwise as determined by the Board and which excludes the Close Season;

Secretary means the Secretary of the Company;

Scottish FA means The Scottish Football Association Limited;

Scottish FA Articles means the Articles for the time being of the Scottish FA;

SFL means the combination of Football clubs from time to time comprising the unincorporated association known as the Scottish Football League;

SFL Rules means the former Constitution, Rules and regulations for the time being of the SFL;

SPFA means the Scottish Professional Footballers' Association;

SPFL means The Scottish Professional Football League;

SPL means The Scottish Premier League a league competition operated by the Company up to and including season 2012/2013;

Status means being either a Professional Player or an Amateur Player;

Tax Liability/Tax Liabilities means any and all tax, duty and related or similar obligations of whatsoever nature in respect of which a Club is required to make payment, account and/or return to HMRC including, without limitation, any and all liabilities for payment of sums deducted or required to be deducted and paid by a Club to HMRC from employees' remuneration in respect of employees' income tax liabilities ("PAYE") and employees' National Insurance Contributions ("NIC"), employer's NIC, Value Added Tax ("VAT"), Income Tax, Corporation Tax and any interest and/or penalties due or becoming due in connection with such tax, duty and related or similar obligations;⁵

Time to Pay Agreement means an agreement in writing between the Club and HMRC in relation to the repayment of arrears to HMRC in respect of PAYE & NIC;⁶

Time to Pay Agreement means an agreement in writing between the Club and HMRC in relation to the payment of arrears of Tax Liabilities to HMRC;⁷

Training Compensation means compensation paid or payable in terms of the FIFA regulations relating to training compensation or any replacement or substitute FIFA system of compensation to clubs for the training and development of young players;

Trialist means a player who is under assessment and evaluation by a Club as to his ability, fitness or the like to play Football for that Club in Official Matches and who is not Registered to that Club;

UEFA means the Union of European Football Associations;

UEFA Competitions shall mean the UEFA Champions League, the Europa League and/or such other, additional and/or substitute competition(s) as may be organised by UEFA from time to time;

Unacceptable Conduct has the meaning given in Rule H25;

⁵ Comes into effect from and including 1 June 2014

⁶ Ceases to have effect midnight on 31 May 2014

⁷ Comes into effect from and including 1 June 2014

Under 20 League Regulations means the regulations made by the Board governing the Under 20 League;

Under 19 Player means a Player who had not attained the age of 18 years on 31 December of the year before the year in which the relevant Season commences;

Under 20 Player means a Player of a Club who had not attained the age of 19 years on 31 December of the year before the year in which the relevant Season commences;

Under 21 Player means a Player who had not attained the age of 21 years on 31 December of the year before the year in which the relevant Season commences;

VAT means value added tax or any replacement, substitute or equivalent such tax; and

Visiting Club means the Club who should play or should have played any particular League Match or Play-Off Match on the ground of a Home Club.

- A5 Any capitalised word or phrase used in these Rules which is defined in the Articles and which is not defined in these Rules has the defined meaning in these Rules and in the Regulations ascribed to it in the Articles.
- A6 Wherever in these Rules the computation of a period of time or a number of days is involved, each of Saturday and Sunday is to be reckoned as a day.
- A7 Headings in these Rules are used for convenience only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of these Rules.
- A8 A reference in these Rules to an "Article" is a reference to the relevant Article of the Articles unless expressly provided otherwise.
- A9 A reference in these Rules to a "Rule" is a reference to the relevant Rule of these Rules and reference to a "Section" is to one of the Sections of these Rules unless expressly provided otherwise.
- A10 The Appendices to these Rules are each part of these Rules and a reference to a paragraph is to a paragraph of an appendix.
- A11 The Annexes are printed for convenience along with these Rules but are not part of the Rules.
- A12 Unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular.
- A13 Unless the context otherwise requires, a reference to one gender shall include a reference to the other genders.

- A14 A “person” includes a natural person, corporate or unincorporated body (whether or not having separate legal personality) and in the case of a natural person that person’s personal representatives and successors.
- A15 A reference to a “company” shall include any company, corporation or other body corporate, wherever and however incorporated or established.
- A16 Any words following the terms “including”, “include”, “in particular” or any similar expression shall be construed as illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words, description, definition, phrase or term preceding those terms.
- A17 Where the context permits, “other” and “otherwise” are illustrative and shall not limit the sense of the words preceding them.
- A18 A reference to a statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation is a reference to it as it is in force from time to time and includes any statute, statutory provision or subordinate legislation which it amends or re-enacts and subordinate legislation for the time being in force made under it provided that, no such amendment, extension or re-enactment made after the date of adoption of these Articles shall apply for the purposes of these Articles to the extent that it would impose any new or extended obligation, liability or restriction on, or otherwise adversely affect the rights of, any Member.

Board and Chief Executive

- A19 Where a discretion, right or power is expressed in these Rules to be exercisable by the Board, such discretion, right or power may be exercisable by the Chairman, Chief Executive or Secretary in accordance with and to the extent of, any authority delegated to him and/or any two or more of them pursuant to the Articles.

General Meetings

- A20 The Chairman may, subject to the provisions of the Articles and any requirements of the 2006 Act, regulate the proceedings of General Meetings as he thinks fit.

Designation of Rules by Numbering and Lettering

- A21 Rules shall be designated or referred to by a letter and a number. The letter identifies the section of the Rules and the number identifies the numbered Rule within the Section.
- A22 References to a "Rule" shall, unless the context otherwise requires, mean a reference to the Rule so designated by Section and number within such Section in these Rules in which the reference is made.

B Membership of The League

Relationship between Clubs and the League

- B1 In all matters and transactions relating to the League and Company each Club shall behave towards each other Club and the Company with the utmost good faith.
- B2 No Club, either by itself or its Officials, shall by any means whatsoever disparage, belittle, discredit or unfairly criticise any other Club, the Company or the League or in either case any such other Club or the Company's directors, officers, employees or agents (which shall, for the avoidance of doubt, exclude supporters).
- B3 A Club shall not either during its membership of the League or at any time after its membership has terminated disclose or divulge either directly or indirectly to any person, firm or company whatsoever or otherwise make use of any Confidential Information as to the business or finances of the Company, League or any of its dealings, transactions or affairs or as to any other matters which may come to its knowledge by reason of its membership without the Board's prior written consent save where required by law to statutory and regulatory authorities (including by the Scottish FA in accordance with the Scottish FA Articles) and to such employees of a Club to whom such disclosure is strictly necessary for the purpose of their duties and only then to the extent so necessary.

Agreement on Compliance with Applicable Rules, Statutes and Regulations

- B4 Membership of the League shall constitute an agreement between the Company and each Club, and between each of the Clubs, to be bound by and to comply with:
 - B4.1 these Rules and the Articles;
 - B4.2 Regulations made from time to time by the Board as authorised by the Articles;
 - B4.3 the Scottish FA Articles and the statutes and regulations of UEFA and FIFA;
 - B4.4 the Laws of the Game; and
 - B4.5 the terms of the agreements entered into between the SPL and the SFL in 2013 for the purposes of constituting, forming and organising the SPFL insofar as such terms apply from time to time to the members of the League.
- B5 Nothing in these Rules shall relieve any member of the Company from its obligations as a full member club of the Scottish FA to comply with the applicable Scottish FA Articles for so long as it remains a member of Scottish FA.
- B6 Such agreement shall have effect from the date of the Club's admission to the League and terminate, without prejudice to any rights or claims which may have arisen or arise in respect of circumstances prior to such date and to any Rules which, by their terms, establish rights and obligations applicable after such date,

upon the Club ceasing to be a member thereof.

Commitment to National teams

- B7 Each Club shall support the Scottish FA and other football associations in relation to all international matches in accordance with the provisions of the Scottish FA Articles and the FIFA Statutes and Regulations.

Scottish Cup and League Cup Competitions

- B8 Each of the Clubs shall compete in the Scottish Cup competition in each Season if eligible to do so.
- B9 Each of the Clubs shall compete in the League Cup in each Season in accordance with and subject to the League Cup Regulations.

Other Football Competitions

- B10 Clubs shall not, without the consent of the Board, participate in any football competitions in Scotland other than those competitions from time to time operated by the Company and/or on the Scottish FA's list of approved competitions
- B11 Clubs shall be entitled with the consent of the Board to participate in such international football competitions as may be approved by UEFA and/or FIFA and any Club proposing to play in any other football match outwith Scotland during the Season must before doing so obtain the consent of the Board.
- B12 The Board shall not unreasonably delay the determination of any application by a Club for consent in terms of either Rule B10 or B11 and shall only be entitled to refuse such consent on the grounds that the taking part by the Club seeking such consent in the competition or match for which consent is sought would, in the opinion of the Board, be likely to prejudice the ability of that Club to take part, in accordance with these Rules, in a competition or competitions from time to time administered by the Company and/or in which the Club concerned is required, by these Rules, to take part.

C The League and Other Competitions

Membership of the Company, Divisional Membership, Promotion and Relegation

- C1 The owner and operator of a Club participating in the League shall become a Member of the Company by acquiring one Ordinary Share therein at par for cash, such Ordinary Share to be acquired, through the Secretary, in accordance with the provisions of the Articles.
- C2 The owner and operator of a Club ceasing to be entitled to play in the League shall cease to be a Member of the Company and shall relinquish its Ordinary Share at the end of the relevant Season or otherwise as provided for in the Articles.
- C3 The League shall consist of the 42 leading Football clubs in Scotland.
- C4 The Football clubs eligible to participate in the League in Season 2013/2014 shall be those Clubs which were Members of the SPL and members and associate members of the SFL in Season 2012/2013 and in succeeding Seasons shall be those Clubs which, subject to the Articles and these Rules, were the members of the League in the immediately preceding Season, except that, subject to Rules D1 and D2, which of the Club finishing in position 42 in the League in the immediately preceding Season and the Candidate Club shall be eligible to participate in the League in the succeeding Season shall be determined by the Pyramid Play-Off Competition.
- C5 The League shall be divided into the four Divisions. The Divisions shall be ranked with the Premiership as the top Division, the Championship the next Division, League One the next Division and League Two the bottom Division.
- C6 There shall be twelve Clubs in the Premiership and ten Clubs in each of the Championship, League One and League Two.
- C7 During the course of any one Season each Club shall, subject to these Rules and the Articles, remain a member of the Division of which it was a member at the beginning of the relevant Season.

League Ranking at the End of a Season

- C8 At the end of each Season, beginning Season 2013/2014, the Clubs shall be ranked in the League from 1 to 42 inclusive on the basis that the Clubs finishing the relevant Season in positions:
- C8.1 1 to 12 in the Premiership shall be ranked in respectively positions 1 to 12 in the League for that Season;
- C8.2 1 to 10 in the Championship shall be ranked in respectively positions 13 to 22 in the League for that Season;
- C8.3 1 to 10 in League One shall be ranked in respectively positions 23 to 32 in the League for that Season;

C8.4 1 to 10 in League Two shall be ranked in respectively positions 33 to 42 in the League for that Season; and

the outcome of any Play-Off Competition in which a Club may be involved at the end of the relevant Season shall have no effect on League ranking at the end of that Season.

C9 Subject to these Rules and except in relation to Season 2013/2014, the Clubs entitled to participate in the Premiership in any Season shall be the:

C9.1 Clubs in positions 1 to 10 inclusive in the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season;

C9.2 Club which was the winner of the final tie in the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition held at the end of the immediately preceding Season; and

C9.3 Club in position 13 in the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season.

C10 Subject to these Rules and except in relation to Season 2013/2014, the Clubs entitled to participate in the Championship in any Season shall be:

C10.1 except for any Club which was the winner of the final tie in the Premiership/Championship Play-Off and/or any Club which was relegated by the Championship/League One Play-Off Competitions held at the end of the immediately preceding Season, the Clubs which finished in positions 14 to 21 inclusive of the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season;

C10.2 any Club which was relegated to the Championship from the Premiership by the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition held at the end of the immediately preceding Season;

C10.3 the Club which finished in position 12 of the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season;

C10.4 the Club which finished in position 23 of the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season; and

C10.5 any Club which was promoted to the Championship by the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition held at the end of the immediately preceding Season.

C11 Subject to these Rules and except in relation to Season 2013/2014, the Clubs entitled to participate in League One in any Season shall be:

C11.1 except for any Club which was promoted by the Championship/League One Play-Off and/or any Club which was relegated by the League

One/League Two Play-Off Competitions held at the end of the immediately preceding Season, the Clubs which finished in positions 24 to 31 inclusive of the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season;

- C11.2 any Club which was relegated to League One from the Championship by the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition held at the end of the immediately preceding Season;
 - C11.3 the Club which finished in position 22 of the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season;
 - C11.4 the Club which finished in position 33 of the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season; and
 - C11.5 any Club which was promoted to League One by the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition held at the end of the immediately preceding Season.
- C12 Subject to these Rules and except in relation to Season 2013/2014, the Clubs entitled to participate in League Two in any Season shall be:
- C12.1 except for any Club which was promoted by the League One/League Two Play-Off Competition held at the end of the immediately preceding Season, the Clubs which finished in positions 34 to 41 inclusive of the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season;
 - C12.2 any Club which was relegated to League Two from League One by the League One/League Two Play-Off Competition held at the end of the immediately preceding Season;
 - C12.3 the Club which finished in position 32 of the League at the end of the immediately preceding Season; and
 - C12.4 one of the Club and the Candidate Club successful in securing a position and an entitlement to participate in League Two in the Pyramid Play-Off Competition at the end of the immediately preceding Season.

Season 2013/2014

- C13 For the purposes of Season 2013/2014 only, Clubs shall play and be entitled to participate in each of the four Divisions of the Scottish Professional Football League as specified in Appendix 6 of these Rules.

The Premiership

- C14 The Clubs for the time being entitled in terms of these Rules to participate in the Premiership shall, disregarding any abandoned or postponed matches, play in 38 League Matches in any one Season.
- C15 The Clubs in positions 1 to 6 of the Premiership immediately after the 33rd League

Match in any Season shall occupy the first six places in the League at the end of that Season and the Clubs in positions 7 to 12 of the Premiership immediately after the 33rd League Match in the same Season shall occupy the bottom six places in the League at the end of that Season. In the first 33 League Matches for each Club in each Season each of the Clubs in the Premiership shall play against each of the other 11 Clubs in the Premiership on 3 occasions and on at least one of such 3 occasions each Club shall be the Home Club. In the event that any other provision of these Rules is inconsistent with this Rule C15, or if any ambiguities are created thereby, this Rule shall take precedence.

- C16 The Clubs in positions 1 to 6 of the Premiership immediately after the 33rd League Match in any Season shall play in that Season in a further five League Matches in that Season, once against each of the other five Clubs in such positions 1 to 6, and in at least two of such five League Matches each Club shall be the Home Club and the Clubs in positions 7 to 12 of the Premiership immediately after the 33rd League Match in any Season shall play in that Season in a further five League Matches in that Season, once against each of the other five Clubs in such positions 7 to 12, and in at least two of such five League Matches each Club shall be the Home Club.
- C17 At the end of each Season (following completion of all League Matches in the Premiership in that Season) the Club in position 12 in the Premiership shall be relegated to play and be eligible to participate in the Championship for and during the next Season.
- C18 At the end of a Season (following completion of all League Matches in the Premiership in that Season) the Club in position 11 in the Premiership shall take part in the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition held immediately after the end of that Season.

Promotion and Relegation as between the Championship, League One and League Two

- C19 At the end of each Season the Clubs occupying position 10 in each of the Championship (22 in the League) and League One (32 in the League) will be relegated to play and be eligible to participate in League One and League Two respectively for the immediately succeeding Season.
- C20 At the end of each Season the Clubs occupying positions 1 in the Championship (13 in the League), 1 in League One (23 in the League) and 1 in League Two (33 in the League) will be promoted to play and be eligible to participate in the Premiership, the Championship and League One respectively for the immediately succeeding Season.
- C21 The remaining promotion and relegation places as between the Championship and League One shall be determined by the Division Play-Off Competitions.

The Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition

- C22 The Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition shall be operated in accordance with Rules C23 and C24.

- C23 At the end of each Season the Club occupying position 11 in the Premiership (11 in the League) and the Clubs occupying positions 2, 3 and 4 in the Championship (14, 15 and 16 in the League) shall take part in the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition to determine which further Clubs, if any, may be promoted and relegated to and from the Premiership and the Championship.
- C24 The format of the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition shall be:-
- C24.1 in the first tie the Club occupying position 3 in the Championship will play the Club occupying position 4 in the Championship on a home and away knock-out basis. The Club occupying position 3 in the Championship will play the second leg at Home;
 - C24.2 in the second tie the Club occupying position 2 in the Championship will play the winning Club in the first tie. The Club occupying position 2 in the Championship will play the second leg at Home;
 - C24.3 in the third tie the Club occupying position 11 in the Premiership will play the winning Club in the second tie on a home and away knock-out basis. The Club occupying position 11 in the Premiership will play the second leg at Home;
 - C24.4 the winning Club in each of the ties will be the Club to score the greatest number of goals over the two matches in each tie. In the event that the aggregate scores are equal after the second leg of each tie extra-time of 30 minutes (i.e. 15 minutes each way) will take place and thereafter if necessary kicks from the penalty mark will be taken in accordance with the rules laid down by the International Football Association Board which will determine the winner;
 - C24.5 the winning Club in the third and final tie will play and be entitled to participate in the Premiership in the immediately succeeding Season;
 - C24.6 the losers of each of the three ties will play and be entitled to participate in the Championship in the immediately succeeding Season; and
 - C24.7 all ties will be played on dates and at times determined by the Board.
- C25 No Club in the Championship, League One or League Two shall be entitled to participate in the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition if it would in respect of the immediately succeeding Season fail to fully comply with the Membership Criteria applicable to a Club in the Premiership and no waiver, relaxation or period of grace is or has been granted to that Club in terms of Rule D6. In the event that any Club which would otherwise be entitled to participate in the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition would in respect of the immediately succeeding Season fail to fully comply with the Membership Criteria applicable to a Club in the Premiership and no waiver, relaxation or period of grace is or has been granted to that Club in terms of Rule D6 then the position of such Club in the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition shall be substituted

with the next Club in reducing League position order at the end of the immediately preceding Season which would so comply or which has such a waiver, relaxation or period of grace.

- C26 A levy of 50% of the monies (gross excluding VAT) received or receivable by the Home Club for all Play-Off Matches played in the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition from all admission charges paid and payable to and for the relevant Play-Off Match shall be paid by the Home Club to the Company within seven days of the date on which each Play-Off Match is played.
- C27 For so long as the amount of any Parachute Payment paid or payable to a Club occupying position 11 in the Premiership and relegated to the Championship by operation of the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition is met or will be met in full by sums paid or payable for such purpose to the Company by the Scottish FA sums received or to be received by the Company from Clubs in terms of Rule C26 and such sums paid or payable to the Company by the Scottish FA shall be treated for all purposes as Other Revenue.
- C28 For so long as the amount of any Parachute Payment paid or payable to a Club occupying position 11 in the Premiership and relegated to the Championship by operation of the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition is not met or will not be met in full by sums paid or payable for such purpose to the Company by the Scottish FA sums received or to be received by the Company from Clubs in terms of Rule C26 and any part or portion of such sums paid or payable to the Company by the Scottish FA shall be treated for all purposes as Commercial Revenue.

The Championship/League One and League One/League Two Play-Off Competitions

- C29 The Championship/League One and League One/League Two Play-Off Competitions shall be operated in accordance with Rules C30 and C31.
- C30 At the end of each Season the Club occupying position 9 in the Championship (21 in the League) and the Clubs occupying positions 2, 3 and 4 in League One (24, 25 and 26 in the League) shall take part in the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition and the Club occupying position 9 in League One (31 in the League) and the Clubs occupying positions 2, 3 and 4 in League Two (34, 35 and 36 in the League) shall take part in the League One/League Two Play-Off Competition to determine which further Clubs, if any, are promoted and relegated to and from the Championship, League One and League Two.
- C31 The format of the Championship/League One and League One/League Two Play-Off Competitions shall be:-
- C31.1 the Clubs occupying position 9 in the Championship and League One will play the Clubs occupying position 4 in League One and League Two respectively on a home and away knock-out basis. The Clubs occupying position 9 in the Championship and League One will play the second leg at Home;

- C31.2 the Clubs occupying position 2 in League One and League Two will play the Clubs occupying position 3 in League One and League Two respectively on a home and away knock-out basis. The Clubs occupying position 2 in League One and League Two will play the second leg at Home.
- C31.3 the winners of the ties between the Club occupying position 9 in the Championship and the Club occupying position 4 in League One and between the Club occupying position 2 in League One and the Club occupying position 3 in League One will play against each other on a home and away knock-out basis in the final tie of the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition. The Club occupying the highest League position at the end of the Season will play the second leg of final tie of the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition at home.
- C31.4 the winners of the ties between the Club occupying position 9 in League One and the Club occupying position 4 in League Two and between the Club occupying position 2 in League Two and the Club occupying position 3 in League Two will play against each other on a home and away knock-out basis in the final tie of the League One/League Two Play-Off Competition. The Club occupying the highest League position at the end of the Season will play the second leg of final tie of the League One/League Two Play-Off Competition at home.
- C31.5 the winning Club in each of the ties in the Championship/League One and League One/League Two Play-Off Competitions will be the Club to score the greatest number of goals over the two matches in each tie. In the event that the aggregate scores are equal after the second leg of each tie in the play-off competition extra-time of 30 minutes (i.e. 15 minutes each way) will take place and thereafter if necessary kicks from the penalty mark will be taken in accordance with the rules laid down by the International Football Association Board which will determine the winner.
- C31.6 the winners of each of the ties provided for in Rules C31.3 and C31.4 will be entitled to be a member of and play in the Championship and League One respectively in the immediately succeeding Season;
- C31.7 the losers of all ties in the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition will be entitled to be a member of and play in League One during the immediately succeeding Season and the losers of all ties in the League One/League Two Play-Off Competition will be entitled to be a member of and play in League Two during the immediately succeeding Season; and
- C31.8 all ties will take place on dates and at times determined by the Board.
- C32 No Club in League One or League Two shall be entitled to participate in the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition if it would in respect of the immediately succeeding Season fail to fully comply with the Membership Criteria

applicable to a Club in the Championship and no waiver, relaxation or period of grace is or has been granted to that Club in terms of Rule D6. In the event that any Club which would otherwise be entitled to participate in the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition would in respect of the immediately succeeding Season fail to fully comply with the Membership Criteria applicable to a Club in the Championship and no waiver, relaxation or period of grace is or has been granted to that Club in terms of Rule D6 then the position of such Club in the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition shall be substituted with the next Club in reducing League position order at the end of the immediately preceding Season which would so comply or which has such a waiver, relaxation or period of grace.

Pyramid Play-Off Competition

- C33 The Club occupying position 42 in the League at the end of Season 2014/2015 and in each Season thereafter will take part in a Pyramid Play-Off Competition against a Candidate Club identified by the Scottish FA from and by means of a national competition approved by the Board between clubs which are not members of the League. The winning Club in a Pyramid Play-Off Competition will be the Club to score the greatest number of goals over the two matches in a tie. In the event that the aggregate scores are equal after the second leg of the tie extra-time of 30 minutes (i.e. 15 minutes each way) will take place and thereafter if necessary kicks from the penalty mark will be taken in accordance with the rules laid down by the International Football Association Board which will determine the winner. The Club playing in the tie will play the second leg at Home. The winner of the tie provided for in this Rule C33 will be entitled to be a member of and play in League Two during the immediately succeeding Season. All matches in a Pyramid Play-Off Competition will take place on dates and at times determined by the Board. The Board shall be entitled to vary the format of the Pyramid Play-Off Competition if it considers it appropriate so to do.

Allocation of Points in League Matches

- C34 Three points shall be awarded to the winning Club in each League Match which is won and one point awarded to each Club participating in a League Match which is drawn.

Determination of League etc. Position in Case of Equality of Points

- C35 If any two or more Clubs are equal in points in any Division at the end of the Season or, as the case may be, after 33 League Matches for each Club in the Premiership the higher placed Club shall be the Club with the larger or largest positive goal difference (or the lower or lowest negative goal difference where appropriate). Goal difference shall be determined by deducting the goals conceded from the goals scored in all League Matches played during the Season or, as the case may be, after 33 League Matches for each Club in the Premiership. In the event of the goal difference being equal, the higher placed Club shall be the Club, which has scored the most goals in League Matches during the Season or, as the case may be, in the

first 33 League Matches for each Club in the Premiership. In the event of each of the Clubs having the scored the same number of goals in League Matches during the Season or, as the case may be, in the first 33 League Matches for each Club in the Premiership, the higher placed Club shall be the Club, having the greater number of points in League Matches between the relevant Clubs in the Season in question or, as the case may be, after 33 League Matches for each Club in the Premiership and in the event of the number of such points being equal the higher placed Club shall be the Club with the larger or largest positive goal difference (or the lower or lowest negative goal difference where appropriate) in League Matches between the relevant Clubs in the Season or, as the case may be, in the first 33 League Matches for each Club in the Premiership. Goal difference shall be determined by deducting the goals conceded from the goals scored in League Matches played during the Season or, as the case may be, in the first 33 League Matches for each Club in the Premiership between the Clubs concerned.

- C36 If the League position between any two or more clubs cannot be determined by application of Rule C35 and their positions in the League at the relevant time have a bearing on deciding which Club is the Champion Club of the League and/or a Division, whether a Club plays its final five League Matches in any Season in the Premiership between the other Clubs in positions 1 to 6 in the Premiership or the other Clubs in positions 7 to 12 in the Premiership, whether a Club is promoted or a Club is relegated to or from a Division, participation in a Play-Off Competition or qualification (or consideration for qualification) for any other competitions, including UEFA Competitions, then the Clubs concerned shall play-off a deciding League Match to determine League position on a date and at a neutral ground as determined by the Board in each case. Such deciding League Match shall be of 90 minutes duration with 30 minutes of extra time and kicks from the penalty mark if necessary in accordance with the rules laid down by the International Football Association Board which will determine the winner. The gross gate receipts (excluding Vat) after deducting expenses shall be divided equally between the competing Clubs. Any Club staging a play-off match shall be entitled to charge, as an expense against the receipts of the match, its necessary match expenses together with a ground facility fee of 20% of the gross gate receipts (excluding Vat).
- C37 If the League position between any two or more clubs cannot be determined by application of Rule C35 and their positions in the League at the relevant time do not have a bearing on deciding which Club is the Champion Club of the League and/or a Division, whether a Club plays its final five League Matches in any Season in the Premiership between the other Clubs in positions 1 to 6 in the Premiership or the other Clubs in positions 7 to 12 in the Premiership, whether they are promoted or relegated to or from a Division, participation in a Play-Off Competition or qualification (or consideration for qualification) for any other competitions, including UEFA Competitions then the Clubs concerned shall not play-off a deciding League Match and shall be deemed to have finished in equal positions for all purposes.

Champion Clubs

- C38 The Club occupying position one in the League at the end of a Season shall be declared the Champion Club of the League and shall hold the "The Scottish Professional Football League Championship Trophy" until the next Season's League competition is concluded. When the winner of The Scottish Professional Football League Championship trophy has been ascertained, the Trophy shall be handed over to the winner who shall return the same to the Company at the League Office not later than 3 weeks prior to the end of the next following Season, in good order and condition and in any event as soon as reasonably practicable following a request from the Board. It shall be the responsibility of the winning Club to arrange appropriate insurance cover for each trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club.
- C39 The Company shall present to the Champion Club of the League 25 League Championship Medals for Players, other staff and Officials. Additional League Championship Medals may be purchased from the Company with the prior consent of the Board. Only those Players who participated in 25% or more of the League Matches for the Champion Club in the relevant Season will be eligible to receive such medals.
- C40 The Clubs declared the Champion Club of each of the Championship, League One and League Two ("Division Champion Clubs") shall hold the "The Scottish Professional Football League Championship, League One and League Two Champions Trophies" respectively until the next Season's League competition is concluded. When the winner of a Scottish Professional Football League Division trophy has been ascertained, the relevant trophy shall be handed over to the winner who shall return the same to the Company at the League Office not later than 3 weeks prior to the end of the next following Season, in good order and condition and in any event as soon as reasonably practicable following a request from the Board. It shall be the responsibility of the winning Club to arrange appropriate insurance cover for each trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club.
- C41 The Company shall present to each Division Champion Club, 25 Division Champions medals for Players, other staff and Officials. Additional Division Champions medals may be purchased from the Company with the prior consent of the Board. Only those Players who participated in 25% or more of the League Matches for the relevant Division Champion Club in the relevant Season will be eligible to receive such medals.

Football and Competition Rules

- C42 The Season shall not in any calendar year commence prior to 31 July in that year and the Board shall not schedule the first League Match of any Season to take place prior to 31 July in any year.
- C43 The Company shall not directly or indirectly operate any Homegrown Players Rule,

Salary Cap, Squad Cap or Under 21 Rule or any like or similar concept or criteria.

League Cup Competition

- C44 The Board shall organise a League Cup Competition for each Season in which it shall be mandatory for all Clubs to participate.
- C45 The League Cup shall be operated in accordance with the League Cup Regulations. Clubs are required to comply with the League Cup Regulations and failure to do so shall constitute a breach of these Rules.

Under 20 League

- C46 The Board shall organise an Under 20 League for each Season in which it shall be mandatory for Clubs in the Premiership to participate. The Board may also permit a club or clubs in membership of any other Division to participate in the Under 20 League on such terms and on such conditions as the Board may determine.
- C47 The Board shall specify, from Season to Season, which of the Rules shall apply to the Under 20 League, the extent of such application and generally determine the arrangements for the operation of the Under 20 League. Such arrangements to be determined by the Board may include for arrangements whereby Clubs shall be permitted to Play Players in the Under 20 League notwithstanding that such Players shall be the subject of a temporary transfer of Registration to another Football club. The Under 20 League shall be operated in accordance with the Under 20 League Regulations.
- C48 Clubs participating in the Under 20 League are required to comply with the Under 20 League Regulations and failure to do so shall, constitute a breach of these Rules.

Other Competitions

- C49 All other Competitions not expressly provided for in these Rules shall be operated in accordance with their respective Regulations made by the Board.
- C50 Clubs are required to comply with Regulations made in terms of the Articles and Rules and failure to do so shall constitute a breach of these Rules.

UEFA Competitions

- C51 It is acknowledged that the Scottish FA shall determine and nominate to UEFA the Clubs to compete in the UEFA Competitions each Season in accordance with the Scottish FA Articles and the Regulations of the UEFA Competitions.
- C52 The Board will procure that all fixtures for League Matches shall be arranged or rearranged to allow for any Club's fixtures in the UEFA Competitions referred to in Rule C51.

Club Ceasing to Operate, Participate in and/or be a Member of the League

- C53 If, for any reason and during or after any Season, any Club ceases to operate or participate in or to be member of the League or any Play-Off Competition, its playing record in the League and/or any Play-Off Competitions may be expunged by the Board and/or the Board may determine the deemed score in the remainder of its Official Matches and/or the Board may take such steps and make such determinations as to League and Divisional position and/or promotion and/or relegation and participation and/or results in and outcome of any Play-Off Competition and/or any other competition operated by the Company and any and all such further or other steps or measures as the Board shall consider appropriate in the circumstances.

D Clubs

Membership Criteria

- D1 Subject to Rule D2, a Candidate Club for any Season, if it is to be promoted to and admitted entry to the League, and the Clubs participating in the League, must satisfy the Membership Criteria
- D2 In the event that a Candidate Club for any Season, if promoted to and admitted entry to the League, would, in the opinion of the Board in its absolute discretion, fail to fully comply with the Membership Criteria and no waiver, relaxation or period of grace is or has been granted to the Candidate Club concerned in terms of Rule D6, then the Candidate Club concerned shall not be promoted to and admitted entry to the League and a Club which would otherwise have been relegated from the League in accordance with the Pyramid Play-Off Competition, shall retain its place in the League.
- D3 In the event that any Club, in the opinion of the Board in its absolute discretion, shall or if it were to participate in the League in any Season would, fail to fully comply with the Membership Criteria and no waiver, relaxation or period of grace is or has been granted to that Club in terms of Rule D6, such Club shall, subject that it may not be expelled from the League unless by Qualified Resolution at a General Meeting, be subject to such sanction or sanctions and such action shall be taken as the Board, may, in its absolute discretion, determine.
- D4 The Membership Criteria are:-
- D4.1 a Club participating in the League must be a member of the Scottish FA
 - D4.2 a Club participating in the League must have registered or be deemed to have registered its ground in accordance with Rule H13;
 - D4.3 a Club participating in the League must:-
 - D4.3.1. itself, or through a subsidiary or holding company of such Club, own its Registered Ground; or
 - D4.3.2. have such other rights of occupation or tenure in its Registered Ground as may be approved by the Board;
 - D4.4 any ground which a Club or the Candidate Club registers or is deemed to have registered as its Registered Ground, must, by not later than 31st March preceding any Season and for the whole of that Season:
 - D4.4.1 with respect to Clubs entitled to play in the Premiership and the Championship have achieved and maintain with respect to stadia criteria at least the Bronze Standard set out in The Scottish

Football Association National Club Licensing Manual in force and as amended or supplemented from time to time;

D4.4.2 with respect to Clubs and Candidate Clubs entitled to play in League One and League Two have achieved and maintain with respect to stadia criteria at least the Entry Level Standard set out in The Scottish Football Association National Club Licensing Manual in force and as amended or supplemented from time to time;

D4.4.3 with respect to Clubs entitled to play in the Premiership and the Championship have had and have adequate winter pitch protection, as provided in Rule H10; and

D4.4.4 comply with Rules H18 and H19.

D4.5 clubs shall take all steps determined necessary by the Board to implement the development of youth football in Scotland in line with the requirements, philosophy and recommendations of the Company;

D4.6 where a Club or the Candidate Club registers or is deemed to have registered as its Registered Ground for any Season a ground at which it is intended to play Official Matches on a pitch utilising a synthetic or artificial playing surface then such Club or Candidate Club must have made an application to the Board in accordance with Rule H4.3 by not later than 31st March and must have been granted an approval by the Board in terms of that Rule by not later than 1st June, both preceding such Season; and

D4.7 Clubs and Candidate Clubs shall comply with the Financial Disclosure Requirements.

D5 Any application for approval for the purposes of Rule D4.3.2 or application for a waiver, relaxation or period of grace for the purposes of Rule D6, must be made in writing to the Secretary not later than 31st March preceding any Season or, as the case may be, first Season, in relation to which the ground for which such approval, waiver, relaxation or, as the case may be, period of grace is sought, is to be registered or deemed to be registered in accordance with Rule H13, as the Registered Ground of the Club or Candidate Club concerned.

D6 The Board may in its absolute discretion waive, relax or grant a period of grace in respect of any Club's or Candidate Club's requirement to comply with any part of the Membership Criteria and/or Rules D5, H4, H13, H14, H18, H19 and/or H20.

D7 The Board may undertake or instruct to be undertaken such inspection and may require such verification to be exhibited by a Club or Candidate Club as the Board considers appropriate to satisfy the Board that there is, has been and will be compliance by each Club and a Candidate Club with the Membership Criteria

- D8 The implementation of the Membership Criteria shall be capable of appeal in accordance with the provisions of Section J of the Rules.

Employee Contracts

- D9 No Club shall directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce any employee of another Club to terminate a contract of employment with that other Club (whether or not by breach of that contract) or directly or indirectly approach any such employee with a view to offering employment without the consent of that other Club. For the purpose of this Rule D9, "Club" means a member club of the Scottish FA.

Inducement to breach Contracts

- D10 No Club shall either directly or indirectly induce or attempt to induce any manager, coach, trainer or other person involved in the training or management of the team of another Club or a club in membership of the Scottish FA to breach a written contract of employment. Clubs may notify the Company in writing, of the period of all or any such persons' contracts of employment.
- D11 Any Club either directly or indirectly inducing or attempting to induce any manager, coach, trainer or other person involved in the training or management of the team of another Club or a club in membership of the Scottish FA to breach a contract of employment shall be dealt with by the Board as it shall see fit.

E Club Financial Arrangements

Insolvency

- E1 Subject to Rule E5, where a Club suffers or is subject to an Insolvency Event that Club shall be deducted 15 points in the League.
- E2 Where an Insolvency Event occurs during a Season, the 15 points deduction shall be applied immediately to take effect in the current Season.
- E3 Where an Insolvency Event occurs during the Close Season the 15 points deduction shall apply in respect of the immediately following Season, such that the relevant Club starts that immediately following Season in the relevant Division on minus 15 points.
- E4 Where an Insolvency Event or in the event that such Insolvency Event is part of an Insolvency Process that process, continues and/or is subsisting during a second or later Season then, for each such second or later Season, during the whole or part of which such Insolvency Event or Insolvency Process is continuing and/or subsisting, the Club concerned shall be deducted 15 points and shall start each such second or later Season in the relevant Division on minus 15 points.
- E5 Where a Club, whether owned and operated by the same or a different Member, suffers or is subject to an Insolvency Event which results in a deduction of points in terms of these Rules and within 5 years of the date of such Insolvency Event suffers or is subject to a further Insolvency Event which is not part of the same Insolvency Process as the Insolvency Event then suffered, the points deduction applicable in terms of Rules E1 in respect of that second or further Insolvency Event, shall be 25 points with the 15 points in Rules E2 and E3 being 25 Points.
- E6 For the purposes of Rules E1 to E5 (inclusive) all references to a Club taking, suffering or being subject to an Insolvency Event and/or an Insolvency Process as well as including the owner and operator of a Club taking, suffering or being subject to an Insolvency Event and/or an Insolvency Process shall, if the Board so determines having regard to (i) the need to protect the integrity and continuity of the League; (ii) the reputation of the League; and (iii) the relationship between such owner and operator and the Group Undertaking concerned, also include any Group Undertaking of such an owner and operator taking, suffering or being subject to an Insolvency Event and/or an Insolvency Process.
- E7 The Secretary shall, on behalf of the League, give written notice to a Club, which is subject to a points deduction in terms of Rules E1 to E5 (inclusive) of each such points deduction.
- E8 A Club may appeal against a deduction of points in terms of Rules E1 to E6 (inclusive) on the grounds that:

- E8.1 it, or as the case may be a Group Undertaking of it, has not taken, suffered or been subject to an Insolvency Event or Insolvency Process;
 - E8.2 the Insolvency Event which gave rise to the points deduction, against which an appeal is taken, is part of an Insolvency Process and that the Club has already been subject to a points deduction in relation to an earlier Insolvency Event in the same Insolvency Process in or for the same Season; and/or
 - E8.3 the Insolvency Event or Insolvency Process, which gave rise to such points deduction, arose as a result of a Force Majeure Event.
- E9 Any appeal under Rule E8 must be by notice in writing, sent by recorded delivery and received by or on behalf of the Secretary no later than 7 days after receipt by the Club of the notice from the Secretary of the League in terms of Rule E7.
- E10 The written notice of appeal must contain a statement setting out the grounds of the appeal and in particular, where the appeal is taken on the ground set out in Rule E8.3, why the Club considers that a Force Majeure Event has occurred and must be accompanied by copies of any documentation referred to in the written notice
- E11 The appeal will be determined by an Appeal Tribunal, the members of which shall be appointed by the Board. The Appeal Tribunal shall comprise:
- E11.1 A legally qualified independent Chairman, appointed from the panel referred to in Rule J9; and,
 - E11.2 Two persons neither of whom shall be an Official.
- E12 The Appeal Tribunal shall have all the powers of a Commission and may require the attendance of any Club or Official at any relevant hearing. The Secretary to the Appeal Tribunal shall be the Secretary of the League or his appointed deputy. The Club making the appeal and the Company shall have the right to a personal hearing at an appeal and may be legally represented at any such hearing. The decision of the Appeal Tribunal on the appeal shall be final and binding.
- E13 The League may, upon receipt of an appeal, and shall on being requested so to do by an Appeal Tribunal, instruct a firm or firms of independent accountants and/or solicitors to carry out a review or reviews of the Club's or in a relevant case a Group Undertaking of it, activities for the purposes of preparing an independent report or reports generally into the circumstances surrounding and leading up to the Insolvency Event and/or into specific matters relating to the Insolvency Event. The Club shall, as a condition of being permitted to pursue an appeal, cooperate fully with such independent firm or firms, meet the costs of the preparation of report(s) and must, at the request of the League make such payment to account and, if required by the League, interim payments towards the costs of such report(s) as the League may in its sole discretion determine. The report(s) shall be addressed to the League and copies shall be provided to the Club and to the Appeal Tribunal.

The Appeal Tribunal shall take into account the contents of such report(s) when determining whether the Insolvency Event arose solely as a result of a Force Majeure Event.

E14 The Appeal Tribunal shall have power to:-

E14.1 confirm any deduction of points;

E14.2 set aside any deduction of points and, where it determines that there has been a Force Majeure Event substitute a deduction of such lower number of points as it shall consider appropriate; or

E14.3 set aside any deduction of points.

E15 The whole costs incurred by the Company in connection with an appeal under and in terms of Rule E8, including the costs of the Appeal Tribunal, all as determined by the Board, shall be met by the Club concerned and shall constitute a debt due to the Company by the Club.

E16 Except with the consent of the Board and that only where the Board is in its sole discretion satisfied that:

E16.1 the term of a Player's contract of service with his Club has expired and such contract has not been renewed or extended or such a contract has terminated with the mutual consent in writing of the Club and the Player concerned and, in either case, the Registration of such Player with the League in terms of the player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations has been cancelled and a replacement Player is sought to be registered to replace the Player whose contract has so expired or been terminated; or

E16.2 where the Player sought to be registered is a temporary replacement for a goalkeeper who is unable by reason of injury or illness to play and that only where written confirmation of such inability shall have been obtained by the Club from a qualified medical practitioner and submitted to the Board and the Board is satisfied that the Club concerned has no other goalkeeper who is registered and able to play, and

E16.3 in either case the board is satisfied that notwithstanding the Insolvency Event it is appropriate that the club concerned be permitted to Register the player sought to be Registered,

where a Club has taken, suffered or has been subject to an Insolvency Event or Events or a Group Undertaking of a Club has taken, suffered or has been subject to an Insolvency Event or Events and the Board has determined that Rule E6 shall apply, that Club shall not be entitled or permitted to register any Player with the League and the League shall not register such a Player until the Board is satisfied that such Insolvency Event or events shall no longer continue or subsist.

Default in Player and Football Manager/Coaching Staff Remuneration

- E17 Except in circumstances where there is a *bona fide* dispute as to liability for payment by the Club, where the Club is entitled to deduct or otherwise withhold payment of a sum otherwise due or where the Club takes, suffers or is subject to an Insolvency Event, any Club which shall fail to pay any sum due by it to a Player under and in terms of that Player's Contract of Service and/or any sum due by it under a contract of employment to any Official engaged in football management and/or football coaching (a "Remuneration Default") shall be in breach of these Rules.
- E18 Any Club which suffers or is subject to a Remuneration Default shall within 2 days of such default notify the Secretary in writing of any such default with details of the amount(s) and Player(s) and/or Official(s) concerned and if it fails to so notify the Secretary it shall be in breach of these Rules.
- E19 Any Club which commits a Remuneration Default shall not, except with the consent of the Board, be entitled or permitted to Register any Professional Player with the League and the League shall not register such a Player until the Board is satisfied that such Remuneration Default shall no longer continue or subsist.

HMRC Obligations and Reporting

- E20 Subject to Rule E28, any Club which has not within twenty eight days of the relevant Due Date paid to HMRC the amounts due to be paid to HMRC to discharge:-

E20.1 the Club's full liability for PAYE & NIC due from and including 1 July 2013 in respect of any and all employees or former employees of the Club for the immediately preceding payment period;

E20.2 the Club's full liability for PAYE & NIC which becomes due from and including 1 July 2013 as a result of an assessment issued by HMRC; and/or

E20.3 defaults on the terms of any Time to Pay Agreement;

(each a "Default Event") shall report the Default Event to the Secretary within 2 days of the Default Event

- E21 Rules E20.1 and E20.2 shall not apply to any arrears of PAYE & NIC ("Arrears") which are or become included as part of a Time to Pay Agreement.

- E22 Subject to Rule E28, where any Club has any Arrears as at 1 July 2013, that Club shall:

E22.1 provide the Secretary by not later than 14 July 2013 full details of the Arrears, together with the periods to which they relate and a copy of any Time to Pay Agreement in force in relation to such Arrears; and

E22.2 subject to Rule E24, conclude with HMRC and lodge with the Secretary a Time to Pay Agreement by 31 December 2013 in relation to any of those Arrears which were not the subject of a Time to Pay Agreement as at 1 July 2012 and which are not discharged in full by 31 December 2013;

and the failure of a Club to comply with Rules E22.1 and/or E22.2 shall also be Default Events.

- E23 A Club may apply to the Board for an extension of time to conclude a Time to Pay Agreement in terms of Rule E22.2. The Board shall have absolute discretion as to whether to refuse or approve an application, and if the Board chooses to approve an application it may impose such conditions as it determines. The Board may subsequently withdraw any approval or in the alternative amend or withdraw any of the conditions and impose new conditions at any time.
- E24 For the avoidance of doubt, where a Club defaults on or after 1 July 2013 on the terms of a Time to Pay Agreement entered into prior to 1 July 2013, and such default results in amounts becoming due to HMRC on such default, the provisions of Rule E22 (which provides the Club with a time period in which to agree a Time to Pay Agreement) shall not apply, and the Club shall remain subject to a Default Event until such times as the outstanding amounts are paid in full.
- E25 When a Club reports a Default Event to the Secretary it shall at the same time provide to the Secretary details of any and all amounts then due to HMRC by the Club in respect of PAYE & NIC, together with the periods to which they relate.
- E26 A Club which fails to report a Default Event to the Secretary within 2 days of the Default Event shall be in breach of these Rules.
- E27 Each Club shall provide to the Secretary, not later than 31 March prior to the commencement of a Season, (and in any event within 7 days of any request for a further authority from the Secretary), an original, irrevocable authority (which shall not be time constrained) in the form prescribed by the Secretary and signed by a director and the company secretary, of the Club, addressed to HMRC authorising HMRC to provide to the Company, if a Club suffers or has suffered a Default Event, information relating to amounts of PAYE & NIC payable, paid and overdue from the Club to HMRC from time to time including, by way of example and without limitation, the amount of Arrears (if any), the existence of and current position in respect of any Time to Pay Agreement. The Company shall be entitled to forward the Authority to HMRC without having to seek the consent of the Club.
- E28 Any amounts which HMRC claims to be due to it, for example by way of an assessment, but which have been formally contested by the Club shall not be considered as due to HMRC for the purposes of Rules E20 and E22 until such time as a final determination is made on HMRC's claim.
- E29 Except with the consent of the Board, any Club which takes, suffers or is subject to a Default Event or Events shall not be entitled or permitted to Register any Professional Player with the League and the League shall not Register such a Player

until the Board is satisfied that such Default Event or Events shall no longer continue or subsist.⁸

E20 Subject to Rules E21 and E28, any Club which:

- E20.1 does not by 1 August 2014 pay in full to HMRC the amount due to be paid to HMRC to discharge the Club's Tax Liabilities due prior to and remaining outstanding on 1 June 2014;*
- E20.2 does not within twenty eight days of a Tax Liability becoming due by the Club on or after 1 June 2014 pay to HMRC the full amount of that Tax Liability;*
- E20.3 does not by 1 August 2014 pay to HMRC the full amount due to discharge the Club's Tax Liabilities arising as a result of an assessment issued by HMRC prior to 1 June 2014;*
- E20.4 does not within twenty eight days of the date of an assessment issued by HMRC on or after 1 June 2014 pay to HMRC the full amount of the Club's Tax Liabilities arising as a result of that assessment; and/or*
- E20.5 defaults on the terms of any Time to Pay Agreement;*

(each a "Default Event") shall report each such Default Event in writing to the Secretary within 2 days of the Default Event arising.

E21 Rules E20.1 to E20.4 (inclusive) shall not, for so long as the Club concerned complies with its obligations in terms of the relevant Time to Pay Agreement, apply to any arrears of Tax Liabilities ("Arrears") which are or become included as part of a Time to Pay Agreement. However, any failure by a Club to comply with its obligations in terms of a Time to Pay Agreement shall be a Default Event in terms of Rule E20.5.

E22 Notwithstanding Rule E20 and subject to Rules E23 and E28, where a Club has any Arrears as at 1 June 2014, that Club shall:

- E22.1 by not later than 3 June 2014 provide the Secretary with full written details of the Arrears, together with the periods to which they relate and a copy of any Time to Pay Agreement in force in relation to such Arrears; and*
- E22.2 subject to Rule E24, conclude by 1 August 2014 with HMRC, and lodge a copy with the Secretary, a Time to Pay Agreement in relation to any of those Arrears which were not the subject of a Time to Pay Agreement as at 1 June 2014 and which are not discharged in full by 1 August 2014;*

and any failure by a Club to comply with Rules E22.1 and/or E22.2 shall also be a Default Event.

E23 A Club may apply to the Board for an extension of time to conclude a Time to Pay Agreement in terms of Rule E22.2. The Board shall have absolute discretion as to whether to refuse or approve such an application, and if the Board chooses to

⁸ Ceases to have effect midnight on 31 May 2014

approve an application it may impose such conditions as it determines are appropriate. The Board may subsequently withdraw any such approval and/or amend, withdraw and/or impose new such conditions at any time.

- E24 Where a Club defaults on or after 1 June 2014 on the terms of a Time to Pay Agreement entered into prior to 1 June 2014, and such default results in amounts becoming due to HMRC on such default, the provisions of Rule E22 (which provides the Club with a time period in which to agree a Time to Pay Agreement) shall not apply, and the Club shall remain subject to a Default Event until such times as the outstanding amounts are paid in full.*
- E25 When a Club reports a Default Event to the Secretary it shall at the same time provide in writing to the Secretary details of any and all amounts of Tax Liabilities then due by that Club together with the period(s) to which they relate and if the Default Event shall occur by reason of Rule E20.5 the Club shall at the same time as reporting the Default Event provide a written explanation of the circumstances of the Default Event and copies of the Time to Pay Agreement and all relevant correspondence with HMRC.*
- E26 A Club which fails to report a Default Event to the Secretary in accordance with Rule E25 within 2 days of the Default Event occurring and/or fails to provide a non-time constrained original irrevocable authority in accordance with Rule E27 shall be in breach of these Rules.*
- E27 Except where a Club has previously provided a non-time constrained original irrevocable authority in accordance with this Rule E27, each Club shall provide to the Secretary, not later than 31 March prior to the commencement of the next following Season, except for Season 2014/2015 where the relevant date shall be 1 August 2014 (and in any event within 7 days of any request for a further authority from the Secretary), an original, irrevocable authority (which shall not be time constrained) in the form prescribed by the Secretary on Club letterhead notepaper and signed by a director or in the case of a Club which does not have an owner and operator which is incorporated an office bearer of the Club duly authorised for the purpose and the Club secretary or equivalent, of the Club, addressed to HMRC authorising HMRC to provide to the Company, if a Club suffers or has suffered a Default Event, information relating to amounts of Tax Liabilities payable, paid and overdue by the Club to HMRC from time to time including, by way of example and without limitation, the amount of Arrears (if any), the existence, terms and current position in respect of any Time to Pay Agreement and the Club's Tax Liabilities generally. The Company shall be entitled to forward such authority to HMRC without having to seek the consent of the Club concerned.*
- E28 Any amounts which HMRC claims to be due to it in respect of Tax Liabilities by a Club, for example by way of an assessment, but which have been formally contested in appropriate notices and/or proceedings by the Club shall not be considered as due to HMRC by the relevant Club for the purposes of Rules E20 and E22 until such time as a final determination is made on HMRC's claim.*

E29 Except with the consent of the Board, any Club which takes, suffers or is subject to a Default Event or Events shall not be entitled or permitted to Register any Professional Player with the League and the League shall not Register such a Player until the Board is satisfied that such Default Event or Events shall no longer continue or subsist.⁹

Inspection of Financial Records

E30 Every Club shall keep detailed financial records and the Company shall be entitled to inspect such records and to require Clubs to provide copies of any financial or other records which the Company may reasonably require in order to enable the Company to investigate whether the Club has complied and is complying with these Rules, the Articles, the Scottish FA Articles, the UEFA Statutes and the FIFA Statutes and to ensure compliance by the Club with the same.

⁹ Comes into effect from and including 1 June 2014

F Players

Registration and Eligibility

- F1 Subject to these Rules, to be eligible to Play for a Club a Player must first be Registered either as a Professional Player or as an Amateur Player in accordance with the Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations
- F2 A breach of or failure to comply with the Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations shall constitute a breach of these Rules.

Compensation

- F3 Compensation shall be payable to the former Club of a Player only where the Player concerned is Registered with his new Club at or before the end of the first Season in which the Player concerned reaches, will reach or shall have reached the age of 23.
- F4 If a Club wishes to re-engage a Professional Player and/or preserve any right that it may wish to assert to Compensation, such Club must have sent to the Player, to his last known home address or delivered to him personally, and copied to the Secretary, not later than fourteen days prior to the expiry of the term of the Player's Contract of Service, a written offer of re-engagement in accordance with Rule F5.
- F5 An offer of re-engagement for the purposes of Rules F4 must be for a term of not less than one year, on:-
 - F5.1 replacement terms which are, in the opinion of the Board, not less favourable in all monetary respects, on an annual comparison basis, with the immediately preceding year of his employment, except that a signing-on fee and/or any additional or other lump sum payments included in the previous terms need not be repeated; or,
 - F5.2 deemed terms as provided in Rule F6.
- F6 If an offer made in accordance with Rule F5 does not specify the term and/or terms offered for such re-engagement then the Club making the offer shall be deemed to have offered employment for a term of one year from the expiry of the term of the Player's existing Contract of Service on the same terms on which he was employed at the date of such offer, except that any signing-on fee and/or any additional or other lump sum payments included in the existing terms are not included in the deemed offer.
- F7 If, after the expiry of the term of his Contract of Service a Professional Player, to whom an offer in terms of Rules F5 and F6 has been made which is not accepted by him, is Registered for a new Club in circumstances where Rule F3 applies, then that new Club shall be liable to pay Compensation to the Player's former Club

- F8 If Clubs are unable to reach agreement on the amount of Compensation payable then either of the Clubs concerned or the Board shall have the right, at any time, to have any Compensation payable, if any, determined by a Compensation Tribunal.
- F9 In the event of the two Clubs concerned not reaching agreement on the amount of any Compensation payable, the new Club must, on the date of Registration or, if later, on the date of any first offer of Compensation, pay to the Player's former Club at least 50% of the highest amount offered or, as the case may be, offered, plus VAT at the standard rate. All offers of Compensation shall be in writing and shall be copied to the Secretary by recorded delivery post when they are sent to the Player's former Club. In the event that the amount of Compensation ordered to be paid by a Compensation Tribunal is less than the amount previously paid in terms of this Rule F9 or if no Compensation is ordered to be so paid then the Club which has received such payment shall be liable to forthwith repay as a debt the amount overpaid or, where no payment is so ordered to be paid, the amount paid, to the Club which made such payment.
- F10 A Compensation Tribunal shall be convened and its members appointed by the Board. The Clubs concerned shall provide the Compensation Tribunal with all the relevant information and documentation that the tribunal may require.
- F11 Unless otherwise agreed between the Clubs concerned, such agreed terms being set out in writing, signed by both Clubs and lodged with the Secretary, the balance or balances of Compensation, plus VAT at the standard rate, must be paid within 28 days of the date of publication of a Compensation Tribunal determination or, when an award in appropriate terms has been made by the Compensation Tribunal, of the occurrence or the relevant event or events. The Board may require interest to be paid on any balance or balances of Compensation from time to time due for payment and not paid until paid in full, at the rate of 2% above the base lending rate of the Bank of England as same may vary from time to time compounded on the first day of each calendar month.
- F12 The action of a Club in securing the Professional Player's signature on a Contract of Service shall constitute an acknowledgement of that Club's liability to pay any Compensation due in accordance with these Rules.
- F13 If, in the opinion of the Board, a Contract of Service has been agreed or amended with the purpose or effect, in whole or in part, of avoiding or evading the payment of Compensation in accordance with the intent of the provisions of these Rules, the Board shall require the Club concerned to pay to the Club entitled to Compensation the amount of Compensation which a Compensation Tribunal considers ought to be paid.
- F14 If, in the opinion of the Board, a Club unfairly traffics or deals in the Registration of any Player or otherwise abuses in any way the system of Compensation, or the intent thereof, the Board shall require such Club to pay to the Club from whom the Player was transferred such sum as the Board may consider just.

- F15 A Compensation Tribunal shall comprise:-
- F15.1 a legally qualified chairman independent of the Clubs concerned;
 - F15.2 a member or nominee of the Board; and
 - F15.3 a person representing or representative of Players.
- F16 A Compensation Tribunal shall be entitled to call for any documentary evidence required by it and shall have the power to order the attendance of any Club, Official or Player at any relevant hearing. The secretary to a Compensation Tribunal shall be the Secretary or his appointed deputy.
- F17 The decision of a Compensation Tribunal on all matters determined by it shall be final and binding on all parties.
- F18 In determining the amount of Compensation a Compensation Tribunal shall take into account the costs referred to in Rules F20 and F21 and the criteria set out in Rule F22.
- F19 A Compensation Tribunal shall be entitled to award Compensation payable as a single sum or to award an initial sum with such further sum or sums as to be payable on the occurrence of a future event or events.
- F20 Any costs relating to the Player concerned, including a contribution to overheads, indirect and shared costs, incurred by the Club losing the player's Registration in operating a youth development set-up such as for example, Football Academy, Centre of Excellence or Youth Development Initiative, including (without limitation) the cost of providing for students:-
- F20.1 living accommodation;
 - F20.2 training and playing facilities;
 - F20.3 scouting, coaching, administrative and other staff;
 - F20.4 education and welfare requirements;
 - F20.5 playing and training strip and other clothing;
 - F20.6 medical and first aid facilities; and,
 - F20.7 friendly and competitive matches and overseas tours.
- F21 Any other costs incurred by the Club losing the player's registration directly and/or indirectly attributable to the training and development of the Player.
- F22 The criteria are:-
- F22.1 the age of the Player;

- F22.2 the amount of any transfer fee or Compensation paid by the Club losing the player's Registration when acquiring the Registration of the Player;
- F22.3 the length of time during which the Club losing the player's Registration held the Registration of the Player;
- F22.4 the terms of the new contract offered to the Player by each of the Clubs;
- F22.5 the Player's playing record in club and international team appearances; and,
- F22.6 substantiated interest shown by other clubs in acquiring the services of the Player.

Development Contribution

- F23 For the purposes of these Rules, a Player's youth development for the playing of Football takes place during his Development Contribution Period.
- F24 Subject to Rules F25 and F36, in the event that a Player is Registered to another Club on or prior to his 23rd birthday, the Club to whom that Player was last Registered shall be entitled to payment of a Development Contribution for the youth development of that Player if he was, during all or, where it is the case, part, of any Development Contribution Year in his Development Contribution Period, Registered to or Associated with that Club.
- F25 A Development Contribution is not payable:-
 - F25.1 where the Player concerned has not, prior to its termination, been offered in writing renewal of his Registration by the Club otherwise entitled to payment of a Development Contribution;
 - F25.2 where the Player concerned has at any time been Registered as a Professional Player to the Club otherwise entitled to payment of a Development Contribution;
 - F25.3 where the Player concerned is, for the first time, Registered as a Professional Player and the Club otherwise entitled to payment of a Development Contribution has not, prior to termination of his Registration to that Club, offered in writing the Player a Contract of Service on specified terms to commence on or before termination of his Amateur Registration;
 - F25.4 where the Player concerned is not also being, and for so long as he is not, registered with the Scottish FA as a player of the Club otherwise liable to pay a Development Contribution;
 - F25.5 where the Board has, in accordance with the Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations directed the Secretary to Register the Player concerned to the Club otherwise liable to pay a Development Contribution

without requiring that a Development Contribution first be paid; or

- F25.6 to the extent and for such period(s) as a Development Contribution has on any previous occasion been paid to the Club otherwise entitled to payment of a Development Contribution for such period.
- F26 Any Club claiming to be entitled to payment of a Development Contribution for a Player shall be entitled to so notify the Secretary in writing and shall at the same time copy such notification to the Club from whom the Development Contribution is claimed. Such a notification must include the date of birth of the Player, details of the number and dates of the Development Contribution Year(s) and part Development Contribution Year(s) claimed for and the age of the Player during each of such Development Contribution Year(s) and/or part Development Contribution Year(s).
- F27 For the purpose of determining entitlement to a Development Contribution the age of a Player in respect of any Development Contribution Year shall be ascertained by the age of the Player on the birthday of the Player falling in the Development Contribution Year concerned.
- F28 The Secretary shall consider any representations made by the Club claiming an entitlement to a Development Contribution and the Club against which such claim is made.
- F29 The Secretary shall, after considering such representations, within such time or times as the Secretary thinks appropriate, submitted to him, determine the amount, if any, of any Development Contribution payable and shall notify in writing each of the Clubs concerned of the amount, if any, determined as payable .
- F30 Within 7 days of the issue of a notification by the Secretary of a determination in terms of Rule F29 any Club aggrieved at or with such determination may appeal to the Board, by notifying such appeal to the Secretary in writing stating the grounds of such appeal.
- F31 The Board may, after such process as it thinks appropriate, affirm, reverse, alter, modify and/or substitute any such determination of the Secretary.

- F32 The amount of any Development Contribution payable shall be determined by reference to the following table:-

Maximum Age during the Development Contribution Year or part Development Contribution Year for which Development Contribution claimed	Amount applicable to any Season in which the Club concerned was a member of the SPL or is a member of the Premiership	Amount applicable to any season in which the Club concerned was a member of the SFL or is a member of the Championship, League One or League Two
11	£5000	NIL
12	£5000	£3000
13	£5000	£3000
14	£5000	£3000
15	£10,000	£6000
16	£10,000	£9000
17	£10,000	£9000
18	£10,000	£9000
19	£10,000	£9000

- F33 Where a Player has been Registered to or Associated with a Club for only part of a Development Contribution Year for which that Club is entitled to payment of a Development Contribution then the amount of the Development Contribution which would have been payable had the Player concerned been Registered to or Associated with such Club for the whole of the Development Contribution Year concerned shall be *pro-rated* to such part of such Development Contribution Year in respect of which he was so Registered to or, as the case may be, Associated with such Club.
- F34 Where any contribution, compensation, recompense or other payment is payable to a Club entitled to payment of a Development Contribution by the Club liable to pay a Development Contribution under or in accordance with any scheme, arrangement, rules or the like operated by any body operating within Organised Football for the same period in respect of which such Development Contribution is payable then the amount of the Development Contribution otherwise payable shall be reduced by the amount of such contribution, compensation, recompense or other payment.
- F35 Any Development Contribution due shall be paid by the Club liable to make payment to the Club entitled to same within 14 days of the Secretary giving notification of such liability to the liable Club, unless there is an appeal to the Board which might affect such liability, in which case the payment due shall be made within 14 days of the date of such determination of the appeal being notified to the liable Club, unless the determination of such appeal is that no Development Contribution is payable. The Board may require interest to be paid by the Club

liable to make payment on any balance or balances of Development Contribution from time to time due for payment and not paid until paid in full, at the rate of 2% above the base lending rate of the Bank of England as same may vary from time to time compounded on the first day of each calendar month.

- F36 Except where the Board shall determine otherwise in accordance with this Rule F36, no Development Contribution shall be payable to any Club in circumstances where and for so long as the Scottish FA operate a scheme or arrangement for payment of reimbursement of training costs for youth Players which has been agreed and continues to be agreed by the Board as providing broadly comparable or greater amounts of compensation than would be payable to broadly equivalent Clubs in broadly equivalent circumstances in respect of broadly equivalent Players were such Clubs to be entitled to payment of Development Contribution. In the event that for whatever reason a Club is not, or for some reason becomes not, entitled to receive payment of reimbursement or in respect of training costs or becomes entitled to receive only restricted payment for any one or more of its youth Players under and in terms of such a scheme or arrangement operated by the Scottish FA during all or any part of such Player or Players' Development Contribution Period, then the Board may require payment of all or part of the amount of any amount of Development Contribution in respect of any such Player which would have been payable had the Board not so agreed in respect of such a scheme or arrangement operated by the Scottish FA.

G Fixtures and Match Officials

Fixtures

- G1 Subject to Rule C42, all League Match fixtures shall be specified by the Board in a fixture schedule prior to the commencement of the Season following consultation with the Scottish FA.
- G2 Subject to the terms of any Commercial Contract and any other consideration which the Board considers material, League Matches shall normally be played on Saturday afternoons, and Clubs so far as reasonably practicable shall be a Home Club on one week and a Visiting Club the next.
- G3 Subject to Rule C42, the Board shall have discretion to schedule and to reschedule the date, time and/or venue of any Official Match as it shall consider appropriate.
- G4 Where reasonably practicable the Board shall consult with and shall take into account any representations made by participating Clubs before rescheduling the date, time and/or venue of an Official Match.
- G5 Each Club shall comply with and play in the relevant fixtures comprised in the fixture schedule determined by the Board and any rescheduled date, time and/or venue determined from time to time by the Board for Official Matches in which the Club is a participant.
- G6 So far as reasonably practicable the fixture schedule in the League and other league competitions operated by the Company shall require Clubs to play equal numbers of home and away matches.

Postponement and International Selection

- G7 A Club shall be entitled to apply to the Board for the postponement of any Official Match where three or more of its Players who would otherwise have participated in such match are unavailable through international selection and, following receipt of such an application, the Board may postpone and rearrange the relevant Official Match in accordance with Rule G3.

Match Officials

- G8 The appointment of Match Officials at and for Official Matches shall be the responsibility of the Scottish FA in accordance with any agreement reached between the Company and the Scottish FA from time to time.

Kick-off Times

- G9 The time of kick-off for all League Matches and Play-Off Matches shall be determined from time to time by the Board (having regard to UEFA and FIFA TV Regulations in the case of a live transmission and in consultation with all necessary

parties including, if appropriate, the Scottish FA and the relevant police force representatives).

- G10 Both teams shall enter the field of play together in Official Matches along with the Match Officials no later than five minutes prior to the scheduled kick-off time.
- G11 All kick-offs must adhere to the time fixed by the Board. Clubs and Referees must report any delays to the Board. Any Club causing a kick-off to be delayed by 15 minutes or more from the time advertised without sufficient reason (as determined by the Board in its absolute discretion) will be liable to a fine of up to a maximum of £5,000 for a first offence and for a second or subsequent offence occurring within two years of the first offence shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Section G of these Rules.

Half-time Interval

- G12 In all Official Matches the half-time interval shall be fifteen minutes.

Duration of Matches

- G13 All Official Matches shall be of 90 minutes' duration, with two equal halves of 45 minutes, but any Official Match which, from any cause whatever, falls short of 90 minutes' duration may be ordered to count as a completed fixture or to be replayed in full as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine.

Teams for League Matches and Play-Off Matches

- G14 Each Club shall play its full strength team in all League Matches and Play-Off Matches.

Laws of the Game

- G15 All Official Matches shall be played in compliance with these Rules and the Laws of the Game.

List of Players

- G16 An authorised representative of each Club participating in a League Match and in a Play-Off Match, must provide a written list of the names of the Players taking part in such Match for that Club, including the name(s) of the Club's nominated substitute(s), to the Referee, not less than one hour before the scheduled kick-off time. Clubs shall be entitled to list up to 18 such Players. The list shall in all cases indicate the full names of the listed Players, identify the one goalkeeper who shall take part in the starting 11, identify at least one further Player as the designated substitute goalkeeper and shall indicate the colour of the goalkeeper's and substitute goalkeeper's shirts together with the colour of shirts proposed to be worn by outfield Players for the Club in the relevant match.
- G17 If any nominated player or substitute sustains an injury after the submission of the

written lists to the Referee and before kick-off, he may be replaced provided that the Referee and opposing Club are informed immediately.

- G18 Any Club failing to carry out the provisions of Rule G16 at a League Match or Play-Off Match will be fined the sums of £250 for the first offence, £500 for the second offence, £1,000 for the third offence and for any subsequent offence shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Section J of these Rules. For the avoidance of doubt, the amount of any fine imposed in accordance with this Rule G18 for a first, second or third offence shall be capable of appeal to the Judicial Panel in terms of Section J of these Rules.

Substitute Players

- G19 Only up to three nominated substitutes for any one Club may take part in a League Match or Play-Off Match. A player who has been substituted may not Play in that League Match or Play-Off Match again. The list referred to in Rule G16 must include two recognised goalkeepers, one of whom must start the match.
- G20 No more than three substitutes from each team shall warm up at any one time in the area designated by the Home Club.
- G21 Substitutes who are warming up on the pitch perimeter shall wear colours sufficient to distinguish them from those worn by the players (including goalkeepers) participating in the League Match or Play-Off Match in question.

Player Identification

- G22 The Players' shirts must be clearly numbered on the back and the players' shorts must be numbered clearly on the left hand side at the front and in accordance with the list handed to the Referee before any League Match or Play-Off Match. Any such numbers and letters must be in compliance with the style and conditions approved by the Board and the Scottish FA.
- G23 Subject to Rule G26A, prior to the start of the Season each Club entitled to participate in the Premiership and the Championship must notify the Secretary of the shirt numbers allocated to each Player in their First Team Squad. Each Player must be allocated a different shirt number. The requirements of this Rule G23 and Rules G24 to G26 (inclusive) shall not apply to Clubs which are not Championship Clubs participating in the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition.
- G24 Subject to Rule G26A, if any Player is added to a Club's First Team Squad in the Premiership or the Championship during the Season additional numbers may be allocated as new Players join the relevant First Team Squad.
- G25 Subject to Rule G26A, a Player's shirt number with any Club in the Premiership or the Championship must remain with him for the duration of the Season unless either:

G25.1 he ceases to play for a Club in which case his shirt number will become

available for allocation to new members of the First Team Squad; or

G25.2 for other reasons satisfactory to the Board in its absolute discretion.

- G26 Subject to Rule G26A, a Player's name must appear on the back of his shirt above the shirt number where the Player is Playing in a League Match or in a Play-Off Match for a Club in the Premiership or the Championship.
- G26A The Board may in respect of Season 2013/2014 waive the requirements of Rules G23, G24, G25 & G26 from applying to all Clubs entitled to participate in the Championship in that Season and in the Championship/League One Play-Off Competition immediately after the end of Season 2013/2014.
- G27 One player for each Club shall be nominated as captain for the League Match or Play-Off Match on the list provided to the Referee in accordance with Rule G16 and shall wear a distinguishing armband to indicate his status. If the captain for the time being ceases to participate in a League Match or Play-Off Match another player shall be designated as captain and he shall wear an armband as aforesaid.
- G28 Any Club failing to carry out the provisions of Rules G22 to G27 (inclusive) will be fined the sums of £250 for the first offence, £500 for the second offence, £1,000 for the third offence and for any subsequent offence shall be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of Section J of these Rules. For the avoidance of doubt, the amount of any fine imposed in accordance with this Rule G28 for a first, second or third offence shall be capable of appeal.

Clubs to Register Colours

- G29 By 1st June (or such other date as may be fixed from time to time by the Board) in each year, all Clubs shall submit to the Company written details of their first, second and, where applicable, third choice colours (of shirts, shorts and socks).
- G30 The first and second choice colours must be different and distinct.
- G31 The colours registered by each Club shall be worn during the following Season and no changes either in the colours or the combination of colours shall be permitted during the course of the season except in the circumstances set out in Rule G37 or with the prior approval of the Board.
- G32 A Club may, at its discretion, register third choice colours, which must be different and distinct from its first and second choices.
- G33 Subject to the provisions of Rules G35, G37 and G38 Clubs are required to wear their first choice colours in all League Matches and Play-Off Matches, save that a Club shall be permitted to play a maximum of four Home League Matches in any Season in colours which are not the first choice, provided that the Company, the opposing Club and the Referee appointed for such League Match have been advised in writing not less than 48 hours before such League Match and the Referee (whose responsibility shall relate to the match in question only in this

regard) shall determine whether each Club can wear its first choice colours in any given League Match or Play-Off Match in order to ensure compliance with Rules G35, G37 and G38.

- G34 Each Club shall submit a sample of its registered colours to the Secretary by 30th June each year, such samples to be retained for the duration of the Season.
- G35 No Club shall be permitted to play in shirts the colour of which is likely to cause confusion with the outfit worn by the Match Officials.
- G36 The obligations of Rule G29 are additional to any obligations to submit club colours to the Scottish FA in accordance with the Scottish FA Articles.

Clashes of Colours

- G37 When the colours of two competing Clubs are alike or similar, the Visiting Club shall change to its second choice colours or a combination of its first and second choice colours (or, if applicable, third choice colours) provided that these do not include any of the basic colours of the Home Club.
- G38 The colour of the goalkeeper's shirt must, in all cases, be clearly distinguishable from the colours of the shirts worn by all outfield Players of both participating Clubs in any match and from those of the Match Officials.

Shirts to Bear Logo(s)

- G39 If so determined by the Board, the shirts of all Players in League Matches and Play-Off Matches shall carry the League logo and/or, the name/logo(s) of the title or other sponsor of the League, on one or both sleeves, as specified from time to time by the Board.

Match Balls

- G40 The ball or balls to be used in all Official Matches shall comply with the Laws of the Game and be of a type as shall be specified by the Board from time to time. At and during all Official Matches, the Home Club shall have available for use if necessary a match ball and a sufficient number (being not less than two) of reserve balls, at least one of which shall be an orange or yellow coloured ball.

Match Report

- G41 The Home Club shall send to the Board within six days of each League Match and Play-Off Match a document containing the attendance statistics for the match
- G42 Within two hours of the end of a League Match and a Play-Off Match, the Referee of that match shall send a Match Report by fax from the ground at which such League Match or Play-Off Match was played to the Secretary and to the Scottish FA containing details of the result of the League Match or Play-Off Match, the participating Clubs' team lists, the substitutes used, cautions and orderings-off, if

any, and the name of any scorers. The Referee shall also send a copy of such Match Report by first class post to the Scottish FA and to the Secretary within three days of the date of the League Match or Play-Off Match.

Postponement and Abandonment of Matches

- G43 No League Match or Play-Off Match shall be postponed except on the instructions of the appointed Referee or pitch inspector or by the Board
- G44 If a League Match or Play-Off Match is postponed other than by the Board, such postponement shall be reported as soon as reasonably practicable to the Secretary by the Referee concerned and, where it has been postponed with the consent of the Board, it shall be the duty of the Home Club to immediately notify the appointed Match Officials of such postponement.
- G45 In the event of any League Match or Play-Off Match not being played or abandoned or being ordered to be played or replayed, it shall be played on a date and at a time as determined by the Board.

Non-fulfilment of Fixture Obligations

- G46 No Club shall, unless the circumstances of the failure are outside the control of the Club concerned and could not have been reasonably foreseen and reasonably anticipated and remedied prior to the match, fail to fulfil its fixture obligations in respect of any League Match or Play-Off Match on and at the appointed or, as the case may be, rescheduled date, time and venue.
- G47 For the purposes of Rules G5 and G46 a representation by a Club that it will not or intends not to fulfil a fixture obligation or that it will do so only subject to a condition or conditions which are or are found to be unacceptable to the Board shall be deemed to be in breach of Rule G5 notwithstanding that the Board has or may have rescheduled or later reschedules the match concerned.
- G48 Without prejudice to any other sanctions, which may be imposed for a breach of Rules, a Club failing to fulfil a fixture obligation in terms of Rules G5 and/or G46 shall be liable to pay compensation for any expenses necessarily incurred by the opposing Club as a direct result of the failure. The amount of such compensation will be at the discretion of the Board which will consider every such case on its merits.

Attendance of Medical Practitioners and Others

- G49 It is the responsibility of the Home Club in League Matches and Play-Off Matches to ensure that a qualified medical practitioner is present to attend to Players and Match Officials during the periods of the pre-match warm up, during the match, at half time and for one hour after each League Match and Play-Off Match.
- G50 It is the responsibility of Premiership Clubs participating in League Matches and Play-Off Matches to ensure that a chartered physiotherapist or equivalent is

present throughout each such match to attend to their respective Players and, if necessary, Match Officials and it is the responsibility of each of the other Clubs participating in League Matches and Play-Off Matches to ensure that a person with an appropriate physiotherapy qualification is present throughout each such match to attend to their respective Players and, if necessary, Match Officials.

- G51 Only those qualified as above should treat Players and Match Officials on the field of play.
- G52 For all Official Matches other than League Matches and Play-Off Matches, there must, at least, be in attendance an individual with appropriate emergency aid training.
- G53 It is the responsibility of the Home Club in any League Match and Play-Off Match to ensure that a minimum of two stretchers and four stretcher bearers are readily available to remove Players and Match Officials from the field of play. Each member of a team of stretcher bearers must be of comparable height and have received appropriate training.

Head Injuries

- G54 All Clubs shall ensure that any Player in a League Match having left the field with a serious head injury in a match played under the auspices of the Company shall not be allowed to resume playing or training without the clearance of a qualified medical practitioner. The same provision shall apply where a serious head injury is sustained in training.

Pre-Arranging Results

- G55 Any Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them, offering or receiving whether directly or indirectly any payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement, to or from another Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them or any other person or party other than, in the case of a Official or Player, their own Club under and in terms of their contract of service, to influence the result or any other aspect of an Official Match shall, subject to the terms of these Rules and the Articles, be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate. Any Club in any way involved in or concerned, whether directly or indirectly with any such payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement shall be in breach of these Rules.
- G56 No Club or the Associate of any of them shall offer or accept any payment or other inducement in respect of foregoing the right of promotion.

Shirt Advertisements and Televised Matches

- G57 The kit, comprising shirt, shorts, socks and any other item of visible clothing, in which Players Play in League Matches and Play-Off Matches is subject to the

following rules concerning advertising:-

- G57.1 provided that a Club shall be entitled to utilise not less than 32 square inches in total on the kit of each Player for advertisements, the dimensions, numbers and placing of advertisements on such kit to be in accordance with specifications approved by the Board ;
- G57.2 the maximum height of the letters and other characters to be as specified by the Board but shall not be less than 3 inches for principal shirt advertising;
- G57.3 provided that each Club shall be entitled, subject to Rule G57.4, to not less than one kit sponsor, each Club to be limited to such number of sponsors per Season, which may be advertised on such kit, as the Board may determine for the purpose of this Rule, and
- G57.4 each such sponsor to be notified to the Secretary for prior approval by the Board, which shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed, each Season, not later than fourteen days before the first televised match in which the advertisement of such sponsor is to be displayed, unless special dispensation is given by the Board in respect of this requirement.

Match Officials

List of Referees

- G58 Referees for League Matches and Play-Off Matches shall be appointed from the List of Class 1 Referees prepared annually by the Scottish FA (following a process of review with the Board)

List of Assistant Referees

- G59 Assistant Referees for League Matches and Play-Off Matches shall be appointed from the List of Class 1 Specialist Assistant Referees prepared annually by the Scottish FA (following a process of review with the Board).

Appointment of Referees and Assistant Referees

- G60 The Referee, Assistant Referees and reserve official for League Matches and Play-Off Matches shall be appointed by the Scottish FA from the Lists of Class 1 Match Officials.

Misconduct

- G61 The Referee and Assistant Referees must report to the Scottish FA all cases of misconduct of Players, Officials or Spectators within three (4) days of the occurrence.

Retainers and Allowances for Referees and Assistant Referees

- G62 The gross match fee for Referees and for Assistant Referees payable before any deductions shall be as determined by the Board.
- G63 In the case of postponed matches, half the above fee will be paid to Match Officials who report to the ground.
- G64 Match Officials shall be entitled to claim expenses as determined by the Board.
- G65 Match Officials who inspect grounds as directed by the Board shall be paid a fee as determined by the Board plus expenses (including time lost if applicable).
- G66 The Board may, at its discretion, make annual payments to the Scottish FA for award or provision to Referees or Assistant Referees or any of them in recognition of satisfactory performance and commitment to training, education and development.

Payment of Hotel Expenses Incurred

- G67 In the event of a Referee or Assistant Referee being unable to reach his destination, going to or returning from a match, without staying at a hotel, he shall be reimbursed the cost of his hotel accommodation up to a maximum of an amount as determined by the Board from the Scottish FA on behalf of the Company, on production of a receipted hotel account providing that where a concessionary hotel rate is negotiated, he will, if it is not unreasonably inconvenient, stay at hotels with which such rate is negotiated to take advantage of such rates.
- G68 A Referee or Assistant Referee officiating at a match played more than 150 miles from his residence which finishes after 9.00 pm who elects to travel home after the match rather than staying in hotel accommodation shall be entitled to claim an additional allowance of an amount as determined by the Board.

Illegal Payments to Referees and Assistant Referees

- G69 No Club or Official or other person acting on behalf or in the presumed interests of a Club shall directly or indirectly pay or offer to pay a Referee or Assistant Referee more than his proper fee, allowances and railway fare as specified in the Rules or make or cause to be made any benefit available to him or any Associate of his

Referee to Visit Ground Early During Bad Weather or at Request of Home Club

- G70 Match Officials shall use all reasonable endeavours to be present at the appropriate stadium at least one and a half hours prior to the advertised time of kick-off. The Referee shall decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and each Club must take every reasonable precaution to keep its ground in a playing condition and, where necessary, shall re-mark the ground during the half-time interval. The home Club may, where weather or other conditions make it appropriate, require the Referee to visit the ground two hours or more before the scheduled time of

kick-off of any League Match.

Pitch Report

- G71 The Board may require the Referee to complete a report on the condition of the playing surface in a form specified by the Board and approved in writing by the Scottish FA from time to time.

Assistant Referees' Flags

- G72 Home Clubs shall keep back up flags of a size and colour prescribed by the Board for use by Assistant Referees.

Choice of Football to be Used

- G73 The football proposed to be used in an Official Match and the replacement balls must be submitted to and approved by the Referee before the commencement of the match.
- G74 In addition to the normal type of ball, an orange or yellow ball which complies in every respect with the requirements of the Laws of the Game shall be available for League Matches and Play-Off Matches.
- G75 The selected ball must be used throughout the match unless otherwise determined by the Referee.

Referee Observer

- G76 A referee observer shall be appointed by the Scottish FA to attend each League Match and Play-Off Match.
- G77 The Home Club must ensure that the referee observer is given a prime seat in the main stand and is allowed free access to all areas of the ground.

Ball Attendants' Clothing

- G78 The colours of clothing worn by ball attendants must not be likely to cause confusion with the colours of either of the competing Clubs or Match Officials.

H Stadia

Technical Area Facilities

- H1 Each Club shall provide technical areas in accordance with the Laws of the Game and FIFA.

Covered Stadia

- H2 No League Match or Play-Off Match shall take place at any stadium where the playing area is permanently covered or partially covered by a fixed or moveable roof without the prior written approval of the Board after consultation with the Clubs.
- H3 Any Club proposing to cover or partially cover its stadium with a fixed or moveable roof shall be required to submit outline plans to the Company and a copy of the planning application prior to such planning application being submitted to the appropriate authority.

Synthetic and Artificial Pitches and Surfaces

- H4 No League Match or Play-Off Match shall be played on a pitch utilising synthetic or artificial playing surface unless:-
- H4.1 such synthetic or artificial surface and the underlying structure of the pitch has been constructed using synthetic fibres and other materials and in accordance with a design and specification which have been approved after laboratory and field testing in accordance with the FIFA Quality Concept Handbooks as complying with the then FIFA Recommended 2 Star Standard or, as the case may be, such higher standard as may from time to time be adopted by FIFA as the highest recommended standard and design for such pitches;
- H4.2 it is demonstrated to the Board that the pitch performs or will perform to the FIFA Recommended 2 Star Standard or, as the case may be, such higher standard as may from time to time be adopted by FIFA as the highest recommended standard and design for such pitches and that it complies and continues to comply with any conditions imposed by the Board in terms of Rule H7.; and
- H4.3 subject to Rules H5, H6 and H7, the Board, following a written application made by the Club concerned or the Candidate Club to the Secretary not later than 31st March in any year, in respect of what is intended to be the Registered Ground of that Club for the immediately succeeding Season, has approved the use of the specified pitch concerned for the playing of League Matches and Play-Off Matches at that ground during that Season.
- H5 Where an approval is given in terms of Rule H4.3 and the Board is satisfied that such pitch, at the Registered Ground to which such approval relates, continues to

comply with Rule H4.1 and Rule H4.2 then such approval shall apply to and be effective for, such number of complete Seasons immediately following such approval as the Board shall specify. If the Board does not so specify then any approval given by the Board in terms of Rule H4.3 shall be deemed to apply to and be effective for only the one Season immediately succeeding such approval being given.

- H6 An application for approval in terms of Rule H4.3 must specify or include specification of the pitch for which approval is sought sufficient to identify that the pitch concerned is the same pitch in relation to which the surface, construction and design has been approved or will before the application for approval by the Board is granted, be approved after laboratory and field testing under and in accordance with the FIFA Quality Concept Handbook as complying with the FIFA Recommended 2 Star Standard.
- H7 Where an approval is given in terms of Rule H4.3 the Board may attach such conditions to such approval as the Board may consider appropriate.
- H8 The Board may in its absolute discretion waive, relax or grant a period of grace in respect of any Club's or Candidate Club's requirement to comply with the time limit for an application for approval to be made in terms of Rule H4.3 .

Pitch Protection

- H9 In order to protect the pitch and unless otherwise agreed between both participating Clubs, the following procedures shall be adopted by Players and Officials in the periods immediately before and after and at half time during a League Match or Play-Off Match:
 - H9.1 the pitch shall only be used for warming up or warming down by Players named on the lists of Players provided to the Referee not less than one hour before the time of kick-off;
 - H9.2 pre-match warming up by either team shall not commence until at the earliest 45 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time, shall not last for more than 30 minutes, and shall end not later than 10 minutes before the scheduled kick-off time;
 - H9.3 if portable goals are provided they shall be used for all goalkeeping drills other than crossing practice;
 - H9.4 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;
 - H9.5 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 half way line or as otherwise directed by the groundsman;

- H9.6 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 at that location, in that part of the pitch described in Rule H9.5 or as otherwise directed by the groundsman;
- H9.7 Players using the pitch at half time shall give due consideration to any other activity or entertainment taking place on the pitch at the same time;
- H9.8 the Home Club may water the pitch at half time provided that 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
- H9.9 any warming down after the conclusion of the League Match or Play-Off Match shall last for no longer than 15 minutes and for that purpose neither penalty area shall be used.
- H10 Each Club shall provide, maintain and use in such manner as to ensure its efficient and effective operation an adequate winter pitch protection system. Such systems shall be fully utilised by the Home Club before any League Match or Play-Off Match where there is a reasonable possibility of its pitch otherwise being frozen or covered in snow or ice so as to ensure that the League Match is able to take place at the venue and on the date and time scheduled notwithstanding such possibility.

Pitch Condition

- H11 Each Club shall ensure that the field of play at its Registered Ground and at any other ground at which it is the Home Club for a League Match or Play-Off Match is:-
- H11.1 smooth and in good condition and repair; and
- H11.2 equipped with an efficient and effective drainage system so that it cannot become unplayable due to flooding.
- H12 The Board may, without prejudice to any sanction that might be imposed on a Club for failure to comply with Rule H11, require the Club concerned to take such steps within such time and on such conditions as the Board shall specify, if the Board is not satisfied that the Club concerned is complying or has complied in all respects with Rule H11.

Registration of Ground

- H13 Each Club and a Candidate Club must, subject to Rule D6, register or be deemed to have registered its ground with the Secretary by not later than 1st June immediately preceding each Season.
- H14 No Club shall play its Home matches at any ground other than its Registered Ground without first obtaining the written approval of the Board.

- H15 A Club's or Candidate Club's Registered Ground must be situated in Scotland unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Scottish FA and the Board, save in the case of Berwick Rangers FC for whom approval to have its Registered Ground in Berwick-upon-Tweed, England shall be deemed to have been granted prior to the date of adoption of these Rules.
- H16 Once a Club or Candidate Club has registered its ground with the Secretary it shall not be required to re-register that ground for each succeeding Season in which it is eligible to participate in the League but shall be deemed, on a continuing basis, to have registered same on 1st June immediately preceding each such Season.
- H17 A Club which changes its ground must register its replacement ground with the Secretary in accordance with Rule H13.
- H18 All registered grounds and grounds at which League Matches and Play-Off Matches are played must have floodlights. For Clubs entitled in any Season to participate in the Premiership, the Championship and the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition such floodlights must be and operate at least to the Silver Standard with respect to floodlighting as set out in The Scottish Football Association National Club Licensing Manual in force and as amended or supplemented from time to time. For Clubs entitled in any Season to participate in the League One, League Two and the Championship/League One and League One/League Two Play-Off Competitions such floodlights must be and operate at least to the Bronze Standard with respect to floodlighting as set out in The Scottish Football Association National Club Licensing Manual in force and as amended or supplemented from time to time.
- H19 The dimensions of the field of play for all League Matches and the Premiership/Championship Play-Off Competition played by Clubs in the Premiership and the Championship shall be as follows:-

	Minimum	Recommended	Maximum
Length	95 metres	105 metres	110 metres
Width	60 metres	68 metres	72 metres

and for all League Matches played in League One and League Two and matches played in the Championship/League One and League One/League Two Play-Off Competitions the dimensions of the field of play shall be as follows:-

	Minimum	Recommended	Maximum
Length	90 metres	105 metres	110 metres
Width	56 metres	68 metres	72 metres

- H20 Clubs must register their pitch dimensions with the Secretary not less than one month prior to the start of each Season. No Club shall alter its pitch dimensions for

any League Match or Play-Off Match during a Season unless with the prior written consent of the Board. The Board may at any time require a Club to submit a report from a qualified independent source certifying the pitch dimensions.

- H21 In the event of the Board granting a waiver, relaxation or period of grace for the purposes of Rule D6 in relation to compliance by a Club with Rules H4, H13, H14, H18, H19 or H20 then for the period and to the extent of such a waiver, relaxation or period of grace the Club concerned shall not be in breach of the relevant Rule.

Ground Safety, Behaviour at Matches and Damage to Stadia

- H22 All Clubs must have a valid and current safety certificate for its Registered Ground prior to the start of each Season and must maintain such certificate in full force and effect for the duration of each Season.
- H23 Each Club shall, unless a copy shall previously been provided, provide a copy of its safety certificate to the Secretary not less than one month prior to the start of each Season or as soon as available and shall thereafter provide to the Secretary a copy of any replacement, renewed, extended or amended certificate within one month of same being issued.
- H24 All Clubs shall appoint a Safety Officer who shall be or become a member of the Football Safety Officers' Association (Scotland).

Unacceptable Conduct

- H25 A person present at or in a stadium where an Official Match is being played engages in Unacceptable Conduct where their conduct is violent and/or disorderly.
- H26 Conduct is violent where there is (i) actual, attempted or threatened physical violence against a person or persons; or (ii) intentional damage to property.
- H27 Disorderly conduct includes
- H27.1 conduct which stirs up or sustains or is likely or designed to stir up or sustain, hatred or ill will against or towards a group of persons based on their membership or presumed membership of a group defined by reference to a category mentioned in Rule H29 or against an individual who is or is presumed to be a member of such group;
 - H27.2 using threatening, abusive or insulting words or conduct;
 - H27.3 displaying any writing or other thing which is threatening, abusive or insulting; and
 - H27.4 using words or conduct or displaying any writing or other thing which indicates support for, or affiliation to, or celebration of, or opposition to an organisation or group proscribed in terms of the Terrorism Act 2000.
- H28 Presumed in the context of Rule H27.1 means presumed by the person or persons

engaged in the conduct.

H29 The categories referred to in Rule H27 are:-

H29.1 female or male gender;

H29.2 colour, race, nationality (including citizenship) or ethnic or national origin;

H29.3 membership of a religious group or of a social or cultural group with a perceived religious affiliation;

H29.4 sexual orientation;

H29.5 transgender identity; and

H29.6 disability.

H30 In Rule H29.3 religious group means a group of persons defined by reference to their religious belief or lack of religious belief, membership of or adherence to a church or religious organisation, support for the culture and traditions of a church or religious organisation and/or participation in activities associated with such a culture or such traditions. .

H31 In Rule H29.5 transgender identity means any one or more of transvestism, transsexualism, inter-sexuality or change of gender.

H32 In Rule H29.6 disability means physical or mental impairment of any kind.

H33 The Home Club in any Official Match must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable,

H33.1 good order and security;

H33.2 that policies and procedures have been adopted and are implemented to prevent incidents of Unacceptable Conduct; and

H33.3 that any incidents of Unacceptable Conduct are effectively dealt with, all at its Stadium on the occasion of an Official Match

H34 Each Club must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that its Players, officials, supporters and any person exercising a function for or connected with the Club do not engage in Unacceptable Conduct at a Stadium on the occasion of an Official Match.

H35 Any failure by a Club to discharge a requirement to which it is subject by virtue of Rules H33 and/or H34 shall constitute a breach of these Rules.

H36 In any proceedings in terms of the Rules against a Club in which it is alleged that there has been a failure by that Club to discharge a requirement to which it is subject by virtue of Rules H33 and/or H34 it shall be for the Club concerned to

prove that it was not reasonably practicable to do more than was in fact done or (as the case may be) that there was no better practicable means than was in fact used to discharge such requirement. Account shall be taken in such proceedings of the effect of decisions and actions of the local police, public authorities and other Club taking part in an Official Match, in determining whether the requirements of Rules H33 and/or H34 have been discharged.

H37 The Board may from time to time issue and publish Guidance for Clubs on Unacceptable Conduct; any amendment to such approved guidance to be issued and published from time to time by the Board.

H38 In any proceedings in terms of the Rules against a Club in which it is alleged that there has been a failure by that Club to discharge a requirement to which it is subject by virtue of Rules H33 and/or H34 a Commission shall when deciding whether such a requirement has been discharged, take into account whether the Club concerned has complied with any Guidance for Clubs on Unacceptable Conduct.

H39 Proceedings in terms of the Rules against a Club in which it is alleged that there has been a failure by that Club to discharge a requirement to which it is subject by virtue of Rules H33 and/or H34 may only be commenced where the Secretary has received from:-

H39.1 the police;

H39.2 the Scottish FA acting on information received by it from the relevant Official Match referee or other match official;

H39.3 any representative of the Company attending the relevant Official Match on behalf of the Company;

H39.4 the other Club which took part in the relevant Official Match;

a written complaint or other written communication which, in the opinion of the Board, provides grounds to believe that such a requirement may not have been discharged; and/or

H39.5 the Secretary has received or has been apprised of information which in the opinion of the Board, provides grounds to believe that such a requirement may not have been discharged and that the information is such that such proceedings are appropriate notwithstanding that a written complaint or other written communication has not been received from a person or party listed in Rules H39.1 to H39.4 (inclusive).

Damage to Stadia

H40 In the event that any damage shall be caused to the fabric of the ground, including any fixtures and fittings at the ground, of a Home Club by the supporters of the Visiting Club, on the occasion of an Official Match then the Visiting Club shall be

obliged to indemnify the Home Club in the costs reasonably incurred by the Home Club in repairing and making good such damage.

- H41 If any dispute or difference shall arise between a Home Club and a Visiting Club as regards any claim by a Home Club for indemnity against a Visiting Club under and in terms of Rule H40 the Board, or if the Board so decides, a Commission, shall, upon application to the Board made by either Club, consider and adjudicate upon the matter. The determination of such dispute or difference and any determination made by the Board, or as the case may be Commission, shall, subject to any appeal to the Judicial Panel in terms of Section J of these Rules, be binding on each of the Clubs concerned.

Giant Screens and LED Perimeter Boards

- H42 Except with the prior written consent of the Board, giant screens or the like at any Club's ground shall not be used to relay to spectators closed circuit pictures of the Official Match at which they are present.
- H43 Any consent given hereunder shall be subject to the Code of Practice governing the use of giant screens in Official Matches or League Cup Matches forming Appendix 2 hereto.
- H44 The Clubs involved in an Official Match may arrange for the match to be relayed by closed circuit television to other locations provided the arrangement is or is in accordance with a policy on such matters approved by the Company in General Meeting and with the Scottish FA Articles and UEFA and FIFA statutes.
- H45 LED perimeter boards or other such boards having the same or similar features, positioned at the side or near to the side of the pitch, which are used or which are capable of being used to display electronically generated graphics and/or images, whether moving or otherwise, may only be used by Clubs during Official Matches where their use is in accordance with the Code of Practice governing the use of LED perimeter boards forming Appendix 1.
- H46 Any failure to comply with an Appendix shall constitute a breach of these Rules.

I Commercial, Broadcast and Sponsorship

Media Co-operation Requirements

- I1 Clubs shall comply with the Media Co-Operation Requirements.

Operating Expenses

- I2 The operating expenses of the Company and the League shall be met, where possible, from Commercial Revenues.
- I3 The Board shall from time to time be empowered, by levy or otherwise, to require Clubs to contribute such sum or sums of money to the funds of the Company as may be required for the business of the Company and the League and to meet any liability which the Company may assume. Any such levy or call for funds shall be contributed on such equitable basis as may be agreed by the Clubs in General Meeting failing such agreement, equally.

Commercial Contracts, Broadcasting and Transmission

- I4 The Company shall in accordance with the Articles and these Rules enter into Commercial Contracts for the purpose of generating Commercial Revenues.
- I5 Subject to these Rules, the Company shall seek to maximise Commercial Revenues.
- I6 The Clubs and each of them agree to centrally pool and market their rights, facilities and properties relating to and concerning, Radio Transmission and Transmission of League Matches and Play-Off Matches for exclusive exploitation by the Company of Radio Transmission and Transmission of League Matches and Play-Off Matches.
- I7 Subject:-
- I7.1 that a Club shall not, other than in respect of a Commercial Contract relating to Radio Transmission or Transmission, be obliged to comply with this Rule I7 if to do so would result in that Club being in breach of a contractual obligation entered into prior to the Commercial Contract concerned being approved to be entered into by the Company; and
- I7.2 these Rules including Rule I21
- the Clubs and each of them shall license and otherwise provide to the Company the use of such of their other rights, facilities and properties as may be required by the Company to enable the Company to enter into and/or fulfil its obligations under and in terms of Commercial Contracts entered or to be entered into by the Company.
- I8 Except in the case of Limited Commercial Contracts where Rule I21 shall apply, the Company shall be entitled for Commercial Contract purposes to sub-license,

package or otherwise deal in or with any rights, facilities and properties licensed or otherwise provided to the Company by the Clubs and Candidate Clubs and each of them.

- I9 The Company shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights in relation to Other Transmission of League Matches and Play-Off Matches, which would have the object or effect, whether intentionally or otherwise, of preventing or inhibiting the Clubs or any of them from exercising any rights available to them, which they are not expressly prohibited from exercising in terms of these Rules.
- I10 Except pursuant to a Commercial Contract and subject to the provisions of Rules H42 to H44 (inclusive), there shall be no and each of the Clubs shall in respect of a League Match or Play-Off Match played at their home ground procure that there shall not be any Radio Transmission and/or Transmission of all or any part of a League Match or Play-Off Match without the approval of the Company in General Meeting.
- I11 The Clubs and Candidate Clubs and each of them shall not by act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted by the Company in a Commercial Contract in relation to Radio Transmission and/or Transmission or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur.
- I12 The Clubs and Candidate Clubs and each of them shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights or generally enter into or accept any obligation in relation to Other Transmission of League Matches and Play-Off Matches which has or would have the effect, whether intended or otherwise, of preventing, restricting or inhibiting the Company from or disadvantaging the Company in competing with the Club or any third party in the Other Transmission of League Matches and Play-Off Matches.
- I13 Where a Club or a Candidate Club shall be involved in the broadcasting and/or transmitting by means of Other Transmission outwith the British Isles of moving pictures of all or any part of a League Match or Play-Off Match, other than pursuant to a Commercial Contract, it shall use its best endeavours to procure, including by use of legal proceedings at its own instance, that no broadcasting and/or transmission which is or would be prohibited within the British Isles by Rules I14 or I16 shall be broadcast and/or transmitted by any person or party, whether with or without the permission of the Club concerned, within, to or which shall be capable of being received in the British Isles.
- I14 Except pursuant to a Commercial Contract and subject to the provisions of Rule H42 to H44 (inclusive) there shall not, without the approval of the Company in General Meeting, be any Other Transmission, within the British Isles, of moving pictures of all or any part of a League Match or Play-Off Match within any period provided for in a Commercial Contract and in any event not, in the case of a League Match or Play-Off Match played on a Saturday until midnight on the next day and on any other day until midnight on that day.

- I15 In the event that the Company in General Meeting, Board or any four Clubs shall at any time consider that there will be Excess Impact in any Season then the Company, Board or any such four Clubs may, not later than 1st January during that Season, request the appointment of an Expert to determine by Expert Determination whether there will be such Excess Impact.
- I16 In the event that it shall be determined by Expert Determination that in any Season there will be Excess Impact then, subject to Rule I17, in respect of the following and all succeeding Seasons, except pursuant to a Commercial Contract and subject to the provisions of Rule H42, there shall not, without the approval of the Company in General Meeting, be any Other Transmission of moving pictures of all or any part of a League Match or Play-Off Match within any period provided for in a Commercial Contract and in any event not, in the case of a League Match or Play-Off Match played on a Saturday until midnight on the next day and on any other day until midnight on that day.
- I17 In the event that it shall be determined by Expert Determination that in any Season there will be Excess Impact and within 60 days of such determination any Club or Clubs and/or the Company shall have commenced in the Court of Session, Judicial Review proceedings which seek to have such Expert Determination reduced or otherwise set aside then, provided always that such proceedings, including any appeal or appeals, shall at all times be progressed to a conclusion with reasonable expedition, then the provisions of Rule I16 shall not come in to effect until the earlier of
- I17.1 the final judicial determination or other termination of such proceedings, including any appeals but excluding any consideration of expenses, where such judicial determination or other termination is other than that the Expert Determination is reduced or otherwise set aside; and
- I17.2 the beginning of the Season following the Season which follows the Season during which such determination was made.
- I18 In January of 2015 and in January every third year thereafter the Board shall call a General Meeting at which the Clubs shall consider whether the Company should request the appointment of an Expert to determine by Expert Determination whether there will be Excess Impact during the then current Season.
- I19 If, at a General Meeting called by the Board in terms of Rule I18, the Clubs resolve that the Company should request the appointment of an Expert to determine by Expert Determination whether there will be Excess Impact during the then current Season the Board shall forthwith request such appointment.
- I20 The Company shall not contract in a Commercial Contract or Contracts:-
- I20.1 so as to require any Home Club to provide, for central exploitation, more than 12 trackside advertising spaces or equivalent at a League Match or Play-Off Match;

- I20.2 for live Transmission of more than four League Matches at the home ground of each Club in any one Season;
- I20.3 so as to require any Home Club to provide for central exploitation more than 1 single and 4 half page programme advertisements in a programme issue for a League Match or Play-Off Match; and/or
- I20.4 so as to require any Home Club to provide more than 50 match tickets (or equivalent hospitality) for any one League Match or Play-Off Match;

provided always that any Home Club may at the request of the Company agree to greater provision on any occasion or occasions.

- I21 Except where a Club agrees in writing to license or otherwise provide to the Company such of its rights, facilities and properties as shall be specified in and on the terms set out in such written agreement, the Clubs and each of them shall not be required to license or otherwise provide to the Company the use of any of their or its rights, facilities and properties to enable the Company to enter into and/or fulfil the Company's obligations under and in terms of Limited Commercial Contracts entered or to be entered into by the Company.
- I22 Any fee, royalty or other payment agreed to be paid by the Company to a Club for the license to use or other provision to the Company by that Club of any of its rights, facilities and properties for the purpose of enabling the Company to enter into and/or fulfil the Company's obligations under and in terms of a Limited Commercial Contract shall not exceed such sum or sums as in the reasonable opinion of the Board will represent the market value at the time to be licensed or otherwise provided of the rights, facilities and properties to be so licensed or otherwise provided by such Club and the Board shall also take account, when agreeing the amount of such payment to such Club, the value of such other rights, facilities and properties which shall be required to enter into and/or fulfil the Company's obligations under and in terms of such a Limited Commercial Contract and which are not licensed or otherwise provided to the Company by a Club with a view to securing an appropriate contribution to Net Commercial Revenues from such a Limited Commercial Contract.

Fixture Lists etc.

- I23 The copyright, database and all other rights in the League's fixture list shall vest in and be the property of the Company.

Gate Receipts

- I24 Subject to Rules I25 and C26 the entire gate receipts of all League Matches and Play-Off Matches (including abandoned or replayed League Matches and Play-Off Matches) shall be retained by the Home Club.
- I25 Should a morning kick-off necessitate the Visiting Club incurring overnight hotel expenses, the Visiting Club shall be entitled to claim reasonable costs (for no more

than 25 persons) from the Home Club against the gross gate. Any dispute in this regard shall be determined by the Board in its absolute discretion. The Visiting Club must make any such claim within 14 days of the match in question and payment or referral to the Board if the Home Club disputes the amount claimed, made by the Visiting Club within 14 days of receipt of the claim.

Admission Prices, Admission to Grounds and Ticket Distribution

- I26 The Home Club, in its absolute discretion, shall determine admission charges for League Matches and Play-Off Matches.
- I27 The Home club must make provision for the admission of such reasonable number of visiting supporters at every home League Match and Play-Off Match as may be agreed in advance with the Visiting Club and, in the event of their being unable to agree such number not later than 14 days prior to the date of the League Match or Play-Off Match in question, the number of visiting supporters allowed shall be determined by the Board whose decision shall be final and binding.
- I28 A section of the ground must be reserved for supporters of the Visiting Club and any tickets for League Matches and Play-Off Matches must be distributed on that basis. Details of these arrangements should be publicised by the Clubs concerned in advance.
- I29 Where tickets for a League Match or Play-Off Match are produced they should be in such a form as to minimise the opportunity for ticket falsification. If forged tickets are found to be in circulation, the Home Club must inform the police forthwith. All tickets should be marked, if possible, so as to identify the distributor.
- I30 The Visiting Club shall, unless it and the Home Club agree otherwise, return any unsold tickets for a League Match or Play-Off Match in its possession to the Home Club not less than 48 hours prior to the scheduled time of commencement of the League Match or Play-Off Match and shall pay the Home Club for any tickets which it sells for a League Match or Play-Off Match no later than 10 days after the scheduled date or dates for such League Match or Play-Off Match. Any Club making late payment shall pay interest to the Home Club on any balance or balances from time to time outstanding until paid in full, at the rate of 5% above the base lending rate of the Bank of England as same may vary from time to time compounded on the first day of each calendar month.
- I31 Except as provided in Rule I32, a Club which is the Home Club for a League Match or a Play-Off Match is prohibited from charging higher admission prices to accommodation designated for supporters of the Visiting Club than for broadly comparable accommodation designated for use by supporters of the Home Club at the same match.
- I32 The prohibition in Rule I31 does not apply to any:-
- I32.1 element of discount in the admission price *per* League Match integral in the price of a Season ticket for all of the home League Matches of the

relevant Club for the complete Season in which the relevant League Match falls;

- I32.2 concessionary admission prices for the relevant League Match or Play-Off Match charged exclusively to persons who are senior citizens, children and/or disabled and who qualify as such; and
- I32.3 concessionary admission prices for the relevant League Match or Play-Off Match charged to individuals comprised in groups of two or more persons, at least one of whom must be less than sixteen years of age, for admission together to a *bona fide* family enclosure exclusively used and designated as such for the complete Season in which the relevant League Match falls or the whole of the relevant Season immediately prior to which the Play-Off Match is held.

Press and Media Facilities

- I33 Without prejudice to the Home Club's right (acting reasonably) to exclude any individual from its ground, the Home Club shall provide at its ground facilities for the representatives of the press, radio and television and for up to 5 media staff from the Visiting Club, one of whom may be a cameraman taking moving pictures and another one of whom may be a photographer taking still photographs. The media staff of the Visiting Club shall be provided, at the cost of the Home Club, with the exclusive use of one Integrated Services Digital Network (I.S.D.N.) (or the equivalent) line. The Home Club may designate a location within their ground where all interviews comprising moving pictures shall be conducted by the media staff of a Visiting Club.
- I34 Subject to any rules and regulations laid down from time to time by the Home Club, an appropriate number of photographers, cameramen and the personnel required to operate television cameras shall be granted access during play to the area between the boundaries of the field of play and the spectators.
- I35 Each Club shall provide a suitable gantry or gantries for use by television cameras and any other moving picture cameras in such an area of its ground and at such an elevation to allow for clear and unobstructed coverage of League Matches and Play-Off Matches. Such gantry or gantries shall be of a standard reasonably satisfactory to the Board.
- I36 The Home Club shall allow access to be given to Radio Transmission and/or Transmission and/or Other Transmission companies and the like and their audio equipment, moving picture cameras and any other equipment to cover League Matches and Play-Off Matches in accordance with any Commercial Contract.
- I37 Where possible, the representatives of the press shall be located within one area of the ground and with an unobstructed view of the field of play.

Defaulting Clubs

- I38 If any Club defaults in making payment of any sum or sums due to the Company and/or to another Club the Board shall be entitled to apply any sums which, including in terms of Rules and/ or the Articles, would otherwise be payable to the defaulting Club by the Company in discharge of any debt due by such Club in default to the Company and/or such other Club in such manner as the Board shall determine.
- I39 If, in the opinion of the Board, there are grounds to believe that a Club may not fulfil or be able, on the basis of information available to the Board, to fulfil all or any of its fixture obligations in Official Matches in the course of a Season then the Board may withhold, retain and/or defer payment of any sums which would otherwise be payable and/or be expected to be paid by the Company to such Club until such time as the Board is satisfied that such fixture obligations have or will be fulfilled.
- I40 The Board may require interest to be paid to the Company and/or to such other Club by such a Club in default on such a sum or sums so due and the balance or balances from time to time outstanding until paid in full, at the rate of 2% above the base lending rate of the Bank of England as same may vary from time to time compounded on the first day of each calendar month and the Board shall be entitled to apply any sums which, under these Rules, would otherwise be payable to the defaulting Club by the Company in discharge of any interest so payable by such Club in default to the Company and/or such other Club in such manner as the Board shall determine.
- I41 Any application, order, direction and/or requirement made in terms of Rules I38, I39 and/or I40 shall be without prejudice to any sanction in relation to such default otherwise imposed in terms of these Rules.

Expert Determination

- I42 In the event that these Rules provide for a dispute arising hereunder to be determined by Expert Determination, such dispute shall be referred to an Expert (who shall have appropriate experience and skill in relation to the matter in dispute) to be appointed by the President for the time being, whom failing the deputy or vice president, of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.
- I43 An Expert Determination shall be deemed to commence on the date of acceptance of appointment by the Expert.
- I44 The Expert shall forthwith intimate in writing the commencement of an Expert Determination to the Board and all of the Clubs.
- I45 The Expert so appointed shall decide all disputes referred to him as an Expert and not as an arbiter.
- I46 The Expert shall determine the procedure to be adopted for determination of the

matter in dispute subject always that he shall ensure that the Board and all of the Clubs each have a full, fair and equal opportunity to state their position in the Expert Determination and to respond to the position adopted by others, prior to the Expert making his determination. The Expert shall be under an obligation to take all representations and information made and/or provided to him by the Board and/or the Clubs into account when reaching his decision.

- I47 The Expert shall adjudicate on the matter for determination by him and shall issue his decision in a written reasoned form, dealing with each of the issues of fact and/or law arising during the course of the Expert Determination, within three months of the commencement of the Expert Determination
- I48 The costs and expenses of and incidental to a referral to an Expert and the costs and expenses of the parties shall be borne in such manner and in such proportions as the Expert shall determine.
- I49 Unless all parties to a dispute agree in writing, any representations or concessions made by any party in, or in connection with the proceedings before an Expert shall be without prejudice to such parties' rights and shall not be raised by any other party in any other legal proceedings.
- I50 The Law of Scotland shall apply to any Expert Determination and the Courts of Scotland shall have exclusive jurisdiction to determine any dispute or difference in connection therewith.
- I51 Nothing in these Rules or the Articles shall prevent any Club or the Board aggrieved at the decision of the Expert in an Expert Determination from seeking to have that decision judicially reviewed in the Court of Session.

Definitions and Interpretation

- I52 The following words and terms shall (unless the context otherwise requires) have the following meanings:

“British Isles” means the United Kingdom of Britain and Northern Ireland and Ireland;

“Excess Impact” means, in respect of any Season, that the aggregate Commercial Revenues received and to be received by the Company from Radio Transmission and Transmission will be less than 95% of the aggregate Commercial Revenues, which the Company would have received from such Radio Transmission and Transmission were it not for Other Transmission by Clubs, except pursuant to Commercial Contracts, of moving pictures of League Matches and Play-Off Matches played during or, in the case of Play-Off Matches immediately after that Season;

“Expert Determination” means determination in accordance with the procedure and by the person or persons appointed in accordance with Rule I42 and “Expert”

shall be construed accordingly;

“Other Transmission” means any broadcast or transmission of sounds and/or moving pictures and/or commentary upon any League Match or Play-Off Match which is not Radio Transmission and/or Transmission not consisting solely of the storage and distribution of recorded sounds and/or pictures in tangible form whether such broadcasting or transmission is on a live or recorded basis in whole or as excerpts or clips;

“Radio Transmission” means any terrestrial or satellite, analogue, digital or otherwise radio broadcast or transmission of sounds and/or commentary upon any League Match or Play-Off Match not consisting solely of storage and distribution of recorded sounds in tangible form whether such radio transmission is on a live or recorded basis in whole or as excerpts or clips; and

“Transmission” means any terrestrial or satellite broadcast or transmission of television of moving pictures of any League Match or Play-Off Match or cable relay of such broadcast or transmission or inclusion of such moving pictures in a cable programme service not consisting solely of the storage and distribution of recorded pictures with or without sound in tangible form whether such broadcast or transmission is on a live or recorded basis in whole or as excerpts or clips.

- I53 Wherever the term “moving pictures” is used it means moving pictures with or without sound.
- I54 Wherever the term “rights, facilities and properties” is used this includes, but is not limited to, all contractual and property (whether tangible or intangible) rights all rights in and relating to intellectual property including all rights held by way of license, all image and other similar rights held in respect of Players and all rights of access to databases and database rights generally.

J Inquiries, Commissions, Adjudications and Appeals

Adjudication of Disputes

- J1 If any dispute or difference, the method of resolution of which is not otherwise expressly provided for in these Rules, shall arise between a Club and a Player, the Board or, if the Board so decides, a Commission, shall, upon application to the Board made by either party, consider and adjudicate upon the matter. The determination of such dispute or difference and any award made by the Board, or as the case may be Commission, shall, subject to any appeal to the Judicial Panel in terms of Section J of these Rules, be binding on the Club and the Player.
- J2 The Club or Player may request a personal hearing prior to determination of an adjudication, in which case the Player may be represented by a person of his choice. The Club and/or the Player may also be legally represented at any such hearing.
- J3 Either the Club or the Player may appeal to the Judicial Panel in terms of this Section J of these Rules against the determination of and any award made by the Board or, as the case may be, Commission, in an adjudication.

Power of Inquiry and Determination

- J4 The Board and, where appointed by the Board, a Commission, shall have the power of inquiry into all financial, contractual and other arrangements within, between and/or amongst Clubs and Players and all matters concerning compliance with the Financial Disclosure Requirements and into all matters constituting or pertaining to any suspected or alleged breach of or failure to fulfil the Rules or Regulations by any Club, Official and/or Player or any matter considered by the Board or, where appointed by the Board, a Commission, to be relevant to an Adjudication or an Appeal and every Club and Official and Player shall be liable to and shall afford every assistance to the Board or, as the case may be Commission, as may be requested or required of it or him.
- J5 Subject to Rules J6 and J7, the Board and, where appointed by the Board, a Commission, shall (i) have the power of determination as to whether there has been a breach of and/or failure to fulfil the Rules or Regulations and in Adjudications and Appeals; and (ii) may exercise such of the powers set out in Rules J16 and J17 as it shall think appropriate.
- J6 In the case of an alleged breach of and/or failure to fulfil Rules H33 and/or H34 only a Commission shall have the power of determination as to whether there has been a breach of and/or failure to fulfil those Rules and only a Commission following such a determination may exercise the powers set out in Rules J16 and J17
- J7 Where the Board determines to bring disciplinary proceedings alleging a breach of and/or failure to fulfil Rules H33 and/or H34 the Board shall appoint a Commission to determine whether there has been a breach of and/or failure to fulfil Rules H33 and/or H34 and to exercise such of the powers set out in Rules J16 and J17 as the

Commission shall think appropriate.

- J8 The Board and, where appointed by the Board, a Commission, may require the attendance of any Official, Player and/or other person at any meeting of the Board or a Commission and/or the production to the Board or a Commission of any books, letters and other documents or records whatsoever and howsoever kept relating to or concerning any matter in relation to which the Board, and where appointed by the Board, a Commission, have the power of enquiry or determination in terms of Rules J4 and J5 respectively.

The Panel

- J9 The Board shall from time to time establish and maintain the Panel of such persons as it may consider appropriate to appoint to be a member of a Commission.
- J10 The Panel:-
- J10.1 may include members of the Board; and,
- J10.2 shall include such number of legally qualified persons whom the Board may appoint to sit as a chairman of a Commission and other persons as The Board shall consider appropriate.

Commissions

- J11 Any matter, in respect of which the Board has the power of enquiry in terms of Rule J4 and/or determination in terms of Rule J5, may be dealt with, where appointed by the Board, by a Commission
- J12 A Commission shall comprise not less than three members of the Panel and any decision of a majority of them, subject to the rights of appeal to the Judicial Panel in terms of this Section J of these Rules, shall be final and binding. Where the Board appoints a Commission it shall also appoint one of the Commission members to be the chairman of the Commission. The chairman of the Commission must be independent of the parties involved. In the case of a matter concerning Unacceptable Conduct or an allegation of same, the chairman of the Commission must be an advocate or solicitor of not less than 10 years standing.

Rules of Procedure

- J13 The Board may from time to time approve Rules of Procedure governing the conduct of proceedings prior to, of and before the Board or a Commission.
- J14 Every Commission, Club, Official and Player shall comply with any Rules of Procedure approved by the Board.
- J15 Rules of Procedure shall be deemed to be additions to these Rules and to which Rules B4, B5 and B6 shall apply.

Powers of the Board and Commissions

J16 Upon determining that a breach of or failure to fulfil the Rules or Regulations has been established, the Board or, as the case may be, a Commission may:-

- J16.1 give a warning as to future conduct;
- J16.2 give a reprimand;
- J16.3 impose a fine;
- J16.4 annul the result of an Official Match;
- J16.5 order that an Official Match be replayed;
- J16.6 impose a deduction of points;
- J16.7 award an Official Match (with such deemed score as it thinks appropriate) to a Club;
- J16.8 order the playing of an Official Match or Matches behind closed doors;
- J16.9 order the closure of all or part of a Stadium for such period and for such purposes as it thinks appropriate;
- J16.10 order the playing of an Official Match or Matches at such Stadium as it thinks appropriate;
- J16.11 order the relegation of a Club to a lower Division and make such consequent orders as to promotion as it shall think appropriate;
- J16.12 subject to Rule J18, order that a Club be expelled from the League;
- J16.13 withdraw or withhold the award of a title or award;
- J16.14 order any Club, Official or Player to pay compensation to any Club, Player, person or party;
- J16.15 order any Club, Official or Player to comply with any obligation or direction;
- J16.16 cancel or refuse the Registration of any Player Registered or attempted to be Registered;
- J16.17 order that a Club concerned be debarred from Registering Players for such period as it thinks appropriate;
- J16.18 order that any person, persons or group of persons be prohibited from attending at such Official Match or Matches and for such period as it thinks appropriate;

- J16.19 make such other direction, sanction or disposal, not expressly provided for in these Rules, as it shall think appropriate; and/or
- J16.20 make such order as to expenses, including the expenses of the Board and/or, as the case may be, Commission and/or other party, as it thinks appropriate.
- J17 When imposing a direction, sanction or disposal the Board or, as the case may be a Commission, may apply such number and combination of the directions, sanctions and/or disposals provide for in Rule J16 as it thinks appropriate, may make such provision for time to comply with any one or more of same as it thinks appropriate, may defer for such period or until such event as it shall think appropriate the decision on or imposition of a sanction or sanctions and shall be entitled to suspend the effect of any such direction, sanction or disposal for such period and/or on such conditions as it thinks appropriate.
- J18 The expulsion of a Club from the League shall not take effect unless and until it is sanctioned by a resolution passed at a General Meeting of the Company in accordance with the requisite majority specified in the Articles.
- J19 In the case of an Adjudication or an Appeal, the Board or, as the case may be, a Commission, may exercise any of the powers in Rules J16.14, J16.15, J16.19 and/or J16.20 as it shall think appropriate in order to deal justly with the matter before it for determination.

Decisions

- J20 The Board or a Commission determining that there has been a breach of or failure to fulfil the Rules, imposing any penalty on any Club, Official or Player, or when determining an Adjudication or Appeal shall inform in writing each party of any such determination as soon as is reasonably practicable thereafter.
- J21 The Board may determine what, if any, publicity is to be given to a decision of the Board or a Commission.
- J22 Decisions of the Board or a Commission when or in connection with inquiring into and/or determining a matter in terms of Rules J4, J5 and/or J6 shall, subject to any right of appeal to the Judicial Panel in terms of Section J of these Rules, be final and binding.

Appeal to the Judicial Panel

- J23 Any Club or person who or which is the subject of an adverse determination by the Board or a Commission and the Company in the case of a determination by a Commission may, unless the Rules expressly state otherwise and provided the Judicial Panel Protocol provides for a right of appeal to the Judicial Panel, appeal against such determination in accordance with the Judicial Panel Protocol.
- J24 The procedures for lodging an appeal to the Judicial Panel and the powers of the

Judicial Panel in relation to such appeals shall be as set out in the Judicial Panel Protocol.

- J25 Where a right of appeal is validly exercised to the Judicial Panel the Board or, as the case may be, a Commission shall provide the appellant and the Judicial Panel with written reasons for the decision appealed against.

Representation

- J26 A Club, Official or Player appearing before the Board or a Commission may be represented by a solicitor or counsel or by such other representative as it or he may determine.

The Board

- J27 In this Section J of the Rules reference to the Board includes reference to any committee of the Board or person or persons exercising any delegated authority of the Board, whether in terms of the Articles or otherwise, and/or appointed by the Board to discharge any function of the Board.

Advice

- J28 The Board and, where appointed by the Board, a Commission, may seek and obtain such legal and/or other advice and assistance as the Board or Commission shall consider appropriate in relation to or concerning any matter in which the Board or a Commission has the power of inquiry in terms of Rule J4 and/or determination in terms of Rule J5 and Rule J6.

K Miscellaneous

Confidentiality

- K1 Each Director shall not disclose (and shall use all reasonable efforts to prevent the publication or disclosure) in any way or form and at any time to any person, firm or company any Confidential Information save to employees or Directors of the Company and no Director shall use such Confidential Information for its or his own purposes nor for any purposes other than those of the Company.
- K2 Each Club and Director shall not after ceasing, as the case may be, to be a member of the Company or Director, without the authority of the Board, make or keep possession of copies of any documents memoranda or other media on which any Confidential Information is recorded or stored.
- K3 The restrictions contained in Rules K1 and K2 shall cease to apply to information or knowledge, which may come into the public domain otherwise than by way of breach of the Rules.
- K4 Each Director shall, without prejudice to any and all other duties and obligations thereby arising, on his being appointed a Director be deemed to have accepted to be bound by the terms of Rules K1 and K2.

Scottish FA Council

- K5 The Company shall be entitled to nominate representatives to serve as members of the Council of the Scottish FA in accordance with the Scottish FA Articles.

Dual Interests

- K6 The provisions regarding dual interests in the Scottish FA Articles shall apply to the Clubs and Members.

APPENDIX 1

Code of Practice for Use of Giant Screens

- 1 This Code of Practice is designed to guide and provide a framework within which clubs may use Giant Screens for the benefit of enhancing spectators' entertainment at football grounds in Scotland.
- 2 The aim of the Code is to ensure that such Screens are used in a responsible manner by the Home Club, do not impact on the playing of the match, do not undermine the authority or affect the role of the Match Officials in the Match and do not encourage or incite any form of crowd disorder.
- 3 This Code of Practice may only be amended with the approval of the Company in General Meeting.
- 4 The Screens may only be located in a position with a ground, which does not interfere with the playing of a match within the ground in question or cause any distraction or interference to players and/or Match Officials.
- 5 The Home Club shall appoint a competent person or persons who shall act on such club's behalf in editing the pictures and sound to be transmitted via the Screen(s) and the Home Club shall be responsible for all actions of the person(s) appointed for this purpose. It shall be incumbent on the Home Club to ensure that the competent appointed person(s) are made aware of the requirements of this Code of Practice and ensure compliance at all times.
- 6 The following provisions govern the actual use of the Giant Screens:-
 - (a) "Live" action may be shown during the course of the match being played. Action replays are permitted during the course of play, and highlights, showing only the positive aspects of the match, may be shown at half-time and full-time.
 - (b) A Club wishing to show "live" action from a match being played outwith its stadium must seek the prior written consent of the Board, and such consent shall be given on such terms and conditions as the Board may decide.
 - (c) No replays of any negative or controversial incidents may be shown, including actions of any player or official which may be capable of being considered as inciting the spectators or bringing the game into disrepute. Likewise, it shall not be permissible to replay pictures and/or sound of any incidents or matters which may highlight or bring into question the competence or judgment of any Match Officials.
 - (d) No pictures or sound from those occupying the Technical Area may be shown.

- (e) The Screens shall not be used for any purpose, which might be deemed to criticise, undermine or in any way damage the reputation, standing or authority of any Director, Official or Player of any Club, representative of the Scottish FA or League or of any Match Official. Clubs utilising such Screens shall do so in a responsible manner and shall not permit the transmission of any material via the Screen(s) which is capable of bringing the game into disrepute, offending public decency or is capable of inciting misbehaviour or disorder amongst spectators.
- (f) No League copyright material may be transmitted without the prior written consent of the Board.
- (g) In the event of the match within the stadium being the subject of title or competition sponsorship, then no material relating to a competing brand or company within the same product category or its associates may be screened without the prior written consent of the Board.

APPENDIX 2

Code of Practice for Use of LED Perimeter Boards

1. Introduction

With the introduction of LED perimeter boards, the Company has developed this Code of Practice to enable clubs to develop their commercial activities whilst maintaining the integrity of the sport for the players and spectators. The aim of this Code of Practice is to ensure that the use of LED perimeter boards do not impact upon the playing of the match, do not undermine the match officials and do not encourage or incite Unacceptable Conduct.

2. Awareness

The home club should appoint a competent person or persons to edit the visuals displayed on the LED perimeter boards and shall be responsible for their actions. The home club should ensure that the appointed person(s) are aware of these guidelines.

3. Offensive comments

No comment/display of an offensive nature may be shown at any time either pre, during or post match. This would include any graphics which may be deemed to criticise, undermine or damage the reputation of any Club, Player, Match Official, the Company, the League or the Scottish FA. No material should be transmitted which is capable of bringing the game into disrepute, offending public decency or is capable of inciting any form of Unacceptable Conduct.

4. Unacceptable Perimeter Board Usage

The key premise is that the advertising movement must not distract from the match.

The following examples of visuals should not be used during a match.

- Continuous horizontal movement
- Video footage – e.g. television footage/live action
- Comments related to the match action or decisions made by the match officials

In-game betting messages are however permitted during the game.

Non-confrontational goal flashes are also permitted during the match.

5. Sporting Integrity

Penalty Kicks

All perimeter boards must be frozen at the point the ball is placed in the penalty spot. The boards shall remain static until 10 seconds after the penalty is either scored or saved or until the ball is out of play.

Red/Yellow Cards

Clubs may not use the issuing of red and yellow cards as commercial opportunity e.g. "This red card is sponsored by....."

Free Kicks

Where a wall of more than one man is erected for a free kick then the boards should be frozen.

Incidents in the match

Clubs/commercial partners may not refer to specific incidents in the match which may be viewed as contentious. For example a "Goal" flash would be acceptable however a derogatory comment relating to players and/or match officials would be unacceptable.

Opposition

There shall be no deliberate attempt to distract the opposition at any time through the use of perimeter board displays. For example altering brightness, speed, flash bursts during set pieces such as free kicks and corner kicks.

6. Safety Issues

The perimeter board structure must be built and installed in such a way that complies with all the stadium safety regulations and the Laws of the Game.

7. Commercial Integrity

Brightness

Brightness must only be altered for consistency not affect. No brand can be advantaged or disadvantaged by the use of light.

APPENDIX 3

Financial Disclosure Requirements

1. Clubs entitled for the time being eligible to participate in the Premiership and the Championship are required to comply with Criteria (a)(i) 8.4, 8.11 and 8.12 to the Gold or Silver Standard in Part 2 – National Club Licensing, Section 8 – Legal, Admin, Finance and Codes of Practice Criteria; and (ii) UEFA Ref. Arts. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51 and verification where applicable 52 in Part 3 – UEFA Club Licensing, Section 5 - The UEFA Club Licensing Criteria of the Scottish FA National Club Licensing Manual; and (b) Clubs entitled for the time being eligible to participate in any other Division and Candidate Clubs are required to comply with Criteria (i) 8.4, 8.11 and 8.12 to the Entry Level Standard in Part 2 – National Club Licensing, Section 8 – Legal, Admin, Finance and Codes of Practice Criteria for Entry Level Clubs in The Scottish Football Association National Club Licensing Manual; (all “the Criteria”), all as from time to time amended, varied or supplemented by the Scottish FA, as if the requirements of the Criteria applied to provision of the copies, documentation, and information set out in the Criteria required to be made out and satisfied to the Company on the same basis and to the same extent as the Criteria require to be made out and satisfied to the Scottish FA.
2. By not later than 31 March in each Season each Club and Candidate Club must prove to the satisfaction of the Board that no Compensation, Development Contribution or any other sum was due or had become due and had not been paid in full to any other Club during the 12 month period prior to the immediately preceding 31 December.
3. For all purposes in relation to the Criteria Candidate Clubs in relation to any Season are to be treated as a Club and are required to comply and to have made out and satisfied the Company with respect to the Criteria as if, for the Season in which each of them became a Candidate Club for promotion in respect of the following Season, it was a Club in membership of The Scottish Professional Football League.
4. Subject to paragraph 6 of this Appendix 3, all copies, documentation, verification and information required to be submitted to the Company pursuant to these Financial Disclosure Requirements shall, unless the Board determines otherwise, be given by or on behalf of a Club and a Candidate Club to the Secretary. The Board may determine that it will not be necessary for a Club and a Candidate Club to give such copies, documentation, verification or information to the Secretary but instead to make same or any part of same available for inspection at a specified place. In the event that the Board determines that copies, documentation, certification or information is to be made available at a specified place then same shall be made available to such person or persons as may be designated by the Board or the Secretary on behalf of the Board by or on such date or dates and in such form as the Board or the Secretary on behalf of the Board may specify.
5. Subject to paragraph 6 of this Appendix 3, notwithstanding that the Board or the

Secretary on behalf of the Board may have required copies, documentation, verification or information to be available for inspection at a specified place it shall be open to the Board or the Secretary on behalf of the Board, at any time and any circumstances, to require that such copies, documentation, verification or information shall be sent in such form as the Board or the Secretary on behalf of the Board may specify to the Secretary.

- 6.1 With respect to Future Financial Forecasts (“Forecasts”) referred to at F.06 in section 8 of the Scottish FA National Club Licensing Manual the provisions of this paragraph 6 will apply.
- 6.2 Subject to a Club or a Candidate Club exercising its option to provide a Forecast to the Company by means of the Alternative Process provided for in paragraph 6.7 of this Appendix 3, all Forecasts will be sent to the Company by Clubs by secure postal or other delivery method or by hand. Forecasts shall be contained in sealed envelopes and shall be addressed to “The Secretary” and shall be marked “Private and Confidential – Addressee Only”.
- 6.3 Forecasts will be reviewed only by the Secretary and/or his nominated accounting and/or legal advisers.
- 6.4 The Secretary shall provide an oral report to the Board where information from or relating to a Forecast is required to be communicated to the Board. A Forecast will not be copied to or be available for inspection by any member of the Board.
- 6.5 All Forecasts provided to the Company in accordance with this Appendix 3 will remain under the control of the Secretary. Forecasts will be held in a locked box within the Company safe. The Secretary will be the only person with access to the locked box. Clubs are entitled, on giving reasonable notice, to inspect the secure method of retention of any Forecast provided by them in accordance with this Appendix 3.
- 6.6 Any Forecast provided by a Club in accordance with this Appendix 3 will, unless required for ongoing matters in relation to this Appendix 3, be destroyed within two years of receipt of such Forecast by the Secretary. The Secretary will advise the relevant Club in writing of the destruction of a Forecast so provided to the Secretary.
- 6.7 A Club and a Candidate Club shall be entitled to notify the Secretary in writing that where it has been required in terms of this Appendix 3 to provide a Forecast that such provision will take place at the offices of the Club concerned. Such written notification, in order for it to be effective, must be given to the Secretary before the date on which the Club or Candidate Club concerned has been required to provide such a Forecast. In such circumstances the Secretary and/or his accounting and/or his legal advisers will attend at the premises of such Club or Candidate Club to review the Forecast at the Club’s premises. Where a Club has exercised such option it must confirm in writing to the Secretary that it will retain the Forecast and make it available for future inspection by the Company Secretary and/or his nominated

accounting and/or legal advisers until the Club receives notification in writing from the Secretary that the Forecast may be destroyed by the Club or Candidate Club.

7. The Board may require fulfilment by a Club or the Candidate Club with all or any part of the Criteria and/or the provision of copies, documentation, verification and/or information as may be required by the Criteria notwithstanding that The Scottish Football Association may not have required same.
8. In the Criteria all references to the Club Licensing Committee shall be treated as references to the Board and all references to The Scottish Football Association shall be treated as references to the Company. Words and phrases defined in the Criteria shall, where the context so admits, have the same meaning in this Appendix 3.

APPENDIX 4

Code of Conduct for Under 19 Players ("the Code of Conduct")

Name of Club.....("the Club").

Address of Club.....

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Name of Player.....("the Player")

Date of Birth of Player.....

Address of Player.....

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Prior to signing this Code of Conduct and Registering the Player, full discussion has taken place and agreement has been reached between the Club, the Player and, for Players aged under 16 years, the Player's parents/guardians as to the educational, technical and match programme to be provided by the Club.

The Player has the potential to become a footballer at the highest level in Scotland and will be Registered as a Player by the Club.

Both the Player and, for Players aged under 16 years, the Player's parents/guardians understand that the Club is committed to the Player's wellbeing, future development and realisation of potential, but that the level of achievement ultimately reached cannot be guaranteed.

In Registering the Player, the Club, the Player and the Player's parents/guardians if appropriate agree to the following Code of Conduct.

The Club agrees to provide

- A safe environment in which the Player can learn and develop without fear of abuse
- Medical screening, monitoring and support for the Player
- A structured football learning programme, appropriate to the age, ability and growth of the Player
- Participation in football matches arranged or approved by the Company and/or Scottish FA
- Trained, screened and qualified coaching and other staff and facilities as determined by the Rules and / or the Scottish FA Youth Initiative Regulations from time to time
- Guidelines to the Player, and if appropriate his parents/guardians, on the best ways for him / them to contribute to the Player's football and personal development

- Educational support (in conjunction with the Player's school if he is still at school) to ensure the continued academic and personal development of the Player
- Regular communication and reports to the Player, and if appropriate his parents / guardians, on the Player's progress
- A code of conduct and rules of the Club

The Player agrees to

- Attend the Club regularly and punctually, behave with self-discipline and give notice of and reason for any absence
- Practice the techniques and skills taught by the Club and attempt to apply them in matches
- Participate in matches away from the Club only as authorised in advance by the Club
- If still at school, attend school regularly and punctually, complete school assignments and behave at school as at the Club
- Follow a lifestyle appropriate to development – spending time positively; eating, drinking, relaxing and sleeping sensibly
- Adhere to the Club's code of conduct and rules

If appropriate (Players under 16 years of age), the parents/guardians agree to

- Encourage and help the Player meet targets, including this Code of Conduct and the code of conduct and rules of the Club
- Support the Player without pressure, praise good work and refrain from criticising lapses
- Set a good example to the Player
- Respect the opportunity given to the Player and not approach or permit any other person to approach any other club about the Player during the currency of the Player's Registration
- Communicate with Club staff, keeping them informed about matters affecting the Player
- Permit the Player to play only in football matches with the Club or authorised in advance by the Club
- Adhere to the Club's code of conduct and rules

The Club, the Player and, if appropriate, the Player's parent/guardian understand that following the Player's Registration by the Club, Development Contribution (or other reimbursement of training costs) may be payable to the Club by any other club that in the future acquires the Player's Registration. The Player and the Player's parent/guardian have been provided with the current Development Contribution amounts.

We, the undersigned, agree to this Code of Conduct

Name..... Signature.....
(on behalf of the Club)

Date.....

Name..... Signature.....
Player

Date.....

Name..... Signature.....
Parent/Guardian, if appropriate.

Date.....

APPENDIX 5

Media Co-Operation Requirements

- A. At every League Match and Play-Off Match which is televised or in respect of which moving pictures are to be recorded by or on behalf of the Company, Home Clubs are required to:
- (i) grant access to reporters, technicians, cameramen, interviewers and others working with or for television, radio and other broadcast media partners with which the Company has a Commercial Contract for the purposes of Section I of these Rules or who are working under a contract with and for the Company to the tunnel and trackside area prior to kick-off for the purpose of approaching Players and Club Officials on the football management and coaching staff of Clubs for interviews during this period (N.B. the decision whether to speak to such media remains with the individuals themselves and Clubs may require that any interview requests are directed through their PR or operations staff) and ensure that branded backdrop boards provided by or on behalf of the League are suitably located for such interviews; and
 - (ii) make reasonable provision for the representatives of the Visiting Club's official website.
- B. At every League Match and Play-Off Match which is televised or in respect of which moving pictures are to be recorded by or on behalf of the Company, Clubs are required to:
- (i) ensure that all television and other interviews in front of a camera recording moving images for broadcast take place in front of the branded backdrop boards provided by or on behalf of the League;
 - (ii) ensure that its Players participate in the pre-match "League Handshake" and for live televised matches allow at least one cameraman pitch access for the duration of the handshake; and
 - (iii) make available at least one Official on the football management or coaching staff of the Club and at least one Player who Played in the match for interview after the match within 30 minutes of the final whistle, giving priority to broadcast media partners of the Company with which the Company has a Commercial Contract for the purposes of Section I of these Rules who are broadcasting live (N.B. the League's media guidelines to Clubs that post-match interviews should take place within 10 minutes of the final whistle).

APPENDIX 6

SPFL - Division Membership for Season 2013/2014

The Premiership

Aberdeen Football Club
Celtic Football Club
Dundee United Football Club
Heart of Midlothian Football Club
Hibernian Football Club
Inverness Caledonian Football Club
Kilmarnock Football Club
Motherwell Football Club
Partick Thistle Football Club
Ross County Football Club
St Johnstone Football Club
St Mirren Football Club

The Championship

Alloa Athletic Football Club
Cowdenbeath Football Club
Dumbarton Football Club
Dundee Football Club
Falkirk Football Club
Hamilton Academical Football Club
Livingston Football Club
Morton Football Club
Raith Rovers Football Club
Queen of the South Football Club

League One

Airdrie United Football Club
Arbroath Football Club
Ayr United Football Club
Brechin City Football Club
Dunfermline Athletic Football Club
East Fife Football Club
Forfar Athletic Football Club
Rangers Football Club
Stenhousemuir Football Club
Stranraer Football Club

League Two

Albion Rovers Football Club
Annan Athletic Football Club
Berwick Rangers Football Club
Clyde Football Club
East Stirlingshire Football Club
Elgin City Football Club
Montrose Football Club
Peterhead Football Club
Queen's Park Football Club
Stirling Albion Football Club

Annex

Regulations of The Scottish Professional Football League Limited

These Regulations are not part of the Rules but are printed here for convenience

Regulations 1

Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations.

Introduction

1. Any capitalised word or phrase used in these Regulations which is defined in the Articles or Rules of The Scottish Professional Football League and which is not defined in these Regulations has the defined meaning ascribed to it in the Articles or Rules.
2. Where in these Regulations reference is made to a Regulation number the reference is to a Regulation of these Regulations.

Registration

3. An application for a Player to be Registered or to change Status must be made, in the case of Professional Registration, by submitting to the Secretary a fully completed and executed Contract of Service for the Player concerned and, in the case of Amateur Registration or change of Status, by submitting to the Secretary a fully completed written application in the form specified from time to time by the Board and must, in all cases, if issued to the Player concerned, be accompanied by a copy of the Player's Player Passport. In the case of Amateur Registration or change of Status the form used must be fully completed with all required details and signed by the Player and Club concerned prior to submission to the Secretary. The Board may determine in the case of Amateur Registration to accept as an application for Amateur Registration a fully completed copy of the form or forms

then in use by the SFA for the registration of amateur players submitted to the SFA.

4. The Secretary shall, subject to these Regulations, Register:-
 - 4.1. Players as either a Professional Player of a Club or as an Amateur Player of a Club; and
 - 4.2. any change in the Status of a Registered Player.
5. Every Relevant Player (as defined in Rule 139.1 of the Scottish Football League) shall be deemed to have become automatically Registered, with appropriate Status, immediately upon his Club having become a member of the League.
6. The Registration of every Player of a Club shall automatically cease upon his Club ceasing to be a member of the League
7. Subject to Regulations 9 and 80, the Secretary shall Register Players only during two Registration Periods in the period from the day after the last day of a Season until the last day of the immediately succeeding Season. Subject to Regulation 8, the first such Registration Period shall commence after the last day of each Season and before the first day of the immediately succeeding Season and the second shall occur in the middle of the Season and otherwise the Board shall determine the commencement and termination dates of Registration Periods.
8. The Board may alter, after determination in accordance with Regulation 7, the date of commencement and/or termination of a Registration Period.
9. The Board may at any time, subject to such conditions, if any, as the Board considers appropriate, direct the Secretary to Register a Player and/or permit a Player to Play in an Official Match. In considering an application in terms of this Regulation 9 the Board shall, in an appropriate case, have regard to any relevant FIFA regulations and guidance relating to the registration of professional players who were not party to a Contract of Service on the last day of the immediately preceding Registration Period.
10. Subject to Regulation 9, a Player may not be Registered on more than three

occasions from 1st July in any one year until 30th June in the immediately succeeding year.

11. Unless the Board shall, in order to ensure the integrity of the competition, exceptionally determine otherwise, and on such conditions and for such Official Match or Matches as the Board may specify, a Player who becomes Registered to a Club on or after 1st April in any Season shall not be eligible to Play in an Official Match for that Club until the commencement of the succeeding Season.
12. A Player may not be Registered as a Professional Player and an Amateur Player or for more than one Club at the same time.
13. A Professional Player may not be Registered as an Amateur Player within 30 days of having Played as a Professional Player.
14. The Secretary shall not, unless otherwise directed by the Board, Register an Under 19 Player as an Amateur Player if the Player concerned has, during the period of 12 months immediately preceding the date, on which the Player would otherwise be Registered, been Registered to another Club as an Amateur Player and such other Club has not consented in writing to such Registration. If such other Club delays or refuses to give such consent the Board may, on application being made to the Secretary in writing by the Club seeking to make the Registration or the Player, direct the Secretary to make the Registration notwithstanding the absence of such consent. A Club shall not seek to make the payment of any sum or the receipt of any benefit in kind a condition of the giving of such consent. The Board may make it a condition of the Secretary giving effect to any such direction that the Club to whom the Player is to be Registered first pay a Development Contribution to the Club for whom the Player was last Registered.
15. Notwithstanding the other provisions of these Regulations, an Under 19 Player may not be Registered nor may his Registration be renewed unless there is first submitted to the Secretary a fully completed and signed Code of Conduct for Under 19 Players in relation to that Player. A new fully completed and signed Code of Conduct for Under 19 Players must be submitted to the Secretary on each occasion

on which an Under 19 Player is Registered or, as the case may be, on each occasion on which his Registration is renewed.

16. Clubs must submit to the Secretary a fully completed and signed Code of Conduct for Under 19 Players for each Under 19 Player Registered to them on or prior to 1st May 2013 by not later than 31st December 2013 and, subject to the terms of this Regulation, in the event that a fully completed and signed Code of Conduct for Under 19 Players is not submitted to the Secretary in relation to an Under 19 Player by 31st December 2013 then the Registration of that Player shall terminate on the last day of Season 2013/2014. The Board may, on the written application of a Club to the Secretary made on or before 31st December 2013 and on cause shown, extend the time or waive the requirement for submission to the Secretary of a fully completed and executed Code of Conduct for Under 19 Players in relation to an Under 19 Player who was Registered to that Club on 1st May 2013 and whose Registration was not renewed between 1st May 2013 and 31st December 2013.

Eligibility

17. A Club participating in an Official Match must ensure that those of its Players Playing in the match are eligible to Play in such match.
18. A Player must be aged 16 years or more to be eligible to Play for a Club in League Matches and Reserve League matches.
19. Any Club Playing an ineligible player in a League Cup Match (as determined in accordance with the Scottish Professional Football Competition Regulations) will be liable to such penalties as may be imposed in accordance with the League Cup Regulations.
20. Any Club Playing an ineligible Player in an Official Match and the Player concerned shall be in breach of the Rules and these Regulations.
21. If a Player Plays, whilst subject to suspension by the SFA and/or the League from participating or being named as a substitute in an Official Match, the Club and the Player concerned shall be in breach of the Rules and these Regulations.

Delivery of Contracts of Service

22. A Club must deliver the executed originals of all Contracts of Service and amendments and/or extensions to Contracts of Service and all other agreements providing for payment, other than for reimbursement of expenses actually incurred, between that Club and Player, to the Secretary, within fourteen days of such Contract of Service or other agreement being entered into, amended and/or, as the case may be, extended.

Submission to Jurisdiction

23. By permitting himself to be Registered, a Player shall be deemed to have submitted himself to the jurisdiction of the Company and the Board and to have agreed to adhere to, comply with and be subject to the Rules, these Regulations and any decisions, sanctions and/or penalties imposed by and/or determined in accordance with the Rules and to have agreed to comply with the statutes and regulations of FIFA and the articles of association and regulations of the SFA.

Playing in matches

24. A Registered Player must not, except with the prior consent of the Board and the Club to which he is Registered, play Football for any other Football club in any competition or except with the prior consent of the Club to which he is Registered, train with such other Football club.
25. A Player shall not be Registered where there is any restriction or condition, howsoever arising except as provided in these Regulations, as to when, against whom or on what terms the Player concerned shall or shall not Play.

Club Authorised Persons

26. Each Club shall, prior to the commencement of each Season, notify the Secretary in writing of the person or persons authorised by the board of that Club to execute documents required to be executed by that Club until the commencement of the next succeeding Season for the purposes of the Rules and these Regulations.

27. Clubs may, from time to time, notify the Secretary in writing of any changes in such authorised persons made by the board of that Club. The Secretary shall accept only documents and others signed on behalf of Clubs by persons so authorised.

Lists of Registered Players

28. On or before 1st March and 1st October in each year the Secretary shall publish the names of all Registered Players as at 1st February and 1st September respectively in that year, the Clubs to which each of them are Registered and, whether a Player is Registered as a Professional Player or as an Amateur Player.

Expedited Registration

29. If a Club wishes to Register a Player as a matter of urgency copies of the application for Registration and Player Passport and, except in the case of an Amateur Player, his executed Contract of Service may be sent electronically to the Secretary. Subject to confirmation being given in writing or electronically by the Secretary that the Player has been Registered, the Player shall be eligible to Play for the Club concerned in Official Matches for which Registration is required.
30. The originals of such documentation must be submitted by the Club concerned to the Secretary not more than fourteen working days after Registration, failing which the Registration shall be liable to be cancelled by the Board and/or the Club concerned shall be liable to such sanction, including deduction of points and/or fine, as the Board may consider appropriate.

Priority of Registration and Multiple Contracts of Service

31. In the event of a Professional Player entering into Contracts of Service relating to the same period or part of a period with two or more Clubs, priority of submission of a Contract of Service in accordance with Regulation 3 shall determine to which Club he shall be Registered. The Secretary shall notify any Club or Clubs subsequently seeking to Register such Player of his prior Registration.
32. A Player entering into a Contract of Service whilst still subject to another such

contract with a different Football club and/or a Club inducing a Player to enter into such a contract in such circumstances shall be liable to be dealt with as the Board may think appropriate.

33. Outwith a Registration Period a Club may, for a player who is not party to a Contract of Service for a period and subject to there having been no infringement of Regulation 49, submit a Contract of Service, with such player for such period, to the Secretary outwith a Registration Period and it shall be dated as received on the date of such receipt by the Secretary but if the player concerned is not, at the time of such submission, Registered to that Club then, subject to Regulation 9, the player concerned may not be Registered to that Club until the first day of the immediately succeeding Registration Period.

Termination of Registration and Subsequent Playing Restrictions

34. The Registration of a Professional Player shall terminate on receipt by the Secretary of a written request to that effect, countersigned by the Player concerned, from the Club to which he is Registered.
35. The Registration of an Amateur Player shall terminate on the receipt by the Secretary of a written request to that effect from the Club to which he is Registered.
36. The Registration of a Professional Player shall terminate on the expiry of the term, without renewal, extension or replacement, duly notified to the Secretary, of his Contract of Service.
37. Subject to the terms of this Regulation 37, where the employment of a Professional Player by the Club to which he is Registered has been terminated in accordance with his Contract of Service the Player may, by giving fourteen clear days written notice to the Secretary, copied to the Club to which he is Registered, terminate his Registration. The Club to which he is Registered may, within fourteen days of receipt of the copy of such notice, notify the Secretary in writing and copied to the Player, that the Club concerned objects to the termination of the Registration of

the Player. The only valid reasons for such objection are that the Player's employment under his Contract of Service shall not have terminated or that termination of the employment by the Player shall not have been in accordance with the terms of the Player's Contract of Service. In the event of the Club validly objecting in accordance with this Regulation 37 the Board shall determine whether, when and on what terms and conditions, if any, the Registration of the Player shall terminate.

38. Any Player who is released from his Contract of Service by his Club on the grounds of permanent total disability from Playing or training for Football and whose Registration is terminated, shall not, except with the approval of the Board, subsequently be Registered to any other Club.
39. Any Player whose Club has received a permanent total disablement payment from any League Personal Accident Insurance Scheme (or any similar predecessor or replacement scheme applicable to the League, Clubs and/or Players) in respect of that Player and whose Registration is terminated, and any Player who has applied for and received grant assistance from The Scottish Footballers' Benevolent Trust Fund (or any similar fund applicable to the League, Clubs and/or Players) and whose Registration is terminated, shall not, except with the approval of the Board, subsequently be Registered.
40. The Registration of an Amateur Player who is not an Under 19 Player shall, unless renewed by a written agreement between the Player and the Club concerned by means of a form specified from time to time by the Board and delivered to the Secretary prior to 30th June in any year, terminate on 1st July immediately following.
41. Without prejudice to Regulation 42, Registration of an Amateur Player who is an Under 19 Player may be renewed annually by the Club concerned giving written notice to the Player of the continuation of his SFA registration in accordance with the procedures of the SFA and a copy of such notice being sent to the Secretary.
42. The Registration of an Amateur Player who is an Under 19 Player and who has

reached the required age shall subsist and, as the case may be, continue and be renewed, for a period of up to three complete Seasons and their respective immediately succeeding Close Seasons, by the Club concerned giving written notice to the Player of the continuation of his SFA registration in accordance with the procedures of the SFA and a copy of such notice being sent to the Secretary.

43. For the purposes of Regulation 42 the required age shall be 15 or where the 15th birthday of the Player concerned shall fall during the first of the three complete Seasons during which the Player is to be Registered, the required age shall be 14.
44. Notwithstanding the terms of this Regulation 44, if an Amateur Player is registered by the SFA as a non-recreational player registration-youth (or any replacement equivalent) and if such SFA registration shall lapse or be cancelled in accordance with the procedures of the SFA, then, unless the Player shall be registered on any other form of amateur registration by the SFA, the Amateur Registration of the Player shall, unless otherwise determined by the Board, terminate or, where the relevant requirements of this Regulation have been complied with, be converted into a Professional Registration.
45. The Board may terminate the Registration of a Player where, after consulting with the Club and Player concerned, the Board is satisfied that the Player's association as a Player with the Club concerned has permanently terminated and there are no continuing claims between the Club and Player concerned.
46. The Registration of a Player shall continue unless or until terminated in accordance with these Regulations.

Notification to Secretary of Termination of Contract of Service and non-renewal of Registration

47. A Club shall forthwith notify the Secretary in writing of:-
 - 47.1. any Professional Player whose Contract of Service expires where the term of such contract has not been extended or the Player has not been re-engaged on a replacement contract or whose employment is otherwise terminated; and,

- 47.2. if the Registration of any Amateur Player expires without it being renewed.
48. The names of Players notified by Clubs to the Secretary in accordance with Regulation 47 during the 12 months preceding 31st May in each year shall, as soon as reasonably practicable after that date, be communicated simultaneously in writing to all Clubs by the Secretary.

Approach to, by or in Relation to Registered Players

49. Except during the last 6 months of the term of a Player's Contract of Service, no Registered Player may be approached, either in person or through or by an agent or other third party, by or on behalf of another Club with a view to that Player entering into a Contract of Service with and/or becoming a Player of that other Club without the permission in writing of the Club for which the Player is Registered being first obtained.
50. Any infringement of Regulation 49 shall be a breach of the Rules and these Regulations and shall be dealt with by the Board or, if the Board considers appropriate, a Commission, which shall be entitled to take such action and impose such penalties and compensation, including, without limitation, fines, against the, Club, Official or Player concerned, compensation to any other Club, as it may, in the circumstances, think appropriate. Any such penalty may include a prohibition on Registration, for the Club guilty of the infringement, of any Player or Players for such period as may be determined.
51. A statement by or on behalf of a Club, Official or Player of that or their Club's interest in a Registered Player of another Club shall be deemed to be an approach for the purposes of Regulations 49 and 52.
52. Any approach to a Player either in person or through or by an agent or other third party, by or on behalf of another Club with a view to that Player entering into a Contract of Service with and/or becoming a Player of that other Club during the last 6 months of the term of a Player's Contract of Service must first be notified in writing by the Club making the approach or on whose behalf the approach is made,

to the Player's then current Club.

53. A Registered Player shall not directly or indirectly, whether through or by any third party, communicate with or approach any Club or other Football club or any Official or Player of a Club or other Football club with the object of seeking, negotiating or arranging the transfer of himself or another Player to any Club or other Football club.
54. Any infringement of Regulation 53 shall be a breach of the Rules and these Regulations and shall render the Player concerned and any third party who enters into communication or negotiation with him liable to such penalties and award of compensation, by way of fine, suspension, compensation to any Club or other Football club, or otherwise as the Board or a Commission may think appropriate in the circumstances.

Press, Media and Players

55. A Registered Player may, with the consent of the Club to which he is Registered, participate in a responsible manner in radio or television programmes, on-line and other broadcasts, media recordings, permit his picture to be taken, write or inspire books, newspaper or magazine articles, or endorse commercial products, providing that:-
- 55.1. in so doing he shall not breach his Contract of Service or any other contract between himself and the Club to which he is Registered, the Articles or the Rules; and,
- 55.2. a Player, in undertaking such activities, shall not use any Club's name, badge, emblem, strip or other indicia of such Club, without the prior written consent of the Club.

Contracts of Service

56. All Contracts of Service between Clubs and Professional Players must be for a term of:-

- 56.1. not less than the period until the next first day of a Registration Period; and
- 56.2. not more than five years and the unexpired portion, if any, of any Season during which such contract was entered into.
57. All Contracts of Service between Clubs and Players must be in writing, fully completed and in a form approved, from time to time, by the Board.
58. No Player may receive any payment, benefit or consideration of any description from or on behalf of a Club in respect of that Player's participation in Football or in an activity connected with Football, other than in reimbursement of expenses actually incurred or to be actually incurred in Playing or training for that Club, unless such payment is made in accordance with a Contract of Service between that Club and the Player concerned.
59. No Player may receive any payment, benefit or consideration of any description except from or on behalf of the Club to which he is Registered in respect of that Player's participation in Football or in an activity connected with Football.
60. If an agent or agents shall have been involved in the negotiation and/or conclusion of a Contract of Service of a Player or an extension or amendment to same such agent or agents must be identified by name and business address and the amount of all commissions, fees and other sums (exclusive of any taxes) paid by any Club or Clubs in relation to such Contract of Service of a Player or extension or amendment to same must be stated in the document or documents constituting such contract, extension or amendment.
61. An Amateur Player may not be a party to a Contract of Service providing for the playing of or training for Football with a Club.
62. The League shall treat the details of all Contracts of Service as confidential.

Suspensions, Fines, Termination of Contracts of Service - Notification to League

63. All suspensions, fines and notices of termination of Contracts of Service imposed on or given to a Player by a Club must forthwith be reported, in writing, to the

Secretary and the SFA by the Club concerned and such notification must be accompanied by a copy of any notice served on the Player.

Contract of Service with Option

64. It shall not be permissible for any Club to include in the Contract of Service of a Player entered into prior to the Player's 23rd birthday an option entitling the Club to renew or extend the term of such contract without the consent of the Player.

Conflict between Rules and Regulations and Player's Contract of Service

65. If there is any conflict or inconsistency between any provisions of the Rules and/or these Regulations and any Player's Contract of Service in relation to any matter concerning a Club and one or more of its Players, the provisions of the Rules and, as the case may be, these Regulations shall prevail and apply to such matter.

Transfer of Players

66. The full terms and conditions of the transfer of or payment of Compensation, compensation and/or fee in relation to a Player, which involves the Registration of that Player, must be set out in writing and reported to the Secretary. Copies of all financial and other agreements, no matter how informal, relating to the transfer of such Player must be submitted to the Secretary before that Player may be Registered.
67. When two Football clubs, at least one of whom is a Club, exchange Players with no monetary consideration, and there exists, in a previous transfer agreement relating to one or both Players, a provision that another Club is due a percentage or share of an onward transfer fee, the clubs exchanging Players must place a financial valuation on the respective Players. This valuation must be agreed in writing between the clubs concerned and submitted to the Secretary, in order that a calculation can be made of the percentage of that valuation or amount otherwise calculated due to the other club.
68. Should a Club, which is entitled to benefit financially from a Player's onward

transfer, dispute the valuation placed on any Player in an exchange situation, or, should the Board consider that any such valuation may not be a true reflection of such Player's worth, a Compensation Tribunal will determine the value of or appropriate Compensation for the Player concerned.

69. Where an agreement relating to a transfer between two clubs, at least one of whom is a Club, makes provision for the payment of further sums on the happening of a specified event, (e.g. after the Player has made a certain number of first team appearances or scored a certain number of goals) the transferee shall forthwith inform both the League and the transferor that such specified event has occurred. The transferee shall, at the same time, pay to the transferor the further sum(s) referred to in the agreement.
70. The Company shall treat the details of all transfers as confidential.
71. If a Club is in default of payments due to another Club under a transfer agreement or in relation to Compensation, such defaulting Club shall pay interest calculated on a daily basis at a rate of 5% per annum over the base rate from time to time of The Governor and Company of the Bank of Scotland to the other Club, and the Board may place an embargo on any further Registrations by such defaulting Club until such time as the agreement is honoured or, as the case may be, paid.
72. Any Club which, in the opinion of the Board, unfairly traffics or deals in the Registration of any Player or otherwise abuses in any way the Registration, transfer, or Compensation systems shall be dealt with as the Board may determine.
73. It is not permitted for a transferor Club to stipulate when or against whom a Player so transferred may or may not Play and any such stipulation in any agreement or other document shall be void.
74. If an agent or agents shall have been involved in the transfer of a Player to a Club such agent or agents must be identified by name and business address and the amount of all commissions, fees and other sums (exclusive of any taxes) paid by any Club or Clubs in relation to that transfer must be stated in the financial and

other agreements setting out the terms of such transfer.

Temporary Transfers

75. Subject to these Regulations, the temporary transfer of a Player and his Registration shall be permitted from and to Clubs in membership of the SPFL and/or a Football club in membership of any other league, providing the rules of such other league so permit.
76. Subject to Regulation 81, the term of a temporary transfer of a Player to a Club must be at least until the first day of the immediately succeeding Registration Period.
77. The full terms and conditions of the temporary transfer of a Player must be set out in writing and copied to the Secretary by the Club or, where appropriate, Clubs concerned prior to the commencement of the term of the temporary transfer.
78. Subject to Regulations 81 and 86, a Club (i) shall not during any part of a Season have more than four Players Registered to it on the basis of temporary transfers and of those Players not more than one shall not be an Under 21 Player and (ii) shall not at any time have more than one Player Registered to it on the basis of a temporary transfer from another Club for the time being in the same Division as itself and not more than two Players Registered to it on the basis of a temporary transfer from another Club for the time being in another Division from itself and if it should be the case that a Club shall have more than one Player Registered to it on the basis of a temporary transfer from a Club in the same Division as itself the Registration of the Player most recently Registered to it from that other Club in the same Division shall immediately terminate.
79. Subject to Regulations 81 and 86, the maximum permitted number of temporary transfers to any Club from 1st July in any year to 30th June in the following year is five.
80. In the case of a Player who is to be temporarily transferred from a Club in the Premiership to a Club in another Division, the Clubs concerned may, in the written

agreement constituting the terms on which the Player shall be temporarily transferred entered into prior to the commencement of the term of the temporary transfer, provide that the temporary transfer of the Player shall cease on a specified date that does not fall within a Registration Period and, in that event, on the expiry of the term of the temporary transfer the Secretary shall, notwithstanding Regulation 7 but subject to Regulation 11, Register the Player.

81. The Board may, in exceptional circumstances, permit the Registration of a goalkeeper on the basis of a temporary transfer at any time and for such period as the Board may determine.
82. During the term of a temporary transfer, the Player concerned may not, without the consent in writing of the transferor Club, Play for the transferee Club in either the League Cup or Scottish Cup.
83. Where the temporary transfer of a Player to a Club becomes permanent the transferee Club shall forthwith advise the Secretary in writing and the Player concerned shall then no longer be counted for the purposes of Regulation 78.
84. In the case of a temporary transfer it shall not be permitted to stipulate when or against whom, the Player temporarily transferred may or may not Play and any such stipulation in any agreement or other document shall be void.
85. Except where Regulation 83 applies, on the expiry of the term or other termination of a temporary transfer, the Registration of the Player concerned shall automatically revert to the transferor club.
86. Regulations 79 and 80 shall not have the effect of imposing any limit on the number of Players a Club shall be permitted to have Registered to that Club at any time or over any period of time on the basis of a temporary transfer where such temporary transfer has required in order to take place the issue of an International Transfer Certificate in accordance with the FIFA Regulations for the Status and Transfer of Players and all such Players for whom such certificate was so required shall not count towards the limits specified in Regulations 79 and 80 on the numbers of

Players who may be so Registered to a Club at any time or over any period of time.

87. During the term of a temporary transfer, the Player concerned may not take part as a Player in the starting 11 or as being named as a substitute for the transferee Club in a League Match against the transferor Club.

Trialists

88. Trialists are not under any circumstances eligible to Play for a Club in a League Match in the Premiership and the Championship or League Cup Match. For the purposes of this Rule Official Matches do not include League Matches in the Premiership and the Championship or League Cup Matches. No more than two Trialists may Play for a Club in any one Official Match. A Trialist shall, subject to compliance with the Rules, be permitted to Play as a Trialist in a maximum of three Official Matches in any one Season for any one Club. A Club intending to Play a Trialist in an Official Match must give notification in writing to the Secretary of such intention and such notification must specify details of the relevant player's name and address, place and date of birth, previous club for which he last played (if any), previous club to which he was last registered (if any) and the country in which he last played.

Regulations 2

THE SCOTTISH PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. DEFINITIONS

- 1.1. Any capitalised word or phrase used in these Regulations which is defined in the Articles or Rules of The Scottish Professional Football League and which is not defined in these Regulations has the defined meaning ascribed to it in the Articles or Rules.

Throughout these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1.1.1. **“The Secretary”** means the Secretary, his nominee or temporary replacement or substitute for the time being of The Scottish Professional Football League;
- 1.1.2. **“Competition”** means The Scottish Professional Football League Cup.
- 1.1.3. **“Home Club”** means the Club on whose ground the Competition match should be or should have been played, or where ground sharing is in operation or the Clubs play at a neutral venue, the Club whose name appears first;
- 1.1.4. **“Visiting Club”** means the Club which should play or should have played any Competition match on the ground of the Home Club;
- 1.2. Wherever the term “rights, facilities and properties” is used in these Regulations this includes, but is not limited to, all contractual and property (whether tangible or intangible) rights all rights in and relating to intellectual property including all rights held by way of license, all image and other similar rights held in respect of Players and all rights of access to databases and database rights generally.
- 1.3. Where in these Regulations reference is made to a Regulation number the reference is to a Regulation of these Regulations.

2. **NAME**

- 2.1. The Competition shall be known as The Scottish Professional Football League Cup. The Board may from time to time re-name the Competition in terms of any sponsorship, broadcasting and/or affiliation agreement or agreements which may be concluded.

3. **CONTROL OF THE COMPETITION**

- 3.1. The day to day control and administration, organisation and management of the Competition shall be vested in the Board.

4. **LEAGUE CUP FORMAT AND DISLOCATION OF MATCHES**

The Competition shall be contested by all Clubs of The Scottish Professional Football League.

- 4.1. In the event that five Clubs qualify for UEFA Competitions in any Season, those five Clubs will be exempt from playing in the Competition until the Third Round. In any Season where fewer than five Clubs qualify for UEFA Competitions the number of exempt Clubs shall remain at five and the Clubs qualifying for the UEFA Competitions shall be augmented by the next highest placed Club or Clubs in the League at the end of the preceding Season.
- 4.2. For the First Round, the thirty lowest placed Clubs of the League at the end of the preceding Season, which are not participating in the UEFA Competitions, will play a single tie on the ground of the first named Club. This Round will be “seeded” and the “seeds” will be the fifteen highest placed Clubs at the end of the preceding Season. The fifteen winning Clubs will qualify to play in the Second Round.
- 4.3. For the Second Round, the next seven lowest placed Clubs of the League at the end of the preceding Season will be inserted into a ballot with the winners from the First Round. This Round will be “seeded” and the “seeds” will be the eleven highest placed Clubs in the League remaining in the Competition at the end of the preceding Season. Those Clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first

named Club. The eleven winning Clubs will qualify to play in the Third Round.

- 4.4. For the Third Round, the five Clubs which are participating in the UEFA Competitions, together with the eleven Clubs qualifying from the Second Round, will then be inserted into a ballot. This Round will be “seeded” with the Clubs occupying the eight highest placed Clubs in the League remaining in the Competition at the end of the preceding Season being “seeded”. These Clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first named Club. The eight winning Clubs will qualify to play in the Fourth Round.
- 4.5. In the event that six Clubs qualify for UEFA Competitions, those six Clubs will be exempt from playing in the Competition until the Third Round.
- 4.6. For the First Round, the thirty-two lowest placed Clubs of the League at the end of the preceding Season, which are not participating in the UEFA Competitions, will lay a single tie on the ground of the first named Club. This Round will be “seeded” and the “seeds” will be the sixteen highest placed Clubs at the end of the preceding Season. The sixteen winning Clubs will qualify to play in the Second Round.
- 4.7. For the Second Round, the four lowest placed Clubs of the League at the end of the preceding Season will be inserted into a ballot with the winners from the First Round. This Round will be “seeded” and the “seeds” will be the ten highest placed Clubs in the League remaining in the Competition at the end of the preceding Season. Those Clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first named Club. The ten winning Clubs will qualify to play in the Third Round.
- 4.8. For the Third Round, the six Clubs which are participating in UEFA Competitions, together with the ten Clubs qualifying from the Second Round, will then be inserted into a ballot. This Round will be “seeded” with the Clubs occupying the eight highest placed Clubs in the League remaining in the Competition at the end of the preceding Season being “seeded”. These Clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first named Club. The eight winning Clubs will qualify to play in the Fourth Round.

- 4.9. For the Fourth Round in either event, the eight winning Clubs will be inserted into an “unseeded” ballot. These Clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first named Club. The four winning Clubs will qualify for the Semi-Final Round.
- 4.10. For the Semi-Final Round, the four winning Clubs will be inserted into an “unseeded” ballot and each Semi-Final Tie shall be a one match tie played on a date and venue decided by the Board. The two winning Clubs will qualify for the Final Tie.
- 4.11. In the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Semi-Final Rounds, if the scores are equal at the end of the ninety minutes, an extra thirty minutes will be played and, if still undecided, the winner shall be ascertained by taking kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by the International Football Association Board.
- 4.12. The Final Tie will be contested on a date and time and at a venue decided by the Board.
- 4.13. In the event of the Final Tie resulting in a draw, an extra thirty minutes will be played and, if still undecided, the winner shall be ascertained by taking kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by the International Football Association Board.
- 4.14. All ties will be played as directed by the Board.
- 4.15. The half time interval shall be of fifteen minutes duration.
- 4.16. Dislocation of League Cup Matches, from any cause whatever, shall be immediately reported to the Secretary by the Club(s) concerned, and it shall be the duty of the Home Club in each instance to notify immediately the appointed Match Officials of such dislocation.
- 4.17. The Home Club must similarly advise the Match Officials as soon as possible of all relevant details concerning the re-arrangement of the dislocated match.
- 4.18. Any Club without just cause failing to fulfil its fixture obligations in respect of a League Cup Match on the appointed date or dates shall be liable to be disqualified and/or subject to such other sanction as the Board may determine.

- 4.19. The Club failing to fulfil its obligations under this Regulation shall be liable to pay compensation to the Company and to the opposing Club for any expenses actually incurred as a direct result of the failure. The amount of compensation will be decided by the Board.
- 4.20. It is the responsibility of the Home Club to ensure that a qualified medical practitioner, or failing which, a qualified paramedic, is in attendance throughout each League Cup Match.

5. **SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS**

- 5.1. A Club may at its discretion use three from up to five nominated substitutes. In the event that five substitutes are nominated, one of their number must be a goalkeeper.
- 5.1.1. The substitution can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission.
- 5.1.2. The substitute Players must be nominated in accordance with this Regulation 5 and in any case prior to the commencement of the game.
- 5.1.3. Not more than three substitutes from each Club shall warm up on the pitch perimeter at any one time.
- 5.2. Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of Players participating in any League Cup Match (including the names of the nominated substitutes) to the referee and a representative of its opponents in the presence of the referee sixty minutes before the advertised time of kick-off.
- 5.3. Any Club failing to carry out these provisions will be dealt with at the discretion of the Board.
- 5.4. Any substitutions during the match must be recorded by the Club on the substitution slips and handed to a Match Official prior to each substitution taking place.

- 5.5. Should any nominated Player or substitute sustain an injury or due to extenuating circumstances be unable to participate after the submission of the list of Players to the referee and prior to kick-off, he may be replaced at the discretion of the referee provided the opponents are informed prior to kick-off. Any alterations made to a completed list of Players pursuant to Regulation 5.2 must be formally endorsed in writing by an Official and signed by the referee as evidence of his consent pursuant to this Regulation 5.5.

6. **TROPHY**

- 6.1. The winners of the League Cup shall hold the trophy and when it is handed over to the winner, that Club shall return same to the Secretary if and when required and in any case prior to the commencement of the next Season's Competition in the like good order and condition in which it was received.
- 6.2. It shall be the responsibility of the winning Club to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club.
- 6.3. The winners and runners-up in the Competition will receive such awards as the Board may decide.
- 6.4. The Board has full discretion to refuse to present a Player of a participating Club with an award (including a medal, trophy, token or other form of prize), which represents their achievement as runner-up and to which they would otherwise be entitled to receive, at any time after the official presentation of such award if the Player refused or failed to collect the award at the appropriate time of its presentation.

7. **ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS**

- 7.1. Players taking part in the Competition must be Registered.
- 7.2. No Club shall play, or list as a named substitute, any Player who, in the same Season, has already Played for another Club in the Competition.
- 7.3. It shall be the responsibility of each Club participating in the Competition to ensure

that its Players are eligible to Play in any League Cup Match. If a Player participates in a League Cup Match, such Player being ineligible to Play in the League Cup Match as a result of his suspension by The Scottish Football Association or for any other reason, the Club for which the Player participates in the League Cup Match shall be liable to such penalty as the Board may decide.

- 7.4. Any Club infringing this Regulation may be disqualified from the Competition and the tie awarded to its opponent and/or be subject to such other sanction as the Board may determine.

8. **ADMISSION MONIES AND SHARE OF GATES**

- 8.1. In all rounds of the Competition, excluding the Semi-Finals and Final Tie, the Board Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission or the actual minimum admission price, whichever is the greater for adults, juveniles and senior citizens shall, after deducting 15% by the Home Club, be divided equally between the two Clubs participating in each tie. Prior to the commencement of the Competition in each Season, the Board shall fix the Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission. The share of admission money in terms of this Regulation must be paid to the Visiting Club within ten days of the date of the relevant League Cup Match. Any Club failing to pay, detail or return as before provided, or any Club failing immediately to report non-payments of receipts due to it, shall be dealt with as the Board may think fit.
- 8.2. Any Club wishing to charge less than the Board Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission must obtain the consent of its opponents prior to the match taking place and the agreed admission prices shall be divided as provided in Regulation 8.1.
- 8.3. In all rounds of the Competition, excluding the Semi-Finals and Final Tie, Clubs shall only be entitled to deduct a limit of 10% of the total number of spectators admitted to the League Cup Match in the Competition subject to such limit not exceeding 1,000 persons. The numbers in excess of this figure must be returned in the gross gate and divided in the ratio of 75% adult, 25% juvenile and senior

citizens of the Board Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission with the Visiting Club.

- 8.4. Payment for tickets sold by a Visiting Club together with the details of tickets sold, and the return of unsold tickets, must be made to the Home Club within ten days of the date of the League Cup Match taking place. Any Club failing to pay, detail or return as before provided, or any Club failing at once to report non-payments of receipts due to it, shall be dealt with as the Board may think fit.
- 8.5. In each tie in the Semi-Final Round of the Competition, after paying match expenses, 5% of the net receipts will be retained by the League and 20% of the remaining balance will be deducted and paid as ground rent to the respective Clubs which provided the neutral venues. The remaining receipts from both ties shall be pooled and divided equally among the four competing Clubs.
- 8.6. In the Final Tie of the Competition, after paying match expenses, 5% of the net receipts will be retained by the League and 20% of the remaining balance will be deducted and paid as ground rent to the Club which provided the neutral venue. The remaining receipts shall be divided equally between the two competing Clubs. The allowance to be paid to each Club providing a neutral venue shall be calculated on the entire receipts for the Stands, Enclosures and Ground admissions after providing for the aforementioned deductions so far as applicable to such ground.
- 8.7. In the Semi-Final and Final Ties, payments for tickets sold by each competing Club together with details of tickets sold, and the return of unsold tickets, must be made to the League within ten days of the date of the match. The League shall be entitled to offset all TV and sponsorship revenues relating to the Ties due to the Club against all sums due by the Club to the League in terms of this Regulation. Any Club failing to pay any balance due to the League or detail or return as before provided within 10 days of receipt by the Club of said revenues from the League shall pay a penalty of £3,000 to the League together with interest on all sums due to the League and such interest shall be calculated on a daily basis at a rate of 5% per annum over the Bank of Scotland base rate.

9. **DIVISION OF RECEIPTS IN REPLAYED LEAGUE CUP MATCHES**

- 9.1. In the event of any League Cup Tie up to and including the Fourth Round, being unfinished owing to fog or other causes over which neither competing Club has any control, or being ordered to be replayed, the entire gate receipts of the replayed Tie, after deduction of 15% by the Home or ground Club, will be divided equally between the two competing Clubs.
- 9.2. In the event of a Semi-Final Tie being unfinished owing to fog or other causes over which neither competing Club has any control, or being ordered to be replayed, the entire receipts of the replayed Semi-Final Tie, after paying the expenses of the Company in relation to the tie as determined by the Board, shall be pooled and equally divided among the four competing Clubs.
- 9.3. In the event of the Final Tie being unfinished owing to fog or other causes over which neither competing Club has any control, or being ordered to be replayed, the entire receipts at the replayed Final Tie, after deduction of the expenses of the Company in relation to the tie as determined by the Board will be divided equally between the two competing Clubs.

10. **GROUNDRENT-NEUTRALVENUE**

- 10.1. In the event of a neutral venue being used other than in the Semi-Final Rounds and Final Round of the Competition, the Home Club, unless otherwise mutually agreed between the relevant parties, will be entitled to a ground rent of 15% of the League Cup Match revenue based on the entire receipts for the Stands, Enclosures and Ground admissions, less the expenses of the Company in relation to the tie as determined by the Board.

11. **FINANCIAL RECORDS**

- 11.1. All Clubs shall keep detailed financial records and the Board may arrange for an inspection of all such records with particular reference to turnstile arrangements.

12. **MISCONDUCT IN PRE-ARRANGING RESULTS**

- 12.1. Any Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them, offering or receiving whether directly or indirectly any payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement, to or from another Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them or any other person or party other than, in the case of a Official or Player, their own Club under and in terms of their contract of service, to influence the result or any other aspect of a Match in the Competition shall, subject to the terms of these Regulations, be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate. Any Club in any way involved in or concerned, whether directly or indirectly with any such payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement shall be in breach of these Regulations and be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate.

13. **CLUB COLOURS**

- 13.1. When two competing Clubs having the same or similar first choice colours engage in a League Cup Match, the Visiting Club shall play in its second or third choice playing kit which must be different and distinct from the Home Club's first choice playing kit. At least 48 hours prior to all matches in the various rounds of the Competition, excluding the Semi-Finals and Final Tie, the competing Clubs shall establish written contact with each other and the match referee to advise of the exact colours and description of the respective Clubs' playing kits. In the event of a clash of colours on match day and the Visiting Club not having with them their second/third choice registered playing kit, then the Visiting Club will require to play in the Home Club's second/third choice registered jerseys and/or shorts and/or socks.
- 13.2. Both Clubs shall change under similar circumstances, when playing on a neutral ground.
- 13.3. In the event of any dispute with regard to the playing kit to be worn by either Club, the referee's decision shall be final.

- 13.4. Goalkeepers shall wear colours which distinguish them from the other Players and from the referee.
- 13.5. The Players' jerseys and shorts must be clearly numbered and the numbers must be distinct in colour from the remainder of the Players' kit.
- 13.6. The numbers must appear on the back of the Players' jerseys and must be not less than 25 cms. in height. The numbers of the Players' shorts must appear on the leg and must be not less than 10 cms. in height.
- 13.7. Those Players participating in the League Cup Match shall be numbered in accordance with the list handed to the referee before the League Cup Match.
- 13.8. There must be no change of numbers during the League Cup Match except on a change of goalkeeper.

14. **REPORTS OF RESULTS**

- 14.1. Reports of the result of each League Cup Match and attendance statistics on forms provided by the League must be sent by the Home Club to the Secretary within three days after each League Cup Match. Clubs failing to comply, or making any error therein or any omissions therefrom shall pay a fine of such amount as the Board may fix. Team lines for League Cup Matches must be in the hands of the Secretary by 11.00 a.m. on the day following the League Cup Match.

15. **FULL STRENGTH TEAMS TO BE PLAYED IN ALL MATCHES**

- 15.1. Each Club shall play its full strength team in all matches, unless some explanation which is satisfactory to the Board is provided. In the event of the explanation not being deemed satisfactory, the Board shall have power at its discretion to impose a fine.

16. **REFEREES AND ASSISTANT REFEREES**

- 16.1. The Secretary shall keep a List of Referees whose names have been approved by the Board, from which the Match Officials shall be appointed for all League Cup

Matches.

- 16.2. By accepting the appointment for a match, each Match Official shall be deemed to have given any consent which may be necessary for the purposes of Part II of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 or any statutory modification or re-enactment for the time being in force, for the recording and broadcasting of that League Cup Match by or on behalf of the League
- 16.3. The tariff for referees and assistant referees shall be decided by the Board.
- 16.4. The League shall pay the fees and expenses of Match Officials in all League Cup Matches.
- 16.5. The referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all League Cup Matches and each Home or ground Club must take every reasonable precaution to keep its ground in a playable condition.
- 16.6. Referees shall, at the request of the Secretary, or with the consent of the Secretary at the request of either of the competing Clubs, visit the ground on a date and time before the advertised time of kick-off. Referees shall, in these circumstances, adjudicate on the fitness of the ground and take any appropriate decisions and the Home Club and Secretary shall be notified accordingly.
- 16.7. Match Officials shall normally be present at their appointment at least one and a half hours prior to the advertised time of kick-off, in the event of an earlier inspection being required.
- 16.8. By accepting the appointment for a League Cup Match, or to carry out a pitch inspection, each Match Official shall be deemed to accept that he or she is classified as self-employed with regard to accounting for payments due in respect of fees paid to him or her by the Company.
- 16.9. The consent of the referee must be obtained before the kick-off can be altered from the advertised time.
- 16.10. Referees must report late starts and late arrivals of assistant referees or

themselves. Assistant referees who are late must also forward an explanation to the Secretary immediately.

16.11. The Match Officials shall have both teams prepared to enter the field of play together five minutes prior to the kick-off time.

16.12. The referee and assistant referees must report to the Secretary of The Scottish Football Association and the Secretary, all cases of misconduct of Players, Officials or spectators, etc., within three days of the occurrence.

17. **STADIA**

17.1. No League Cup Match shall take place at any stadium where the playing area is covered or partially covered, without the prior written consent of the Board.

17.2. The Board shall have powers to determine reasonable criteria with regard to stadia in respect of each Division consistent with the relevant stadia criteria applicable to each Club in the Rules.

17.3. In the event that a Club, designated by this Regulation elects, or is ordered, to play a scheduled or rescheduled home match at another ground, then this requirement shall likewise apply to such a match.

18. **GIANT SCREENS, LED PERIMETER BOARDS and CLOCKS**

18.1. The Codes of Practice for use of Giant Screens and LED Perimeter Boards at Appendices 1 & 2 shall apply to all matches in the League Cup.

18.2. Clocks in a stadium provided for the purposes of showing the amount of time played may run during the match, provided they are stopped at the end of normal time in each half, i.e. after 45 and 90 minutes respectively. This requirement also applies in the event of extra-time being played (i.e. after 15 minutes of each half).

19. **STADIA AND PLAYING FIELDS**

19.1. Matches shall be played on a natural grass surface or on an artificial surface which complies with the criteria in the Rules and is approved by the Board.

20. **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO CONTRIBUTIONS OF ARTICLES TO NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALS**

20.1. A Player or Official may participate in a responsible manner in radio and television programmes, permit his picture to be taken, write or inspire books, newspaper, match programmes or magazine articles, contribute to a “blog” on the internet, contribute to a social networking or micro-blogging site, or endorse commercial products, providing:

20.1.1. that none of those activities shall in any way infringe the terms of this Regulation 20 or be injurious to the interests of the League, any Club, or an Official of another Club and that none of them shall be in breach of the Rules and Bye Laws of the Scottish Football Association Limited or of the League or Company any other organisation of which those bodies or a Club may be members; and

20.1.2. that the Player or Official in undertaking these activities shall not use the name, badge, emblem or strip of any Club without the prior written consent of the Club and shall procure that the copyright in any photograph or recording making use of the Club’s name, badge, emblem or strip shall vest in the Club as the case may be.

20.2. A referee shall be permitted to discuss points of play related to a League Cup Match strictly in accordance with instructions promulgated by the SFA and approved by the Board from time to time.

21. **ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITING CLUBS**

21.1. Rules I27 to I32 (inclusive) shall apply to the Competition.

21.2. The Home or ground Club shall forward to the Visiting Club complimentary tickets, as aftermentioned, so that they will be in the hands of the Visiting Club on or before the fifth day before the League Cup Match (unless under circumstances which render this impossible) - ten for Directors’ Box, forty for the Stand and fifteen for Players.

- 21.3. No Official or Player of the Visiting Club shall be entitled to enter the Home Club's Ground etc., without a ticket.

22. **PROVISION OF NEW FOOTBALLS**

- 22.1. A new ball of first grade quality shall be used for each League Cup Match. For so long as a ball is provided by the League to any of the participating Clubs, each Home or ground Club must ensure that the ball supplied is the ball used in the foregoing matches.

23. **RESPONSIBILITY OF CLUBS/BEHAVIOUR OF SPECTATORS**

- 23.1. A Club allowing its ground to be used for a League Cup Match in which it is not participating shall take all steps required for and shall enjoy the rights and benefits of a Home Club in relation to its ground for the purposes of Rules H22 to H41 (inclusive).
- 23.2. In the event of a report being made to the Board that the misbehaviour of spectators has had a material effect on the result of a League Cup Match being upheld, the Board may declare the match and result void and order the match to be replayed on such ground and on such date and on such conditions as the Board shall think proper.
- 23.3. In the event of a League Cup Match being abandoned due to a field invasion, the Board shall have power to have the match replayed or to allow the result to stand.
- 23.4. Any such report shall be lodged with the Secretary in writing no later than 5.00 p.m. on the sixth day following the day of the League Cup Match and shall only be considered if made by the referee or by a Club participating in such match.

24. **APPEALS**

- 24.1. Any Club, or Player aggrieved by a decision of the Board in terms of these Regulations shall have the right to appeal to the Judicial Panel in accordance with the Judicial Panel Protocol.

25. **COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- 25.1. In connection with the Competition, the Board shall have power to conclude and administer contracts on behalf of all Clubs with commercial sponsors, broadcasters, publishers and others for the benefit of all Clubs competing in the Competition.
- 25.2. Such contracts shall include, but not be restricted to:
- (a) sponsorship of the League Cup;
 - (b) Transmission, Radio Transmission, Other Transmission and recording by any means of League Cup Matches;
 - (c) commercial exploitation of the League's name, badge, emblem, and trademark in connection with the League Cup; and
 - (d) publications including sound and video recordings relating to the history and fixtures of the League Cup.
- 25.3. The Clubs and each of them agree to centrally pool and market their rights, facilities and properties relating to and concerning, Radio Transmission and Transmission of League Cup Matches for exclusive exploitation by the Company of Radio Transmission and Transmission of League Cup Matches.
- 25.4. Subject that a Club shall not, other than in respect of contracts entered into by the Company relating to Radio Transmission or Transmission of League Cup Matches, be obliged to comply with this Regulation 25.4 if to do so would result in that Club being in breach of a contractual obligation entered into prior to the Board determining to enter into the contract concerned, the Clubs and each of them shall license and otherwise provide to the Company the use of such of their other rights, facilities and properties as may be required by the Company to enable the Company to enter into and/or fulfil the Company's obligations under and in terms of contracts concerning or relating to the League Cup.
- 25.5. The Company shall be entitled for the purposes or contracts entered into or to be

entered into by the Company in relation to the League Cup to sub-license, package or otherwise deal in or with any rights, facilities and properties licensed or otherwise provided to the Company by the Clubs and each of them.

- 25.6. The Company shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights in relation to Other Transmission of League Cup Matches, which would have the object or effect, whether intentionally or otherwise, of preventing or inhibiting the Clubs or any of them from exercising any rights available to them, which they are not expressly prohibited from exercising in terms of these Regulations.
- 25.7. Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the League Cup, each of the Clubs shall in respect of a League Cup Match played at their home ground procure that there shall not be any Radio Transmission and/or Transmission of all or any part of a League Cup Match without the approval of the Board.
- 25.8. The Clubs and each of them shall not by act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted by the Company in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the League Cup in relation to Radio Transmission and/or Transmission or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur.
- 25.9. The Clubs and each of them shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights or generally enter into or accept any obligation in relation to Other Transmission of League Cup Matches which has or would have the effect, whether intended or otherwise, of preventing, restricting or inhibiting the Company from or disadvantaging the Company in competing with the Club or any third party in the Other Transmission of League Cup Matches.
- 25.10. Where a Club shall be involved in the broadcasting and/or transmitting by means of Other Transmission outwith the British Isles of moving pictures of all or any part of a League Cup Match, other than pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the League Cup, it shall use its best endeavours to procure, including by use of legal proceedings at its own instance, that no broadcasting and/or transmission which is or would be prohibited within the British Isles by

these Regulations shall be broadcast and/or transmitted by any person or party, whether with or without the permission of the Club concerned, within, to or which shall be capable of being received in the British Isles.

- 25.11. Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the League Cup, there shall not, without the approval of the Board, be any Other Transmission, within the British Isles, of moving pictures of all or any part of a League Cup Match within any period provided for in a contract entered in to by the Company in relation to or in connection with the League Cup and in any event not, in the case of a League Cup Match played on a Saturday until midnight on the next day and on any other day until midnight on that day.
- 25.12. Clubs may enter into commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements relating to their participation in the League Cup provided Clubs ensure that such arrangements or agreements do not conflict with these Regulations, the Rules and/or any commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements negotiated by the Board on behalf of the Company in relation to or in connection with the League Cup.
- 25.13. All commercial income received by the Company in terms of any contract referred to in this Regulation shall be Other Revenue.
- 25.14. The Company shall not contract in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the League Cup so as to require any Home Club to provide, for central exploitation, more than 12 trackside advertising spaces or equivalent at a League Cup Match.

APPLICATION OF RULES

- 26 Rules G1, G3-5, G7, G9-15, G42-43, G45-48, G50 – G59 ,G61, G69-G78, H1-H18, H22-H46, I1, I33-I37 and Section J (all) shall apply to the League Cup.

27. RESPONSIBILITIES OF CLUBS TO SPONSORS

- 27.1. Subject as aforesaid and without prejudice to the generality of Regulation 25

(COMMERICAL ARRANGEMENTS), each Club must, if required by the sponsor, make available the following services and facilities:

- (a) admit the sponsor to its ground for the purpose of photographing any match;
- (b) subject to Regulation 25.14 of these Regulations, make available perimeter advertising boards in appropriate positions and/or such time and exposure on LED Perimeter Boards all as the Board may determine ;
- (c) acknowledge the sponsor on the cover of the match day programme;
- (d) acknowledge the sponsor in at least one public address announcement prior to the match;
- (e) make available one page of advertising or editorial material in the match day programme;
- (f) provide 10 (or in the case of Semi-Final and Final Ties such greater number as the Board may determine) complimentary tickets and tickets at face value as directed by the Board in terms of any sponsorship agreement or agreements;
- (g) provide suitable hospitality for the sponsors and their guests as directed by the Board in terms of the sponsorship agreement or agreements, and
- (h) provide any other services which the Board may reasonably require to comply with any sponsorship agreements concluded.

THE SCOTTISH PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION

BOARD MINIMUM RECOMMENDED PRICES OF GROUND ADMISSION

The Premiership £18.00 Juveniles and Senior Citizens £12.00

The Championship £12.00 Juveniles and Senior Citizens £6.00

League One £10.00 Juveniles and Senior Citizens £5.00

Regulations 3

The Scottish Professional Football Under 20 League Competition Regulations

A. Eligibility

- A1 All current Premiership Clubs are eligible to and must participate in the SPFL Under 20 League. Championship, League One and League Two Clubs which operate on a full time basis and have maintained a Performance Academy for the three Seasons prior to the Season in relation to which participation is sought are also eligible to participate in the Under 20 League.
- A2 Eligible Championship, League One and League Two Clubs intending to participate in the Under 20 League during the forthcoming Season must advise the SPFL Secretary in writing not later than 1 June [1 July in 2013 only] before the commencement of that Season. Failure to provide such written notification in timely fashion shall mean that a Club will not be eligible to participate in the Under 20 League during the forthcoming Season.

B. Basis of Competition

- B1 Each Club shall comply with and play in the relevant fixtures comprised in the fixture schedule determined by the Board. So far as reasonably practicable the fixture schedule determined by the Board shall require Clubs to play equal numbers of home and away games.
- B2 Three points shall be awarded to the winning Club in each Under 20 League Match which is won and one point to each Club involved in an Under 20 League Match which is drawn.

- B3 At the end of each Season (following completion of all Under 20 League Matches) the Club scoring the highest number of points during that Season shall be declared the Champion Club of the Under 20 League ("the Champion Under 20 Club"). The Club scoring the lowest number of points during that Season shall be declared the last placed Club and the other Clubs in the Under 20 League shall be placed accordingly.
- B4 If any two or more Clubs are equal in points at the end of the Season, the higher placed Club shall be the Club with the larger or largest positive goal difference (or the lower or lowest negative goal difference where appropriate). Goal difference shall be determined by deducting the goals conceded from the goals scored in all Under 20 League Matches played during the Season. In the event of the goal difference being equal, the higher placed Club shall be the Club, which has scored most goals in Under 20 League Matches during the Season.
- B5 If two or more Clubs have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals in the relevant Season and their positions in the Under 20 League have a bearing on deciding which Club is the Champion Under 20 Club then the Clubs concerned shall play-off a deciding Under 20 League Match on a date and at a neutral ground as determined by the Board. Such deciding Under 20 League Match shall be of 90 minutes duration with 30 minutes of extra time and kicks from the penalty mark if necessary. The net gate money in any such play-off match after deducting expenses shall be divided equally between the competing Clubs. Any Club staging a play-off match shall be entitled to charge, as an expense against the receipts of the match, a ground facility fee of 20% of the gross gate receipts after deduction of Value Added Tax.
- B6 If two or more Clubs have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals in the relevant Season but their positions in the Under 20 League do not have a bearing on deciding which Club is the Champion Under 20 Club then the Clubs concerned shall not play-off a deciding Under 20 League Match and shall be deemed to have finished in equal positions for all purposes.

- B7 The Club declared the Champion Under 20 Club shall hold the "SPFL Under 20 League Championship Trophy" until the next Season's Under 20 League competition is concluded. When the winner of the SPFL Under 20 League Championship trophy has been ascertained, the Trophy shall be handed over to the winner who shall return the same to the Company at the League Office not later than 3 weeks prior to the end of the next following Season, in good order and condition and in any event as soon as reasonably practicable following a request from the Board. It shall be the responsibility of the Champion Club to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club.
- B8 The Company shall present to the Champion Under 20 Club, 25 SPFL Under 20 League championship medals for Players, other staff and Club Officials. Only those Players who participated in 25% or more of the Under 20 League Matches for the Champion Under 20 Club in the relevant Season will be eligible to receive such medals.
- B9 Any Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them, offering or receiving whether directly or indirectly any payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement, to or from another Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them or any other person or party other than, in the case of a Official or Player, their own Club under and in terms of their contract of service, to influence the result or any other aspect of a Match in the Competition shall, subject to the terms of these Regulations, be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate. Any Club in any way involved in or concerned, whether directly or indirectly with any such payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement shall be in breach of these Regulations and be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate.

C. Match Arrangements

- C1 The Board shall specify all Under 20 League Match fixtures as soon as practicable prior to the commencement of the Season. Under 20 League Matches shall normally be played on Monday or Tuesday evenings at 7.00 pm, and Clubs so far as reasonably practicable shall be a Home Club on one week and a Visiting Club the next. Under 20 League Matches involving Aberdeen FC, Inverness Caledonian Thistle FC, Ross County FC and any other Club participating in the Under 20 League which has its Home Ground similarly located may be played on Monday or Tuesday afternoons at 2.00 pm. The Board shall have discretion to reschedule any Under 20 League Match as it shall consider appropriate.
- C2 The fixture schedule specified by the Board shall include one blank date each month on which Clubs may arrange friendly matches.
- C3 All Under 20 League Matches shall, unless rearranged on the application of the competing Clubs and with the approval of the Board, or on the instruction of the Board in accordance with these Regulations, be played on the dates and times scheduled at the commencement of the Season. The Board shall have authority to order that any Under 20 League Match be moved from the scheduled date in order to facilitate the re-arrangement of fixtures, provided that, where any proposed re-arrangement has not previously been approved by any Clubs which might be affected thereby, the Board shall consult with and shall take into account any representations made by such Clubs before making any order under this Regulation.
- C3 The appointment of Match Officials shall be the responsibility of the SFA in accordance with the agreement reached between the SPFL and the SFA from time to time.
- C4 A Club shall be entitled to apply to the Board for the postponement of any Under 20 League Match where five or more of its Players are unavailable through international

selection and, following receipt of such an application, the Board may postpone and rearrange the Under 20 League Match.

- C5 The Board shall determine the time of kick-off for all Under 20 League Matches.
- C6 Both teams shall enter the field of play together no later than five minutes prior to the kick-off time, along with the Match Officials.
- C7 In all Under 20 League Matches the half-time interval shall be fifteen minutes.
- C8 All Under 20 League Matches shall be of 90 minutes' duration, with two equal halves of 45 minutes. But any Under 20 League Match that, from any cause whatever, falls short of 90 minutes' duration may be ordered to count as a completed fixture or to be replayed in full as the Board may in its absolute discretion determine.
- C9 All Under 20 League Matches shall be played in compliance with these Regulations and the Laws of the Game.
- C10 The ball or balls to be used in all Under 20 League Matches shall comply with the Laws of the Game and be of a type as shall be specified by the Board from time to time.
- C11 At and during all Under 20 League Matches, the Home Club shall have available for use if necessary a match ball and a sufficient number (being not less than two) of reserve balls, at least one of which shall be an orange or yellow coloured ball.
- C12 Within 2 hours of the end of a Under 20 League Match, the Referee of that Match shall send a Match Report by fax from the ground at which such Under 20 League Match was played to the League and to the SFA containing details of the result of the Under 20 League Match, the participating Clubs' team lists, the substitutes used, cautions and orderings-off, if any and the name of any scorers. The Referee shall

also send a copy of such Match Report by first class post to the SFA and to the League to arrive within 3 working days of the date of the Under 20 League Match.

- C13 No Under 20 League Match shall be postponed except on the instructions of the appointed Referee or pitch inspector or by the Board.
- C14 If a Under 20 League Match is postponed other than by the Board, such postponement shall be reported as soon as reasonably practicable to the Secretary by the Referee concerned and, where it has been postponed with the consent of the Board, it shall be the duty of the Home Club to immediately notify the appointed Match Officials of such postponement.
- C15 In the event of any Under 20 League Match not being played or abandoned or being ordered to be played or replayed, it shall be played on a date and at a time as determined by the Board.
- C16 No Club shall without just cause (as determined by the Board) fail to fulfil its fixture obligations in respect of any Under 20 League Match on the appointed date or dates.
- C17 Without prejudice to any other sanctions, which may be imposed for a breach of these Regulations, any Club failing to fulfil its fixture obligations shall be liable to pay compensation for any expenses necessarily incurred by the opposing Club as a direct result of the failure. The amount of compensation will be at the discretion of the Board which will consider every such case on its merits.

D. Players

- D1 In order to be eligible to play for a Club in the Under 20 League a Player must be Registered to that Club in terms of the Rules and the Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations and, with the exception of over-age Players, meet the definition of an Under 20 Player in the Rules.

- D2 An authorised representative of each Club must provide a written list of the names of up to 18 Players taking part in each Under 20 League Match, including the name(s) of the nominated substitute(s), to the Referee, not less than one hour before the time of kick-off. The list shall indicate the full names, other than Trialists, of Players and shall indicate the colour of the goalkeeper's shirt together with the colour of shirt proposed to be worn by other Players for the Club in the relevant game. The list may include a maximum of two over-age outfield Players, one further over-age outfield Player who had not attained the age of 23 years on or after 31 December in the year prior to the year in which the relevant Season commenced and one over-age goalkeeper.
- D3 In the event that a Club elects to include a Trialist or Trialists in its Under 20 League Match list then the number of over-age Players available for that Under 20 League Match shall be reduced accordingly.
- D4 A maximum of two Trialists may be included in the list of 18 Players taking part in each U20 League Match. An individual may only be included as a Trialist on three occasions by each Club during the Season.
- D5 If any nominated Player or substitute sustains an injury after the submission of the written lists to the Referee and before kick-off, he may be replaced provided that the Referee and opposing Club are informed immediately.
- D6 Only up to three nominated substitutes for any one Club may take part in an Under 20 League Match. A player who has been substituted may not take part in that Under 20 League Match again. The list of 18 Players referred to above must include two recognised goalkeepers, one of whom must start the match.
- D7 No more than three substitutes from each team shall warm up along the pitch perimeter at the same time. Substitutes who are warming up on the pitch perimeter shall wear colours sufficient to distinguish them from those worn by the Players (including goalkeepers) participating in the Under 20 League Match in question.

- D8 The Players' shirts must be clearly numbered on the back and the Players' shorts may be numbered providing that they are clearly numbered on the left hand side at the front and in accordance with the list handed to the Referee before any Under 20 League Match. Any such numbers and letters must be in compliance with the style and conditions approved by the Board.
- D9 One Player for each Club shall be nominated as captain for the Under 20 League Match on the list provided to the Referee and shall wear a distinguishing armband to indicate his status. If the captain for the time being ceases to participate in an Under 20 League Match another Player shall be designated as captain and he shall wear an armband as aforesaid.
- D10 Clubs must play in colours registered by them with the SPFL.
- D11 No Club shall be permitted to play in shirts the colour of which is likely to cause confusion with the outfit worn by the Match Officials. When the colours of two competing Clubs are alike or similar, the Visiting Club shall change to its second choice colours or a combination of its first and second choice colours (or, if applicable, third choice colours) provided that these do not include any of the basic colours of the Home Club.
- D12 The colour of the goalkeeper's shirt must, in all cases, be clearly distinguishable from the colours of the shirts worn by all outfield Players of both participating Clubs in any match and from those of the Match Officials.
- D13 If so determined by the Board, the shirts of all Players in Under 20 League Matches shall carry the League logo and/or, the name/logo(s) of the title or other sponsor of the League, on one or both sleeves, as specified from time to time by the Board.
- D14 The colours of clothing worn by ball attendants must not be likely to cause confusion with the colours of either of the competing Clubs or Match Officials.

- D15 All Clubs shall ensure that any Player in a Under 20 League Match having left the field with a serious head injury in a match played under the auspices of the Company shall not be allowed to resume Playing or training without the clearance of a qualified medical practitioner. The same provision shall apply where a serious head injury is sustained in training.

E. Match Officials and Technical Area Facilities

- E1 Each Club shall provide technical areas in accordance with the Rules, the Laws of the Game and the SFA articles and FIFA.
- E2 The Referee and Assistant Referees for Under 20 League Matches shall be appointed by the SFA.
- E3 The Referee and Assistant Referees must report to the SFA all cases of misconduct of Players, Club Officials or Spectators within three (3) days of the occurrence.
- E4 The gross match fee for Referees and Assistant Referees payable before any deductions shall be as determined by the Board. In the case of postponed matches, half the above fee will be paid to Match Officials who report to the ground.
- E5 Match Officials shall be entitled to claim expenses as determined by the Board.
- E6 Match Officials who inspect grounds as directed by the Board shall be paid a fee as determined by the Board plus expenses (including time lost if applicable).
- E7 No Club or Club Official or other person acting on behalf or in the presumed interests of a Club shall pay or offer to pay a Referee or Assistant Referee more than his proper fee, allowances and railway fare as specified in the Rules.
- E8 Match Officials shall use all reasonable endeavours to be present at the appropriate

stadium at least one and a half hours prior to the advertised time of kick-off. The Referee shall decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and each Club must take every reasonable precaution to keep its ground in a playing condition and, where necessary, shall re-mark the ground during the half-time interval. The Home Club may, where weather or other conditions make it appropriate, require the Referee to visit the ground two hours or more before the scheduled time of kick-off of any Under 20 League Match.

- E9 The Board may require the Referee to complete a report on the condition of the playing surface in a form specified by the Board and approved in writing by the SFA from time to time.
- E10 The football proposed to be used in the game and the replacement balls must be submitted to and approved by the Referee before the commencement of the game.
- E11 In addition to the normal type of ball, an orange or yellow ball which complies in every respect with the requirements of Law 2 of the Laws of the Game shall be available for Under 20 League Matches. The selected ball must be used throughout the match unless otherwise determined by the Referee.
- E12 A referee supervisor may be appointed by the SFA to attend each Under 20 League Match. Clubs must ensure that the referee supervisor is given a prime seat in the main stand and is allowed free access to all areas of the ground.

F. Registration of Ground

- F1 Each Club must register or be deemed to have registered its ground for Under 20 League Matches with the Secretary by not later than 1 July immediately preceding each Season. No Club shall play its Home Under 20 League Matches at any ground other than this ground without first obtaining the written approval of the Board. Once a Club has registered its ground with the Secretary it shall not be required to re-register that ground for each succeeding Season in which it is eligible to

participate in the SPFL Under 20 League but shall be deemed, on a continuing basis, to have registered same on 1 July immediately preceding each such Season. A Club which changes its ground must register its replacement ground with the Secretary in accordance with this Regulation.

- F2 Any Club seeking to register a ground other than an SPFL registered ground may only do so with the permission of the Board; such permission may only be granted following an inspection and satisfactory report by the Company and SFA.
- F3 The SFA will make a financial contribution of £700 to the Home Club for each Under 20 League Match which is played at an SFA Registered Ground (compliant with National Club Licensing). Any Under 20 League Matches which are not played at an SFA Registered Ground will be ineligible for the financial contribution from the SFA.
- F4 Clubs must register their pitch dimensions with the Secretary not later than 1 July prior to the start of each Season. No Club shall alter its pitch dimensions for any Under 20 League Match during a Season unless with the prior written consent of the Board. The Board may at any time require a Club to submit a report from a qualified independent source certifying the pitch dimensions.
- F5 Each Club shall take all reasonable steps to maintain its pitch in good order. The Board may require a Club to take such steps as the Board shall specify if not satisfied that an adequate standard of pitch is being maintained.
- F6 Each Club shall provide, maintain and use in such manner as to ensure its efficient and effective operation an adequate winter pitch protection system. Such systems shall be fully utilised by the Home Club before any Under 20 League Match where there is a reasonable possibility of its pitch otherwise being frozen or covered in snow or ice so as to ensure that the Under 20 League Match is able to take place at the venue and on the date and time scheduled notwithstanding such possibility.

F7 No Under 20 League Match shall be played on a synthetic or artificial grass surface unless such synthetic or artificial grass surface has been approved by the Board.

F8 No Under 20 League match shall take place at any stadium where the playing area is permanently covered or partially covered by a fixed or moveable roof without the prior written approval of the Board after full consultation with all Clubs.

G. General

G1 Any capitalised word or phrase used in these Regulations which is defined in the Articles or Rules and which is not defined in these Regulations has the defined meaning ascribed to it in the Articles or Rules.

G2 Rules G1, G3-5, G7-15, G42-G61, G69-G78, H1-H18, H22-H46, I1, I33-I37 and Section J (all) shall apply to the Under 20 League.

H Commercial Arrangements

H1 In connection with the Under 20 League, the Board shall have power to conclude and administer contracts on behalf of all Clubs participating in the Under 20 League with commercial sponsors, broadcasters, publishers and others for the benefit of all Clubs competing in the Under 20 League.

H2 Such contracts shall include, but not be restricted to:

- a) sponsorship of the Under 20 League;
- b) Transmission, Radio Transmission, Other Transmission and recording by any means of the fixtures in the Under 20 League;
- c) commercial exploitation of the Under 20 League, badge, emblem, and trademark in connection with the Under 20 League; and
- d) publications including sound and video recordings relating to the

history and fixtures of the Under 20 league.

- H4 The Clubs and each of them agree to centrally pool and market their rights, facilities and properties relating to and concerning, Radio Transmission and Transmission of Under 20 League Matches for exclusive exploitation by the Company of Radio Transmission and Transmission of Under 20 League Matches.
- H5 Subject that a Club shall not, other than in respect of contracts entered into by the Company relating to Radio Transmission or Transmission of Under 20 League Matches, be obliged to comply with this Regulation H5 if to do so would result in that Club being in breach of a contractual obligation entered into prior to the Board determining to enter into the contract concerned, the Clubs and each of them shall license and otherwise provide to the Company the use of such of their other rights, facilities and properties as may be required by the Company to enable the Company to enter into and/or fulfil the Company's obligations under and in terms of contracts concerning or relating to the Under 20 League.
- H5 The Company shall be entitled for the purposes or contracts entered into or to be entered into by the Company in relation to the Under 20 League to sub-license, package or otherwise deal in or with any rights, facilities and properties licensed or otherwise provided to the Company by the Clubs and each of them.
- H7 The Company shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights in relation to Other Transmission of Under 20 League Matches, which would have the object or effect, whether intentionally or otherwise, of preventing or inhibiting the Clubs or any of them from exercising any rights available to them, which they are not expressly prohibited from exercising in terms of these Regulations.
- H8 Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Under 20 League, there shall be no and each of the Clubs shall in respect of an Under 20 League Match played at their home ground procure that there shall not be any Radio Transmission and/or Transmission of all or any part of an Under 20 League Match without the approval of the Board.

- H9 The Clubs and each of them shall not by act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted by the Company in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Under 20 League in relation to Radio Transmission and/or Transmission or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur.
- H10 The Clubs and each of them shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights or generally enter into or accept any obligation in relation to Other Transmission of Under 20 League Matches which has or would have the effect, whether intended or otherwise, of preventing, restricting or inhibiting the Company from or disadvantaging the Company in competing with the Club or any third party in the Other Transmission of Under 20 League Matches.
- H11 Where a Club shall be involved in the broadcasting and/or transmitting by means of Other Transmission outwith the British Isles of moving pictures of all or any part of an Under 20 League Match, other than pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Under 20 League, it shall use its best endeavours to procure, including by use of legal proceedings at its own instance, that no broadcasting and/or transmission which is or would be prohibited within the British Isles by these Regulations shall be broadcast and/or transmitted by any person or party, whether with or without the permission of the Club concerned, within, to or which shall be capable of being received in the British Isles.
- H12 Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Under 20 League, there shall not, without the approval of the Board, be any Other Transmission, within the British Isles, of moving pictures of all or any part of an Under 20 League Match within any period provided for in a Commercial Contract and in any event not, in the case of an Under 20 League Match played on a Saturday until midnight on the next day and on any other day until midnight on that day.
- H13 Clubs may enter into commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements relating to their participation in the Under 20 League provided Clubs ensure that such arrangements or agreements do not conflict with these Regulations, the Rules

and/or any commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements negotiated by the Board on behalf of the Company in relation to or in connection with the Under 20 League.

- H14 All commercial income received by the Company in terms of any contract referred to in this Regulation shall be Other Revenue.
- H15 The Company shall not contract in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Under 20 League so as to require any Home Club to provide, for central exploitation, more than 12 trackside advertising spaces or equivalent at an Under 20 League Match.

Regulations 4

THE SCOTTISH PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL RESERVE LEAGUE AND RESERVE LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Any capitalised word or phrase used in these Regulations which is defined in the Articles or Rules of The Scottish Professional Football League and which is not defined in these Regulations has the defined meaning ascribed to it in the Articles or Rules.
- 1.2. Where in these Regulations reference is made to a Regulation number the reference is to a Regulation of these Regulations.
- 1.3. This combination of Clubs shall be known as “The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League”.

2. OBJECTS

- 2.1. The object of The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League (hereinafter “League”) is to provide Competitions at Reserve level for its members and for this purpose it shall make such arrangements as are deemed desirable.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1. Membership shall be open to the Reserve teams of all Clubs of The Scottish Professional Football League.

4. CONTROL

The League shall be governed by The Scottish Professional Football League’s Board (hereinafter “Board”).

RESERVE LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES

5. COMPETITIONS

- 5.1. The Board shall in each Season conduct and control a Competition to be called “The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League” in which all Clubs in the respective Divisions which wish to participate in The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League will play.
- 5.2. Any match which, for any reason, is not completed may be regarded as a completed match or may be replayed for the full 90 minutes, at the sole discretion of the Board.

6. FIXTURES

- 6.1. The format of The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League, the section in which each participating Club shall play and the programme of fixtures shall be decided annually by the Board, taking into account the number of Clubs participating in the Season in question.
- 6.2. The list of fixtures compiled by the Secretary shall be approved by the Board and all Clubs shall be bound to fulfil them as scheduled, except when permission is obtained for a variation.
- 6.3. The dates on which fixtures shall be played shall be arranged by the Board. The hour of kick-off shall be agreed mutually by the Clubs concerned.

7. CHAMPION CLUBS

- 7.1. In the Sectional Competitions, the Club gaining the highest number of points - three points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw - shall be awarded a trophy or other award determined by the Board. If two or more Clubs are equal on points, the winner shall be decided by goal difference. In the event of the goal difference also being equal, the Club scoring the highest number of goals will be deemed the winner. Should the Clubs score the same number of goals, however,

they shall play a deciding game or games in such manner and under such conditions as the Board may decide.

7.2. The winners of The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League will each be presented with a trophy which must be returned when required by the League in like good order and condition in which it was received. The winners in both Sections will also receive such awards as the Board may decide.

7.3. It shall be the responsibility of the winning Clubs to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophies throughout the period when they are held by the Clubs.

8. ADMISSION MONIES

8.1. The Home Club in all matches shall retain the entire gate receipts and pay all necessary expenses in the running of the match with the exception of the Match Officials' fees and expenses, which shall be paid by The Scottish Professional Football League.

9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

9.1. In The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League matches, Clubs may play an unlimited number of Trialists, provided that the Club, where applicable, has sought and obtained the written permission of the player's minor grade club on each occasion that it wishes to play him, and that the player is otherwise eligible to participate in the match.

9.2. Clubs playing a player in these circumstances must indicate the fact by adding the words "not registered" after such player's name and address, place and date of birth, previous club, and the country in which he last played in the list of Players to be handed to the referee prior to the match.

9.3. In The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League, a player may participate as a Trialist in any number of matches, subject to him being otherwise eligible to do so.

9.4. The terms of the Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations with

regard to the eligibility of Players who are temporarily transferred shall similarly apply to The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League.

- 9.5. If a player participates in a Scottish Professional Football Reserve League match, such player being ineligible to play in the match as a result of his suspension by The Scottish Football Association or for any other reason, the Club for which the player participates in The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League match shall be liable to such penalty as the Board may decide.

RESERVE LEAGUE CUP COMPETITION RULES

10. FORMAT

- 10.1. The Board shall organise a Reserve Competition which is open to all Clubs of The Scottish Professional Football League.
- 10.2. The format of the Reserve Competition will be at the discretion of the Board and intimated to Clubs on an annual basis. In all rounds of the Competition which are played on a knock-out basis, if the scores are equal at the end of the ninety minutes, an extra thirty minutes will be played and, if still undecided, the winner shall be ascertained by taking kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by the International Football Association Board.
- 10.3. All ties will be played on dates decided by the Board. The venue for the Final Tie will be decided by the Board.
- 10.4. The Board shall have full power to conduct and control the Reserve Competition and amend the Competition Rules as appropriate.

11. ADMISSION MONIES AND SHARE OF GATE

- 11.1. In the Reserve Competition, after deduction of 15% to cover match expenses to be retained by the Home or ground Club, any proceeds will be divided on a 50/50 basis.
- 11.2. Unless it is mutually agreed beforehand by the Clubs concerned to waive

admission charges, the minimum ground admission charges in all matches shall be £1.00 for adults and 50 pence for juveniles/senior citizens.

12. TROPHY

- 12.1. The winners of the Reserve Competition shall hold the trophy and when it is handed over to the winner, that Club shall grant an obligation to return same to the Secretary if and when required and in any case prior to the commencement of the next Season's Competition in the like good order and condition in which it was received.
- 12.2. It shall be the responsibility of the winning Club to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club.
- 12.3. The winners and runners-up in the Reserve Competition will receive such awards as the Board may decide.

13. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 13.1. In all Reserve Competition matches, a minimum number of six players, registered in accordance with Article 33.5 of the Articles of Association of The Scottish Football Association, must be used. The balance of the players required in the match may comprise Trialists, provided that the Club, where applicable, has sought and obtained the written permission of the Trialist's minor grade club on each occasion that it wishes to play him, and that the Trialist is otherwise eligible to participate in the match.
- 13.2. No Club shall play, or list as a named substitute, any Player or Trialist who, in the same Season, has already Played or been a named substitute for another Club in the Competition.
- 13.3. Clubs playing Trialists must indicate the fact by adding the words "not registered" after such Trialist's name and address, place and date of birth, previous club, and the country in which he last played in the list of Players to be handed to the referee prior to the match.

- 13.4. It shall be the responsibility of each Club participating in the competition to ensure that its Players and Trialists are eligible to Play in any Reserve Competition match.
- 13.5. If a Player of Trialist participates in a Reserve Competition match, such Player being ineligible to Play in the Reserve Competition match as a result of his suspension by The Scottish Football Association or for any other reason, the Club for which the Player or Trialist participates in the Reserve Competition match shall be liable to such penalty as the Board may decide.
- 13.6. Any Club infringing this Regulation 13 may be disqualified from the Reserve Competition and the tie awarded to its opponents.
- 13.7. The terms of the Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations with regard to the eligibility of Players who are temporarily transferred shall similarly apply to the Reserve Competition.

GENERAL

14. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

- 14.1. All Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the Rules of The Scottish Professional Football League.
- 14.2. Disciplinary matters relating to field offences shall be dealt with in accordance with the Disciplinary Procedures of The Scottish Football Association.

15. REGISTERED GROUND

- 15.1. All Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches must be played at a Club's Registered Ground or at a designated ground which has a playing surface, floodlighting and changing accommodation that is of an acceptable standard to The Scottish Professional Football League.
- 15.2. It should also be noted that The Scottish Professional Football Reserve League

and Reserve League Cup Matches will be permitted to be played on artificial grass surfaces.

16. SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

- 16.1. Clubs may field substitutes in any Scottish Professional Football Reserve League or Reserve League Cup Match, in accordance with the terms of Scottish Professional Football League Rule 104 (Substitute Players and Lists of Players to be handed to Referee).
- 16.2. Substitutions can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission.
- 16.3. Should any nominated Player or substitute sustain an injury or due to extenuating circumstances be unable to participate after the submission of the list of Players to the referee and prior to kick-off, he may be replaced at the discretion of the referee provided the opponents are informed prior to kick-off. Any alterations made to a completed list of Players pursuant to Regulation 17 below must be formally endorsed in writing by an Official and signed by the referee as evidence of his consent pursuant to this Regulation16.3.

17. LIST OF PLAYERS TO BE HANDED TO REFEREE

- 17.1. Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of Players participating in any Scottish Professional Football Reserve League or Reserve League Cup Match to the referee and a representative of its opponents in the presence of the referee in accordance with the terms of Scottish Professional Football League Rules G16-G18

18. ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISITING CLUBS

- 18.1. The Home or ground Club shall forward to the Visiting Club ten complimentary tickets for the Directors' Box seven days prior to the date of all Scottish Professional Football Reserve League or Reserve League Cup Matches (unless circumstances do not permit this). No Official or Player of the visiting Club shall be entitled to enter the Home Club's ground etc. without a ticket.

19. **REPORTS OF RESULTS**

19.1. Clubs must forward to the Secretary within three days of each match, the full names of all Players who took part in any Scottish Professional Football Reserve League or Reserve League Cup Match, together with the result. Clubs failing to comply, or making any error therein or any omissions therefrom shall be liable to such penalty as the Board may decide.

19.2. Notwithstanding the terms of Regulation 19.1, team lines for all Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches must be submitted to The Scottish Professional Football League by telefax or any other electronic means by 11.00 a.m. on the day following the tie or the match.

20. **MATCH OFFICIALS**

20.1. Match Officials shall be appointed by The Scottish Football Association for all Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches.

20.2. The Scottish Professional Football League shall pay the fees and expenses of all Match Officials appointed to officiate at all Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches.

21. **COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

21.1. In connection with the Competition, the Board shall have power to conclude and administer contracts on behalf of all Clubs with commercial sponsors, broadcasters, publishers and others for the benefit of all Clubs competing in the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Competition.

21.2. Such contracts shall include, but not be restricted to:

(a) sponsorship of the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup;

(b) Transmission, Radio Transmission, Other Transmission and recording by

any means of the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches;

- (c) commercial exploitation of the League's name, badge, emblem, and trademark in connection with the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup; and
- (d) publications including sound and video recordings relating to the history and fixtures of the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup.

21.3. The Clubs and each of them agree to centrally pool and market their rights, facilities and properties relating to and concerning, Radio Transmission and Transmission of Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches for exclusive exploitation by the Company of Radio Transmission and Transmission of Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches.

21.4. Subject that a Club shall not, other than in respect of contracts entered into by the Company relating to Radio Transmission or Transmission of Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches, be obliged to comply with this Regulation 21.4 if to do so would result in that Club being in breach of a contractual obligation entered into prior to the Board determining to enter into the contract concerned, the Clubs and each of them shall license and otherwise provide to the Company the use of such of their other rights, facilities and properties as may be required by the Company to enable the Company to enter into and/or fulfil the Company's obligations under and in terms of contracts concerning or relating to the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup.

21.5. The Company shall be entitled for the purposes or contracts entered into or to be entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup to sub-license, package or otherwise deal in or with any rights, facilities and properties licensed or otherwise provided to the Company by the Clubs and each of them.

- 21.6. The Company shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights in relation to Other Transmission of the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches, which would have the object or effect, whether intentionally or otherwise, of preventing or inhibiting the Clubs or any of them from exercising any rights available to them, which they are not expressly prohibited from exercising in terms of these Regulations.
- 21.7. Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup, each of the Clubs shall in respect of Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches played at their home ground procure that there shall not be any Radio Transmission and/or Transmission of all or any part of a Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Match without the approval of the Board.
- 21.8. The Clubs and each of them shall not by act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted by the Company in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup in relation to Radio Transmission and/or Transmission or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur.
- 21.9. The Clubs and each of them shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights or generally enter into or accept any obligation in relation to Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches which has or would have the effect, whether intended or otherwise, of preventing, restricting or inhibiting the Company from or disadvantaging the Company in competing with the Club or any third party in the Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches.
- 21.10. Where a Club shall be involved in the broadcasting and/or transmitting by means of Other Transmission outwith the British Isles of moving pictures of all or any part of a Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup, other

than pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup, it shall use its best endeavours to procure, including by use of legal proceedings at its own instance, that no broadcasting and/or transmission which is or would be prohibited within the British Isles by these Regulations shall be broadcast and/or transmitted by any person or party, whether with or without the permission of the Club concerned, within, to or which shall be capable of being received in the British Isles.

- 21.11. Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup, there shall not, without the approval of the Board, be any Other Transmission, within the British Isles, of moving pictures of all or any part of Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Matches within any period provided for in a contract entered in to by the Company in relation to or in connection with the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup and in any event not, in the case of a Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup Match played on a Saturday until midnight on the next day and on any other day until midnight on that day.
- 21.12. Clubs may enter into commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements relating to their participation in the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup provided Clubs ensure that such arrangements or agreements do not conflict with these Regulations, the Rules and/or any commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements negotiated by the Board on behalf of the Company in relation to or in connection with the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup.
- 21.13. All commercial income received by the Company in terms of any contract referred to in this Regulation shall be Other Revenue.
- 21.14. The Company shall not contract in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup so as to require any Home Club to provide, for central exploitation, more than

12 trackside advertising spaces or equivalent at a Scottish Professional Football Reserve League or Reserve League Cup Match.

22. PROHIBITED CONDUCT

- 22.1. Any Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them, offering or receiving whether directly or indirectly any payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement, to or from another Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them or any other person or party other than, in the case of a Official or Player, their own Club under and in terms of their contract of service, to influence the result or any other aspect of a Match in the Scottish Professional Football Reserve League and Reserve League Cup shall, subject to the terms of these Regulations, be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate. Any Club in any way involved in or concerned, whether directly or indirectly with any such payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement shall be in breach of these Regulations and be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate.

23. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR

- 23.1. Any matter not provided for in these Regulations shall be subject to the decision of the Board.

Regulations 5

THE SCOTTISH PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION REGULATIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

Any capitalised word or phrase used in these Regulations which is defined in the Articles or Rules of The Scottish Professional Football League and which is not defined in these Regulations has the defined meaning ascribed to it in the Articles or Rules.

Where in these Regulations reference is made to a Regulation number the reference is to a Regulation of these Regulations.

2. TITLE

The Competition shall be known as The Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup ("the Competition") or by any other title given to it by The Scottish Professional Football League Board (herein "Board") from time to time.

3. BOARD POWERS

The Board shall have full power to conduct and control the Competition and amend the Competition Rules as appropriate.

4. FORMAT

The Competition shall be contested by the Clubs in the Championship, League One and League Two of The Scottish Professional Football League in the current Season and at the sole discretion of the Board such other Clubs from the Premiership and from any other league recognised by the SFA from time to time (a "Recognised

League"). No later than the AGM before the start of the Competition the Board shall decide at its sole discretion whether to invite such Clubs or clubs to join the Competition. The selection process by which Clubs or clubs will be so invited shall be decided by the Board whose decision shall be final and binding on all parties concerned. All decisions made by the Board shall be made at its sole discretion.

- 4.1. The ballot for the First Round shall be made in two regional sections and so arranged that a combination of ties and byes will produce sixteen clubs to compete in the Second Round (i.e. 14 Ties and 2 Byes). The clubs will be balloted in pairs and these clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the first club named. The fourteen winning clubs will qualify to play in the Second Round.
- 4.2. For the Second Round, the fourteen winning clubs from the First Round and the two clubs which received a bye in the First Round shall be made in two regional sections and so arranged that a combination of ties and byes will produce eight clubs to compete in the Third Round. The clubs will be balloted in pairs and these clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the club first named and the eight winning clubs will qualify to play in the Third Round.
- 4.3. For the Third Round, the eight winning clubs from the Second Round shall be inserted into a ballot and drawn in pairs. The clubs will play a single tie on the ground of the club first named and the four winning clubs will qualify to play in the Semi-Final Round. This procedure will be repeated in the Semi-Final Round until two clubs qualify for the Final Tie.
- 4.4. In all rounds, including the Semi-Final and Final Rounds, if the scores are equal at the end of ninety minutes, an extra thirty minutes will be played and, if still undecided, the winner shall be ascertained by taking kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by the International Football Association Board.
- 4.5. In the event that the Competition is contested by Clubs in the Scottish Professional Football League and 2 other clubs from other Recognised Leagues then the ballot for the First Round shall be made in two regional sections and so arranged that a combination of ties will produce 16 clubs to compete in the Second Round. For the

Second Round the 16 winning teams from the First Round shall be made in to regional sections and so arranged that a combination of ties will produce 8 clubs to compete in the Third Round. For the Third Round the 8 winning teams from the Second Round shall be inserted into a ballot and drawn in pairs. Except as herein provided the remaining provisions of this Regulation 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, and 4.4 will apply.

5. DATES FOR TIES

All ties will be played on dates decided by the Board. The venue for the Final Tie will be decided by the Board.

6. DISLOCATION OF MATCHES

Dislocation of matches, from any cause whatever, shall be immediately reported to the Secretary by the Club(s) concerned, and it shall be the duty of the Home or ground Club in each instance to notify immediately the appointed Match Officials of such dislocation.

- 6.1. The Home or ground Club must similarly advise the Match Officials as soon as possible of all the relevant details concerning the re-arrangement of the dislocated match.
- 6.2. Any Club without just cause failing to fulfil its fixture obligations in respect of a Competition match on the appointed date or dates shall be liable to be disqualified and/or subject to such other punishment as the Board may determine.
- 6.3. The Club failing to fulfil its obligations under this Regulation 6 shall be liable to pay compensation for any expenses incurred as a direct result of the failure. The amount of compensation will be decided by the Board.
- 6.4. It is the responsibility of the Home or ground Club to ensure that a qualified medical practitioner, or failing which, a qualified paramedic, is in attendance throughout the match.

7. SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

- 7.1. A Club may at its discretion use three from up to five nominated substitutes. In the event that five substitutes are nominated, one of their number must be a goalkeeper.
- 7.1.1. The substitution can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission.
- 7.1.2. The substitute Players must be nominated in accordance with this Regulation 7 and in any case prior to the commencement of the game.
- 7.1.3. Not more than three substitutes from each Club shall warm up on the pitch perimeter at any one time.
- 7.2. Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of Players participating in any Competition match (including the names of the nominated substitutes) to the referee and a representative of its opponents in the presence of the referee sixty minutes before the advertised time of kick-off.
- 7.3. Any Club failing to carry out these provisions will be dealt with at the discretion of the Board.
- 7.4. Any substitutions during the match must be recorded by the Club on the substitution slips and handed to a Match Official prior to each substitution taking place.
- 7.5. Should any nominated Player or substitute sustain an injury or due to extenuating circumstances be unable to participate after the submission of the list of Players to the referee and prior to kick-off, he may be replaced at the discretion of the referee provided the opponents are informed prior to kick off. Any alterations made to a completed list of Players pursuant to Regulation 7.2 must be formally endorsed in writing by an Official and signed by the referee as evidence of his consent pursuant to this Regulation 7.5.

8. CLUB COLOURS

When two competing Clubs having the same or similar first choice colours engage in a Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup match, the Visiting Club shall play in its second or third choice playing kit which must be different and distinct from the Home Club's first choice playing kit. At least 48 hours prior to all matches in the various rounds of the Competition, excluding the Final Tie, the competing Clubs shall establish written contact with each other and the match referee to advise of the exact colours and description of the respective Clubs' playing kits. In the event of a clash of colours on match day and the Visiting Club not having with them their second/third choice registered playing kit, then the Visiting Club will require to play in the Home Club's second/third choice registered jerseys and/or shorts and/or socks.

- 8.1. Both Clubs shall change under similar circumstances, when playing on a neutral ground.
- 8.2. In the event of any dispute with regard to the playing kit to be worn by either Club, the referee's decision shall be final.
- 8.3. Goalkeepers shall wear colours which distinguish them from the other Players and from the referee.
- 8.4. The Players' jerseys and shorts must be clearly numbered and the numbers must be distinct in colour from the remainder of the Players' kit.
 - 8.4.1. The numbers must appear on the back of the Players' jerseys and must be not less than 25 cms in height. The numbers of the Players' shorts must appear on the leg and must be not less than 10 cms in height.
 - 8.4.2. Those Players participating in the match shall be numbered one to eleven in accordance with the list of Players handed to the referee before the match and the substitutes numbered from twelve onwards.
 - 8.4.3. There must be no change of numbers during the match except on a change

of goalkeeper.

9. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

Players taking part in the Competition must be registered in terms of the Player Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations as appropriate save as outlined in Regulation 9.3 below.

- 9.1. No Club shall play, or list as a named substitute, any Player (including a Trialist) who, in the same Season, has already played or been a named substitute for another Club in the Competition.
- 9.2. It shall be the responsibility of each Club participating in the Competition to ensure that its Players (including Trialists) are eligible to Play in any Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup match. If a Player (including a Trialist) participates in a Competition match, such Player being ineligible to Play in the Competition match as a result of his suspension by The Scottish Football Association or for any other reason, the Club for which the Player participates in the Competition match shall be liable to such penalty as the Board may decide.
- 9.3. In the First Round only, each Club shall be entitled to play, or list as a named substitute, up to a maximum of two Trialists, despite the Trialists not being registered in terms of Scottish Professional Football League Regulations provided the Trialists are otherwise eligible to do so. Clubs playing a Trialist in these circumstances must indicate the fact by adding the words “not registered” after such player’s name and address, place and date of birth, previous club, and the country in which he last played, in the list of Players in their Report of Result of the game.
- 9.4. Any Club infringing this Regulation may be disqualified from the Competition and the tie awarded to its opponent.

10. ADMISSION MONEY AND SHARE OF GATES

- 10.1. Where Clubs are in opposition, the Board Minimum Recommended Prices of

Ground Admission shall be those charged by the Club in the higher Division.

- 10.2. In all rounds of the Competition, excluding the Final Tie, Clubs shall only be entitled to deduct a limit of 10% of the total number of spectators admitted to the match in the Competition subject to such limit not exceeding 1,000 persons. The numbers in excess of this figure must be returned in the gross gate and divided in the ratio 75% adult and 25% juvenile and senior citizens of the Board Minimum Recommended Prices of Ground Admission with the Visiting Club.
- 10.3. In the Final Round of the Competition, after paying match expenses, 5% of the net receipts will be deducted by the Company and the sum of £5,000 or 10% of the remaining balance, whichever is the greater, will be deducted and paid to the Club providing the neutral venue. The remaining receipts shall be divided equally between the two competing Clubs. The allowance to be paid to the Club providing the neutral venue shall be calculated on the entire receipts for the Stands, Enclosures and Ground Admissions after providing for the aforementioned deductions so far as is applicable to such ground.

11. **FINANCIAL RECORDS**

All Clubs shall keep detailed financial records and the Board may arrange for an inspection of all such records with particular reference to turnstile arrangements.

12. **TROPHY**

The winners of the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup shall hold the trophy and when it is handed over to the winner, that Club shall grant an obligation to return same to the Secretary if and when required and in any case prior to the commencement of the next Season's Competition in the like good order and condition in which it was received.

- 12.1. It shall be the responsibility of the winning Club to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club.
- 12.2. The winners and runners-up in the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup will receive such awards as the Board may decide.

- 12.3. The Board has full discretion to refuse to present a Player of a Club with an award (including a medal, trophy, token or other form of prize), which represents their achievement as runner-up and to which they would otherwise be entitled to receive, at any time after the official presentation of such award if the Player refused or failed to collect the award at the appropriate time of its presentation.

13. **COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- 13.1. In connection with the Competition, the Board shall have power to conclude and administer contracts on behalf of all Clubs with commercial sponsors, broadcasters, publishers and others for the benefit of all Clubs competing in the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup.

- 13.2. Such contracts shall include, but not be restricted to:

- (a) sponsorship of the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup;
- (b) Transmission, Radio Transmission, Other Transmission and recording by any means of the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches;
- (c) commercial exploitation of the League's name, badge, emblem, and trademark in connection with the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup; and
- (d) publications including sound and video recordings relating to the history and fixtures of the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup.

- 13.3. The Clubs and each of them agree to centrally pool and market their rights, facilities and properties relating to and concerning, Radio Transmission and Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches for exclusive exploitation by the Company of Radio Transmission and Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches.

- 13.4. Subject that a Club shall not, other than in respect of contracts entered into by the

Company relating to Radio Transmission or Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches, be obliged to comply with this Regulation 13.4 if to do so would result in that Club being in breach of a contractual obligation entered into prior to the Board determining to enter into the contract concerned, the Clubs and each of them shall license and otherwise provide to the Company the use of such of their other rights, facilities and properties as may be required by the Company to enable the Company to enter into and/or fulfil the Company's obligations under and in terms of contracts concerning or relating to the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup.

- 13.5. The Company shall be entitled for the purposes or contracts entered into or to be entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup to sub-license, package or otherwise deal in or with any rights, facilities and properties licensed or otherwise provided to the Company by the Clubs and each of them.
- 13.6. The Company shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights in relation to Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches, which would have the object or effect, whether intentionally or otherwise, of preventing or inhibiting the Clubs or any of them from exercising any rights available to them, which they are not expressly prohibited from exercising in terms of these Regulations.
- 13.7. Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup, each of the Clubs shall in respect of a Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Match played at their home ground procure that there shall not be any Radio Transmission and/or Transmission of all or any part of a Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Match without the approval of the Board.
- 13.8. The Clubs and each of them shall not by act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted by the Company in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup in relation to

Radio Transmission and/or Transmission or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur.

- 13.9. The Clubs and each of them shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights or generally enter into or accept any obligation in relation to Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches which has or would have the effect, whether intended or otherwise, of preventing, restricting or inhibiting the Company from or disadvantaging the Company in competing with the Club or any third party in the Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Matches.
- 13.10. Where a Club shall be involved in the broadcasting and/or transmitting by means of Other Transmission outwith the British Isles of moving pictures of all or any part of a Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Match, other than pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup, it shall use its best endeavours to procure, including by use of legal proceedings at its own instance, that no broadcasting and/or transmission which is or would be prohibited within the British Isles by these Regulations shall be broadcast and/or transmitted by any person or party, whether with or without the permission of the Club concerned, within, to or which shall be capable of being received in the British Isles.
- 13.11. Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup, there shall not, without the approval of the Board, be any Other Transmission, within the British Isles, of moving pictures of all or any part of a Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Match within any period provided for in a contract entered in to by the Company in relation to or in connection with the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup and in any event not, in the case of a Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Match played on a Saturday until midnight on the next day and on any other day until midnight on that day.
- 13.12. Clubs may enter into commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements relating

to their participation in the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup provided Clubs ensure that such arrangements or agreements do not conflict with these Regulations, the Rules and/or any commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements negotiated by the Board on behalf of the Company in relation to or in connection with the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup.

- 13.13. All commercial income received by the Company in terms of any contract referred to in this Regulation shall be Other Revenue.
- 13.14. The Company shall not contract in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup so as to require any Home Club to provide, for central exploitation, more than 12 trackside advertising spaces or equivalent at a Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup Match.

14. **PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

Any Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them, offering or receiving whether directly or indirectly any payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement, to or from another Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them or any other person or party other than, in the case of a Official or Player, their own Club under and in terms of their contract of service, to influence the result or any other aspect of a Match in the Scottish Professional Football League Challenge Cup shall, subject to the terms of these Regulations, be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate. Any Club in any way involved in or concerned, whether directly or indirectly with any such payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement shall be in breach of these Regulations and be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate.

15. **GENERAL**

Any matter not covered by the above Regulations shall be determined by the Board

**THE SCOTTISH PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP COMPETITION BOARD
MINIMUM RECOMMENDED PRICES OF GROUND ADMISSION**

The Premiership £12.00 Juveniles and Senior Citizens £6.00 The Championship £10.00
Juveniles and Senior Citizens £5.00 League One £9.00 Juveniles and Senior Citizens £4.50

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THE SCOTTISH PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE UNDER-19 YOUTH DIVISION CONSTITUTION AND RULES

1. TITLE

This combination of Clubs shall be known as “The Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division”.

2. OBJECTS

2.1. The objects of The Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division shall be to:

2.1.1. Promote and extend the game of Association Football at Under-19 youth level and to provide League Championship and Competitions for those of its members that wish to participate at the Under 19 competition level;

2.1.2. Foster and develop the game of Association Football for talented youngsters at Under-19 Age Level;

2.1.3. Contribute to a properly co-ordinated training and development structure; and

2.1.4. Provide a good standard of training and playing facilities.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to the Under-19 Youth teams of all Clubs.

4. CONTROL

The Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division shall be governed by the Board. The Board shall have full power in all matters relating to the Youth Division and its decisions shall be binding on all participating Clubs subject to appeal in terms of the Scottish Football Association Judicial Panel Protocol. Words and phrases defined in The Scottish Professional Football League Rules shall have the same meaning in these Rules.

UNDER-19 YOUTH DIVISION COMPETITION RULES

5. COMPETITIONS

- 5.1. The Board shall in each Season conduct and control a Competition to be called The Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division in which all Clubs which wish to participate in Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division may play. The Competition will commence on a date to be determined by the Board in each Season and will be completed by 15th May or any approved extension to the Season.
- 5.2. Any match which, for any reason, is not completed may be regarded as a completed match or may be replayed for the full 90 minutes, at the sole discretion of the Board.

6. FIXTURES

- 6.1. The format of The Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and the number of fixtures to be played by competing Clubs in any Season shall be decided annually by the Board, taking into account the number of Clubs participating in the Season in question.
- 6.2. The list of fixtures compiled by the Secretary shall be approved by the Board and all Clubs shall be bound to fulfil them as scheduled, except when permission is obtained for a variation.
- 6.3. The dates on which fixtures shall be played shall be arranged by the Board. The hour of kick-off shall be agreed mutually by the Clubs concerned.

7. CHAMPION CLUB

- 7.1. In the Under-19 Youth Division, the Club gaining the highest number of points - three points shall be awarded for a win and one point for a draw - shall be awarded a trophy or other award determined by the Board. If two or more Clubs are equal on points, the winner shall be decided by goal difference. In the event of the goal difference also being equal, the Club scoring the highest number of goals will be deemed the winner. Should the Clubs score the same number of goals, however, they shall play a deciding game or games in such manner and under such conditions as the Board may decide.
- 7.2. The winners of the Under-19 Youth Division will be presented with a trophy which must be returned when required by the League in like good order and condition in which it was received. The winners in the Competition will also receive such awards as the Board may decide.
- 7.3. It shall be the responsibility of the winning Club to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club.

8. ELIGIBILITY OF PLAYERS

- 8.1. Players are eligible to play in the 2012-2013 Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division only if they meet the definition of being an Under 19 Player, except that:
- 8.1.1. in the case of recognised goalkeepers, no age restriction shall apply.
- 8.1.2. a maximum of two over age outfield players can be named on a team line for any match providing that the players concerned each meet the definition of being an Under 21 Player.
- 8.2. Players may be of either amateur or professional status and need not be Registered for the Club for which they play, provided that they are otherwise eligible to play for that Club.
- 8.3. A Club may field an unlimited number of Trialists in any match in the Under-19

Youth Division, provided that, where necessary, the prior written permission of the player's minor grade club has been obtained, and that such players are otherwise eligible to participate.

- 8.4. In the Under-19 Youth Division, a player may participate as a Trialist in any number of matches, subject to him being otherwise eligible to do so.
- 8.5. The terms of Scottish Professional Football League Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations with regard to the eligibility of players who are temporarily transferred shall apply to the Under-19 Youth Division competition.
- 8.6. If a player participates in an Under-19 Youth Division match, such player being ineligible to play in the match as a result of his suspension by The Scottish Football Association or for any other reason, the Club for which the player participates in the Under-19 Youth Division match shall be liable to such penalty as the Board may decide.

9. **FORMAT**

- 9.1. The Board may organise an Under-19 Youth Competition which is open to all members of The Scottish Professional Football League.
- 9.2. The format of the Under-19 Youth Competition will be at the discretion of the Board and intimated to Clubs on an annual basis. In all rounds of the Competition which are played on a knock-out basis, if the scores are equal at the end of the ninety minutes, an extra thirty minutes will be played and, if still undecided, the winner shall be ascertained by taking kicks from the penalty mark as laid down by the International Football Association Board.
- 9.3. All ties will be played on dates decided by the Board. The venue for the Final Tie will be decided by the Board.
- 9.4. The Board shall have full power to conduct and control the Competition and amend the Competition Rules as appropriate.

10. **TROPHY**

The winners of the Under-19 League Cup shall hold the trophy and when it is handed over to the winner, that Club shall grant an obligation to return same to the Secretary if and when required and in any case prior to the commencement of the next Season's Competition in the like good order and condition in which it was received.

10.1. It shall be the responsibility of the winning Club to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the trophy throughout the period when it is held by the Club.

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11.1.2. a maximum of two over age outfield players can be named on a team line for any match providing that the players concerned each meet the definition of being an Under 21 Player.

11.2. A Club may field an unlimited number of Trialists in any match in the Under-19 Youth League Cup, provided that, where necessary, the prior written permission of the player's minor grade club has been obtained, and that such players are otherwise eligible to participate.

11.3. No Club shall play, or list as a named substitute, any player who, in the same Season, has already played or been a named substitute for another Club in the Competition.

11.4. Clubs playing Trialists must indicate the fact by adding the words "not registered" after such player's name and address, place and date of birth, previous club, and the country in which he last played in the list of players to be handed to the referee

prior to the match.

- 11.5. It shall be the responsibility of each Club participating in the Competition to ensure that its players are eligible to play in any Under-19 Youth League Cup match.
- 11.6. If a player participates in an Under-19 Youth League Cup match, such player being ineligible to play in the cup match as a result of his suspension by The Scottish Football Association or for any other reason, the Club for which the player participates in the Under-19 Youth League Cup match shall be liable to such penalty as the Board may decide.
- 11.7. Any Club infringing this Rule may be disqualified from the Competition and the tie awarded to its opponents.
- 11.8. The terms of Scottish Professional Football League Registration, Transfer and Contract Regulations with regard to the eligibility of players who are temporarily transferred shall apply to the Under-19 Youth Division competition.

12. **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

- 12.1. All Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game and the Rules of The Scottish Professional Football League.
- 12.2. Disciplinary matters relating to field offences shall be dealt with by the Board.

13. **COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- 13.1. In connection with the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup, the Board shall have power to conclude and administer contracts on behalf of all Clubs with commercial sponsors, broadcasters, publishers and others for the benefit of all Clubs competing in the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup.
- 13.2. Such contracts shall include, but not be restricted to:

- (a) sponsorship of the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup;
- (b) Transmission, Radio Transmission, Other Transmission and recording by any means of Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Matches;
- (c) commercial exploitation of the League's name, badge, emblem, and trademark in connection with the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup; and
- (d) publications including sound and video recordings relating to the history and fixtures of the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup.

13.3. The Clubs and each of them agree to centrally pool and market their rights, facilities and properties relating to and concerning, Radio Transmission and Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Matches for exclusive exploitation by the Company of Radio Transmission and Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Matches.

13.4. Subject that a Club shall not, other than in respect of contracts entered into by the Company relating to Radio Transmission or Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Matches, be obliged to comply with this Regulation 13.4 if to do so would result in that Club being in breach of a contractual obligation entered into prior to the Board determining to enter into the contract concerned, the Clubs and each of them shall license and otherwise provide to the Company the use of such of their other rights, facilities and properties as may be required by the Company to enable the Company to enter into and/or fulfil the Company's obligations under and in terms of contracts concerning or relating to the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Matches.

- 13.5. The Company shall be entitled for the purposes or contracts entered into or to be entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup to sub-license, package or otherwise deal in or with any rights, facilities and properties licensed or otherwise provided to the Company by the Clubs and each of them.
- 13.6. The Company shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights in relation to Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Matches, which would have the object or effect, whether intentionally or otherwise, of preventing or inhibiting the Clubs or any of them from exercising any rights available to them, which they are not expressly prohibited from exercising in terms of these Regulations.
- 13.7. Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup, each of the Clubs shall in respect of a Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Match played at their home ground procure that there shall not be any Radio Transmission and/or Transmission of all or any part of a Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Match without the approval of the Board.
- 13.8. The Clubs and each of them shall not by act or omission infringe any exclusive rights granted by the Company in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup in relation to Radio Transmission and/or Transmission or otherwise cause any breach thereof to occur.
- 13.9. The Clubs and each of them shall not grant or purport to grant any exclusive right or rights or generally enter into or accept any obligation in relation to Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Matches which has or would have the effect, whether intended or otherwise, of preventing, restricting or inhibiting the Company from or disadvantaging the Company in competing with the Club or any third party in the

Other Transmission of Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Matches.

- 13.10. Where a Club shall be involved in the broadcasting and/or transmitting by means of Other Transmission outwith the British Isles of moving pictures of all or any part of a Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Match, other than pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup, it shall use its best endeavours to procure, including by use of legal proceedings at its own instance, that no broadcasting and/or transmission which is or would be prohibited within the British Isles by these Regulations shall be broadcast and/or transmitted by any person or party, whether with or without the permission of the Club concerned, within, to or which shall be capable of being received in the British Isles.
- 13.11. Except pursuant to a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division Cup and Youth League Cup, there shall not, without the approval of the Board, be any Other Transmission, within the British Isles, of moving pictures of all or any part of a Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Match within any period provided for in a contract entered in to by the Company in relation to or in connection with the Cup and in any event not, in the case of a Scottish Professional Football League Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup Match played on a Saturday until midnight on the next day and on any other day until midnight on that day.
- 13.12. Clubs may enter into commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements relating to their participation in the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup provided Clubs ensure that such arrangements or agreements do not conflict with these Regulations, the Rules and/or any commercial arrangements or sponsorship agreements negotiated by the Board on behalf of the Company in relation to or in connection with the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup.

13.13. All commercial income received by the Company in terms of any contract referred to in this Regulation shall be Other Revenue.

13.14. The Company shall not contract in a contract entered into by the Company in relation to the Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup so as to require any Home Club to provide, for central exploitation, more than 12 trackside advertising spaces or equivalent at a Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division or Youth League Cup Match.

14. **REGISTERED GROUND**

14.1. All Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup matches must be played at a club's registered ground or at a designated ground which has a playing surface, floodlighting and changing accommodation that is of an acceptable standard to the Board.

14.2. It should also be noted that Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup matches will be permitted to be played on artificial grass surfaces.

15. **SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS**

15.1. Clubs may field substitutes in any Under-19 Youth Division or Youth League Cup match, in accordance with the terms of the Rules.

15.2. Substitutions can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the referee has given permission.

15.3. Should any nominated player or substitute sustain an injury or due to extenuating circumstances be unable to participate after the submission of the list of players to the referee and prior to kick-off, he may be replaced at the discretion of the referee provided the opponents are informed prior to kick-off. Any alterations made to a completed list of players pursuant to Rule 16 below must be formally endorsed in writing by an Official and signed by the referee as evidence of his consent pursuant to this Rule 15.3.

16. **LIST OF PLAYERS TO BE HANDED TO REFEREE**

Clubs must hand copies of a list of names of players participating in any Scottish Professional Football League Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup match (including the names of the nominated substitutes) to the referee and a representative of its opponents in the presence of the referee 45 minutes before the advertised hour of kick-off.

17. **REPORTS OF RESULTS**

17.1. Clubs must forward to the Secretary within three days of each match, the full names of all players who took part in any Under-19 Youth Division or Youth League Cup match, together with the result. Clubs failing to comply, or making any error therein or any omissions therefrom, shall be liable to such penalty as the Board may decide.

17.2. Notwithstanding the terms of this Regulation, team lines for all Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup matches must be submitted to the Secretary by telefax or any other electronic means by 11.00 a.m. of the day following the tie or the match.

18. **MATCH OFFICIALS**

18.1. A match referee shall be appointed by The Scottish Football Association for all Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup matches.

18.2. The League shall pay the fees and expenses of all match officials appointed to officiate at all Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup matches.

19. **COACHING PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE AT MATCHES**

Clubs must have a minimum of two suitably qualified coaches in attendance at all Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup matches.

20. **PROHIBITED CONDUCT**

Any Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of

any of them, offering or receiving whether directly or indirectly any payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement, to or from another Club, Official, Player or agent acting on any of their behalf's or the Associate of any of them or any other person or party other than, in the case of a Official or Player, their own Club under and in terms of their contract of service, to influence the result or any other aspect of a Match in the Scottish Professional Football Under-19 Youth Division and Youth League Cup shall, subject to the terms of these Regulations, be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate. Any Club in any way involved in or concerned, whether directly or indirectly with any such payment, benefit, consideration, concession, bonus or any other inducement shall be in breach of these Regulations and be liable to expulsion, suspension, fine or any other sanction(s) and/or condition(s) which the Board or a Commission shall consider appropriate.

21. **MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR**

Any matter not provided for in these Rules shall be subject to the decision of the Board.

Regulations 7

Guidance for Clubs on Unacceptable Conduct Made Under and in Terms of Rule 37

In this guidance capitalised words and phrases have the meanings given to them in the Articles and Rules of the Scottish Professional Football League.

Unacceptable Conduct at a Stadium on the occasion of an Official Match

Rules H33, H34 and H35 describe the responsibilities of Clubs on this matter. They are included here for ease of reference.

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| H33 | The Home Club in any Official Match must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, (i) good order and security; (ii) that policies and procedures have been adopted and are implemented to prevent incidents of Unacceptable Conduct; and (iii) that any incidents of Unacceptable Conduct are effectively dealt with, all at its Stadium on the occasion of an Official Match |
| H34 | Each Club must ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that its Players, Officials, supporters and any person exercising a function for or connected with the Club do not engage in Unacceptable Conduct at a Stadium on the occasion of an Official Match. |
| H35 | Any failure by a Club to discharge a requirement to which it is subject by virtue of Rules [] and/or [] shall constitute a breach of these Rules. |

In considering any alleged failure to discharge the requirements of Rules H33 or H34, resulting in a breach in terms of Rule H35, the Board or, as the case may be, a Commission shall, take into account whether the Club has complied with this Guidance.

In determining whether all reasonably practicable steps have been taken by a Home Club it is recognised that stadium operations in the run up to and during an Official Match are subject to the control of the local police match commander and other decisions taken by the public authorities. Whether to intervene in the case of an incident of Unacceptable Conduct during the course of an Official Match will be subject to determination by the police, and not necessarily by the Home Club.

Guidance

Clubs should:-

- issue a statement that it will not tolerate any form of Unacceptable Conduct. This statement should include details of the action that the Club will take against those who engage in such conduct and explain the types of behaviour which will constitute Unacceptable Behaviour;
- publish its statement in full in all match day programmes and similar Club publications;
- display copies of its statement permanently and prominently throughout and at entrances to the stadium;
- replace any defaced copies as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, before the next Official Match in the stadium;

- make announcements over its public address system condemning all forms of Unacceptable Conduct at matches;
- make it a condition of their season and match day tickets that the holders do not engage in any form of Unacceptable Conduct;
- for Official Matches which have been designated as “All Tickets” and / or where the Home Club has issued tickets to the Visiting Club to sell to its own supporters:-
 - the Home Club should take names and addresses and obtain consent to the disclosure of same to the Visiting Club of all those to whom tickets for the visiting support area are sold by the Home Club;
 - the Visiting Club should take names and addresses and obtain consent to the disclosure of same to the Home Club of all those to whom tickets for the visiting support area are sold by the Visiting Club; and
 - the Home Club and Visiting Club should exchange details of those to whom they have sold tickets to the visiting support area if requested to do so;
- take disciplinary action against any Official who engages in Unacceptable Conduct;
- contact other Clubs to ensure that they understand its policy regarding Unacceptable Conduct;

- encourage a common strategy between stewards and police for dealing with incidents of Unacceptable Conduct;
- as soon as reasonably possible and, in any event, before the next Official Match remove from its stadium any and all graffiti, propaganda or the like which encourages or promotes Unacceptable Conduct;
- develop pro-active programmes and make progress towards raising awareness of its campaign to eliminate Unacceptable Conduct in conjunction with, amongst others, supporters, schools, voluntary organisations, local authorities, local businesses, sponsors, police and players' representatives;
- bring any conduct referred to in Rule [] during an Official Match to the immediate attention of the police match commander or if there is no match commander to the safety officer or other Official having control of the stadium;
- take reasonably practicable steps, including in consultation with local police, to identify those who engage in Unacceptable Conduct;
- apply a proportionate sanction against a supporter or person exercising a function for or connected with that Club (other than as an Official or an employee) who engages in Unacceptable Conduct and who has been, or is reasonably capable of being identified;

- incorporate the requirement in its season ticket conditions, match ticket conditions and Ground Regulations, that supporters adhere to the Scottish Football Fans Charter;
- submit a written annual report to the Secretary detailing the measures taken by the Club to prevent Unacceptable Conduct, including a summary of the number of incidents recorded and the actions taken to address them over the preceding year;
- submit an written interim summary report to the Secretary, halfway through each Season (after 19 matches), detailing the number of arrests within and supporter ejections and bans from the Club's stadium imposed by the Club, clearly stating what each of these have been for; and
- keep a written record, a copy of which to be made available to the Secretary on request, of all requests made by the Club for police assistance, and/or police intervention in relation to incidents of Unacceptable Conduct, and the response of the police to such requests.

It is for each Club to apply the above guidance to its particular circumstances. It is also for each Club to compile its own record of compliance with the guidance.

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Rules of Procedure

1. General Rules

1.1 These Rules of Procedure have been made by the Board under and in terms of Rule J13 and they shall apply to pre and post hearing procedures and hearings in relation to:-

1.1.1 an alleged breach of or failure to fulfil the Rules;

1.1.2 Appeals;

1.1.3 an application for consent, approval, permission, waiver, period of grace or the like made in terms of the Rules;

1.1.4 Adjudications;

1.1.5 a Compensation Tribunal hearing an application for Compensation;

1.1.6 an appeal in connection with Development Contribution;

1.1.7 an appeal to an Appeal Tribunal in terms of Rule E11;

1.1.8 any other proceedings or process where the Board considers it appropriate that they should apply.

1.2 Definitions of words and phrases in the Rules of the Scottish Premier League shall apply in these Rules of Procedure. In these Rules of Procedure the Board, including any subcommittee of the Board, a Commission and other body appointed in terms of the Rules to enquire into and/or determine any matter is referred to as a

“Tribunal”.

- 1.3 Any deviation from any provision of these Rules of Procedure and/or any other irregularity, omission, technicality or other defect in the procedures followed shall not invalidate any finding, procedure or decision unless it is shown to render the proceedings unreliable or to have caused a miscarriage of justice.
- 1.4 Notwithstanding these Rules of Procedure, a Tribunal shall have the power to regulate the hearing procedures adopted by it and in so doing any may deviate from the hearing procedures in part 2 of these Rules of Procedure as it considers appropriate and expedient so as to dispose of any matter before it justly and expeditiously.
- 1.5 A Tribunal may be assisted by the Secretary (or his substitute), other clerk, legal adviser and/or technical expert as shall be considered expedient by the chairman of the Tribunal. The Secretary (or his substitute), legal adviser and/or technical expert shall be entitled to take such part in the proceedings, except that he or she shall not have a vote, prior to and at any hearing as the chairman shall think appropriate and shall be entitled, with the permission of the chairman, to be present and give advice to the Tribunal when the Tribunal undertakes its deliberations on any matter before it. Any advice given by any technical expert appointed to assist the Tribunal shall be disclosed to parties in advance of any determination being made by a Tribunal which takes account of such advice and parties shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to make representations on such advice before any such determination is made.
- 1.6 Except as otherwise provided in the Rules or in these Rules of Procedure the chairman of a Tribunal shall be entitled to determine any issue or matter of procedure arising prior to, during or in connection with any hearing.
- 1.7 The chairman of a Tribunal shall be entitled to make such order or orders as he may think appropriate and/or expedient in advance of any hearing or adjourned hearing

requiring any person or party to attend at a hearing, to produce any document or provide any information to any hearing, to provide in advance of any hearing a written submission or outline of case or the like, to provide details of any witnesses who may be called at any hearing, to provide in advance, by such time or times as he may think appropriate, written statements of such witnesses and any documents or other materials as may be in the possession of such person or party, to disclose any or all of such to any other parties with an interest in the proceedings and any other order as he considers will assist in securing a just and expeditious disposal of any matter or issue before or which may be before the Tribunal.

- 1.8 The chairman of the Tribunal may make such enquiries or direct that such enquiries be made as regards the facts related any matter for consideration by the Tribunal and adduce such evidence secured by such enquiries to the Tribunal as he shall consider appropriate and expedient for the purpose of securing a just and expeditious disposal of any matter or issue before or which may be before the Tribunal.
- 1.9 In the event that a party to any proceedings before a Tribunal shall fail to comply with any order or requirement of the chairman of the Tribunal then the chairman shall be entitled to impose such sanction and/or make such default order, including an order granting any remedy or relief sought or dismissal of any claim made as shall seem appropriate to the chairman.
- 1.10 All hearings shall be conducted in private.
- 1.11 A Tribunal shall be entitled to adjourn or postpone a hearing as it sees fit.
- 1.12 Except with the express approval of the Board or the chairman, no member of a Tribunal or any person or party appearing or attending, in any capacity, at a hearing before a Tribunal shall make any statement or disclosure to any third party concerning any event which took place at and any statement made or document or other materials considered during or in connection with such a hearing.

- 1.13 A Tribunal shall be entitled to determine any matter before it notwithstanding that a party invited or entitled to attend shall fail, decline or shall elect not to attend and/or present any evidence and/or make any representations at or to a hearing.

2. Hearing Procedures

- 2.1 At the commencement of any hearing, the chairman of the Tribunal shall confirm the identities of the persons admitted to the hearing and introduce the members of the Tribunal and of any clerk, legal adviser and/or technical expert assisting the Tribunal. The chairman shall confirm the nature of the matter or matters in issue before the Tribunal and confirm what documents and other materials are before the Tribunal. The chairman shall also outline the procedures to be followed during the course of the hearing including the order in which parties shall present their respective cases if more than one is present.
- 2.2 Where the Secretary (or his substitute) has gathered evidence in relation to the matter for determination by a Tribunal he shall present such evidence as the first evidence at a hearing.
- 2.3 Where any evidence has been secured as a consequence of enquiries made by or on behalf of the chairman, and he has determined that same shall be adduced, he shall make such evidence available to the Tribunal as the second evidence at any hearing.
- 2.4 Parties appearing before a Tribunal may present evidence by oral or written statement, produce original documents or copies, refer to them and call witnesses.
- 2.5 In any case where a witness does not attend at a hearing for whatever reason, the Tribunal shall be entitled to take account of that witness' evidence as is made apparent to it in any other form. This includes, for example, by telephone, teleconference, video, web conference, recording, affidavit, report or written

statement. Witnesses who are not parties or officers of parties shall not be allowed to be present during the hearing except when they are to give evidence. After giving evidence, witnesses shall retire but shall be subject to recall by or with the permission of the chairman of the Tribunal.

- 2.6 A Tribunal shall not be bound by any formal rules of evidence and may accept evidence in any form. However it shall be entitled to accord to evidence such weight as seems to the Tribunal proper having regard to the quality of the evidence and the reliability and credibility of same.
- 2.7 The members of a Tribunal may ask such questions of any party or witness at any time. There shall be no cross-examination of witnesses by or on behalf of a party, except through or with the permission of the chairman of the Tribunal.
- 2.8 Generally, where a determination on a matter of principle or liability falls to be made by a Tribunal the determination of same shall be made and communicated to the party or parties concerned in advance of the consideration and determination of any issue of penalty, remedy, *quantum* or the like.
- 2.9 Prior to the parties being invited to leave the hearing, the parties shall be given the opportunity of making closing submissions in such order as shall seem most appropriate to the chairman.
- 2.10 A Tribunal shall conduct its deliberations in private.
- 2.11 A Tribunal may reconvene and announce any decision orally to the party or parties.