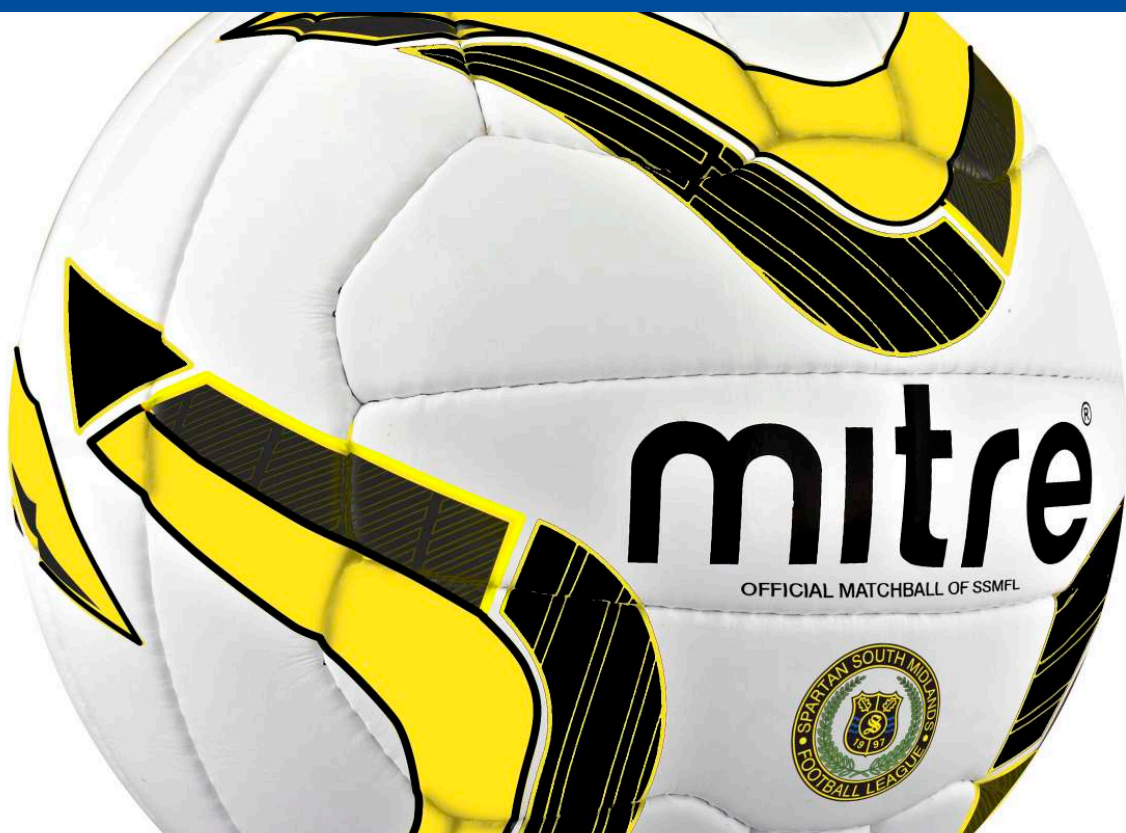


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It is our wish for everybody to feel comfortable here and to encourage everyone, especially younger people to enjoy their time with us, this won't happen if they are listening to constant foul and offensive language.

Cheer your team, enjoy the day,
but keep those swear words far away...
...it could cost us money in fines!!!!



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HISTORY OF THE SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

The League was originally formed in 1922 as the Bedfordshire County league, but changed it's name in 1929 to the South Midlands League following acceptance of clubs from a wider area. The League expanded further in 1997 following the amalgamation with the London Spartan League. Now the League is spread from North London in the South, to Milton Keynes in the North and from Hoddesdon in the East to Aylesbury in the West.

OFFICIAL LEAGUE WEBSITES
League Website www.ssmfl.pitchero.com
The FA Full Time website



SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE

F.A. CHARTER STANDARD LEAGUE

Co-ordinator Larry Corkrey

The F.A. Charter Standard League award is a flagship initiative awarded by The FA and assesses the ability of a League to provide a high quality, safe and enjoyable football experience against a standard set of criteria. It also encourages the League to continually develop, giving direction and purpose through a carefully written and robust Development Plan.

The development plan allows the League and its officers to work closely in initiatives that will hopefully improve the football experience for all.

In order to maintain our CS League status, we now have to aim to get one hundred percent of our Clubs holding Charter Standard status whilst at the same time ensuring the continuing delivery of the League's 3 Year Development Plan, in conjunction with both the FA and our County F.A.'s..

At the AGM, League Chairman Pat Burns commented:-

"You will be aware that the League currently receives an annual League development Fund grant from the FA. This comes in two parts, an administration Grant of currently £8k, plus a further grant related to initiatives, which last season amounted to a further £5k, although this was higher than previously due to the new initiatives we put forward. The FA has advised that they are conducting a review of the League Development Fund, but does not say if they are looking to reduce or increase the funding. What The FA has said is that unless the League has achieved/maintained Charter Standard League status, they will NOT be eligible for the further grant for initiatives. This means it is imperative that all Clubs achieve and maintain Charter Standard status otherwise, this additional funding will be in jeopardy. So those Clubs who do not have Charter Standard status, or where it has lapsed, can expect a call from the League Charter Standard Officer, Larry Corkrey. The bottom line is that without this additional grant, the shortfall will have a detrimental effect on the finances of the league"

TO CLUB SECRETARIES – NOTES FOR GUIDANCE

Please ensure that all correspondence is sent to the League General Secretary Mike Appleby. This will ensure a prompt response.

Please advise immediately of any changes of address, telephone numbers etc regarding your club so that the League Handbook can be updated.

Avoid the imposition of League fines by observing the following:-

Start the match with a full team and be ready to kick off at the appointed time

SMS text the result immediately after the match.

Send in match results sheets on time.

When at home, advise the visiting club and match officials of the match details at least 5 working days before the game.

Use the substitute boards & the Mind Your Language pink bibs.

Use the sponsors match footballs at all times.

All correspondence to the League must come from the Club Secretary or appointed deputy.

Other than for FA and County FA cup ties, permission to postpone a fixture will not be granted after the fixture lists have been published. Any request for a postponements or for a free date, must be made at least six weeks in advance accompanied by a full explanation before the request will be considered. Clubs without a published fixture, may still receive a fixture at a later date.

Ensure that you first obtain permission from the League before playing in other Cup Competitions other than those of the FA and County FA.

SMS Text **ALL** cup matches involving FA, County FA ties etc home or away. This will ensure that fixtures can be amended as required and that the results can be reported to the Press & Media.

Home Clubs must notify the Referee and the assistants of names of their colleagues as they may be able to travel together and thereby save the Club some travelling expenses. This applies to both League and FA Cup fixtures etc

WARM UP AREA DIRECTIVE

A warm up area should be provided at the discretion of the Home Club.

Only players taking part in the match and the official club management are allowed onto the warm up area. NO CHILDREN ALLOWED.

The Away Club MUST comply with any instruction issued by the Home Club.

In the event of the pitch being in a state where a warm up may directly interfere with the playing surface, the Home Club has the authority to refuse permission for a warm up on the pitch. Away Clubs are therefore advised that it is not an automatic right that access to the pitch is allowed for a warm up. It is solely at the discretion of the Home Club.

The Away Club MUST at all times comply with the instructions of the Home Club and respect the facilities and condition of the playing surface.

Any Club reported for a breach of this directive shall face disciplinary action and a fine.

Clubs are reminded of the following:-

The requirement to provide refreshments – Rule 40 applies. If your team is unable to stay for the after match refreshments, advise the home club at least 24 hours in advance so that food and money are not wasted.

The requirement to register players at least 4 hours before matches – Rule 6.4.2 applies. Also check for any additional qualification for cup games etc.

All transfers must be registered at least 4 hours before matches. Also check for any additional qualification for cup matches etc.

Observe the requirements of the rule regarding the technical area.

Consumption of Alcohol

Alcohol, glasses & bottles etc must not be allowed in the vicinity of the pitch. Under no circumstances will the consumption of alcohol be allowed in the vicinity of the pitch. Any directives issued by the FA or County Associations in this or related matters must be strictly observed.

Offensive Language

Players, Managers & Club Officials have the responsibility to ensure that the image of the League and the National Game are not tarnished either by the use or acceptance, of offensive language likely to incite, insult or provoke others. This applies in particular to religious and racial remarks

**APBS SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE
SEASON 2017 –18**

MATCH BALL SPONSORSHIP

Footballs from Herewood Sports

The League Management Committee agreed to remain with Hereward Sports who will continue to provide Mitre footballs for use throughout the League. These footballs will be FIFA approved and carry the League logo. This is not a ball sponsorship as such, but a provision of quality footballs at a much lower price. These balls will not be available from any other source. The ball will be provided via the League and Clubs will be invoiced for them by the League accordingly. The cost of the footballs will be £22 per ball as last season.

Extra footballs will be available from Bob Flight. Requests will be accepted via email - bobflightfootball@btinternet.com or via telephone - 01604 764433

Conditions of the use

All Spartan South Midlands Football League matches, both league & cups, must use the Mitre football without exception. No other make or brand of football can be used, League Rule 14.9 applies. The League will penalise any Club that fails to use the League Mitre footballs. At least three footballs must be left in the match officials changing room before each game properly inflated and clean.

The League request that all match officials report any club that fails to use the League Mitre footballs.

Notes from Mitre on football care

The new balls are VERY DIFFERENT from balls used in the past, they are technically far more advanced. Please follow the guidelines below to ensure they perform as they have been designed to do.

Clubs are reminded to ensure that they inflate the football carefully as last season, clubs returned balls to the League complaining of a fault when actually the needle used to inflate the ball had punctured the bladder due to undue care when inflating the football.

Inflate all new balls 4 hours pre use for the first time.

Use a ball gauge to inflate to the correct pressure - League ball maximum pressure 12 psi

After use, slightly deflate to take the pressure off the stitching

Wipe down with a clean damp cloth and store in a dry aired place

Do not leave footballs wet after use

Following the above guidelines will help to get the best out of the Mitre match football. A ball gauge is a critical item of equipment and must be used.

Over inflation of the football is very easy to do if a gauge is not used and constant over inflation can cause the footballs to go out of shape. This is not a fault with the football.

APBS Spartan South Midland Respect Committee
Final Report for Season 2016/ 2017 By Bob Flight

My thanks to all clubs for supporting the League Respect Programme this season. I feel that overall it has benefited both the League and Clubs in making football in the Spartan South Midlands Football League more enjoyable for players, officials and spectators alike. This was the sixth season of the League Respect Programme which continues to prove successful in encouraging good behaviour throughout the League.

2015/16 Section	Team %	2016/17 Section	Team %	Movement %
Green	58.62	Green	67.61	+ 8.99
Brown	32.76	Brown	21.12	- 11.64
Red	8.62	Red	11.27	+ 2.65
Total	100	Total	100	

The disappointing fact of the figures above are that there has been an increase of 2.65% of teams in the red, unacceptable section of the Respect tables. The brown, need to improve, section has improved due to teams pushing up into the green section which has shown a good increase of almost 9% and the real success of the season.

In comparison to last season, dissent cautions rose by 20%, bench incidents increased by 27% but the good news is that sending off offences fell by 13%. All Clubs must improve their player and bench behaviour for the new season to avoid dissent and bench incidents. The overall Respect penalty points per club per game just marginally increased by 1% to an average of 1.88 points. This is slightly misleading as the Premier clubs increased by 6%, Division One by 12% and the saving grace was that in Division Two it fell by a dramatic 18%. Most of the poor Respect problems occurred in Division One as it had the most dissent cautions and bench incidents even though it played fewer games than the Premier Division. Overall, dissent cautions cost clubs in the League over £8000 through County FA fines. Clubs complain about increasing costs, controlling dissent is an easy way to reduce them!

Respect – The Next Steps

1. To continue with the Bench exclusion policy.
2. Clubs deemed by the League to have an unacceptable Respect record during the season, and who cannot or will not improve their Respect performance, to be excluded from the League constitution for the following season. **For this last season, the League will contact the worst performing clubs during the close season asking them for their plans to improve and where required inviting them to an interview with the League for discussions.**
3. To continue with a Respect reward budget to be paid to those teams that have an exceptional or improved Respect record throughout the season.
4. To continue with the **Pink Mind Your Language bibs** for substitutes. For the new season, clubs not using the prescribed pink bibs will be reported to the League which could lead to fines.

The winners of the Respect awards were announced at the AGM.

RESPECT PROGRAMME REWARDS SEASON 2016/17

A total of £3000 is available to reward clubs for outstanding Respect performances during the season, including most improved club.

Premier

£300 - Crawley Green - they also finished top in Division One last season

£250 - Holmer Green

£200 - Edgware Town

Division One

£300 - Buckingham Athletic

£250 - Bedford - vast improvement over last season

£200 - Wodson Park - continued good results from last season

Division Two

£300 - Amersham Town

£225 - Unite MK

£100 each - Clean Slate & Old Bradwell United

U25 Development Division

£250 - Hertford Town - best performance in the whole League

£175 - Risborough Rangers - continuing on their good performance of last season

£150 - Stotfold

Most improved club

£200 - Pitstone & Ivinghoe - from a club called before the League for their poor conduct last season, they have improved dramatically.

Congratulations to all the Respect Award Winners

APBS Spartan South Midlands Football League Respect Policy

Introduction

The Spartan South Midlands Football League supported The FA Respect Programme for the National League System (NLS) by introducing a pilot Respect Programme in season 2011/12. This pilot was successful and the League launched a fully fledged Respect Programme in season 2012/13. The League Respect Programme is now an ongoing event every season. In only the second season, the League were awarded the silver award by The FA for the League's Respect programme. This past season the League's Respect programme was again recognised by the bronze award from the Berks & Bucks County FA.

Aims of the Respect programme

1. To ensure the highest possible standards of behaviour throughout the League
2. To enhance the reputation of the League with sponsors, media and the FA.
3. By encouraging good behaviour, to ensure that every match is as enjoyable as possible for both players and spectators alike.
4. To constantly improve the standards of the League and the teams within it.
5. To continue with the Respect Programme year on year to support clubs with their own respective Respect initiatives.

Clubs Responsibilities in the Respect programme

All clubs are required to adopt the League Respect Policy as part of their own Respect programmes within their own clubs codes of conduct.

The role of the Club Chairman.

The Chairman of each club must take an active interest in the discipline of his/her players and management team. The management team must tackle needless cautions and dismissals for showing dissent. In particular, they must emphasise to the players by setting high standards themselves with their own conduct in the technical area during a game. The League will hold the club Chairman responsible for the discipline of their players, management teams and club officials.

The club Chairman must also ensure the high standards of behaviour of his/her club committee members and officials towards their opponents, match officials, visiting League officials and visiting supporters. It is also very important to show the Respect ethos in the following: -

Provision of refreshments before, at half time and after each game for visiting teams, match officials, visiting club and League officials.

If playing away and not staying for post match refreshments, the club **must** advise their opponents at least 24 hours in advance.

Also playing away, ensure that the opponents receive, in good time, details of club history, team selection etc for the match day programme.

Ensure that your club respects the changing room of the home club. This includes causing damage to doors etc and the washing of football boots in the showers. The League have directed home clubs to invoice visiting clubs for extra cleaning costs if they leave the changing rooms in a condition over and above what is acceptable.

The role of the Club Management Team

The first opportunity to interact with the match officials is at the exchange of team sheets before the game. At this meeting, the referee will advise the club representatives of what he/she expects from them during the match. Any questions to the referee should be raised at this time. The management team are expected to comply with the conditions regarding the technical area and to control their player's discipline throughout the match. At no time must they show any dissent towards decisions taken by the match officials or at the match officials themselves. They must encourage their players to good behaviour and not incite them to show dissent or contravene other Laws of the Game.

Technical area dismissals.

Any person dismissed from the technical area, must go immediately to either the changing rooms, clubhouse or out of the ground completely. They cannot remain within the environs of the pitch area. Match officials will be tasked by the League to rigorously enforce this policy, which has been fully authorised by The FA.

The role of the Team Captain

On field player discipline is the responsibility of the club team captain and this will be made clear by the referee at the coin toss before the kick off. The referee will interact with the captain during the match as needed and this is an opportunity for the captain to seek any clarifications that maybe required. Only the team captain should approach the referee, in a calm manner, in this respect. The team captain must ensure that other players do not crowd round the referee seeking explanations. The team captain must advise his players not to become involved in the following actions: -

- Adopting an aggressive attitude towards match officials
- Threatening match officials
- Personal abuse towards match officials
- Surrounding the match officials to protest a decision
- Repeatedly asking questions in an attempt to influence or undermine the referee
- Passing derogatory comments to other players about the match officials decisions
- Repeatedly disputing decisions made by the match officials
- Making gestures of a derogatory nature.

League Respect Programme Administration & Management

A small sub-committee of the main League Management Committee, the make up of which is determined by the League, manages the Respect Programme.

The Respect performance of each league team is measured by the awarding of penalty points for the following offences: -

C2 – Dissent by word or action

C4 - Delays the re-start of play

C5 – Failure to respect the required distance at a free kick/corner kick

S2– Violent conduct

S3 – Spits at an opponent

S6 – Uses offensive/insulting abusive language and or gestures

S7 – Second caution in the same match

E20 – Failure to ensure players, coaches, managers & spectators conduct themselves in an orderly fashion. This includes technical area behaviour.

The penalty points are determined and set by the League and are reviewed on a season by season basis. The qualifying games are all league & cup matches played wholly in the Spartan South Midlands Football League. All other games, including FA and County FA games are excluded. The League Respect Programme penalty points are restricted to the period of the match and the on field behaviour of players and club officials only.

Respect league tables will be produced whenever possible on a monthly basis. The awarding of the penalty points will be taken from the match official's match report form, which is submitted, to the League after each match. A traffic light system will operate in as much that teams in the green section will be judged as satisfactory, those in the brown section judged as needing improvement and those in the red will be judged as having an unacceptable respect record.

Respect Rewards and Penalties

Rewards

The League will financially reward teams for exceptionally good Respect performances. The budget to be agreed each season by the League Management Committee. Should the League have a sponsor, or sponsors, there could be additional rewards of monies or equipment for exceptional good Respect performances on a monthly or seasons basis.

Penalties

Teams that constantly occupy the red section of the monthly Respect tables, will be required to inform the League, in writing, their proposals to immediately improve and correct their performance. Teams that continually fail to improve their respect performance, for whatever reason, will be required to appear before the League Management Committee to answer for their actions. Continual failure to improve could result in the team concerned being excluded from the League constitution of the following season.

REGISTRATION NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF CLUBS

League Forms

Player Registration, Player Registration Cancellation, Player Transfer , Result Sheet , Referee Report and Notice of Postponement or Abandonment are all available for download from [The FA Full Time Website](#). Because the **player** forms require signatures (an FA requirement), a hard copy must be sent to the league. Clubs can scan and email a form ahead of sending the hard copy, but they must be an exact copy including dates and signatures. In all cases with player forms the hard copy must be received by Charlotte **within 5 days**.

Post Registration forms, with the correct postage, to Charlotte Ross at Century House, Skimpot Road, Dunstable. LU5 4JU

Do not send any money with forms. If any is due, the League Finance officer will issue an invoice.

Registration forms

These can be emailed or posted. If emailed, the original must be received within 5 days.

All clubs must have at least eleven players registered not less than seven days prior to the start of the season in accordance with Rule 6.4.2 which is 5th August 2017. If the form is handwritten please ensure that the player's names are legible – if not please print them in a suitable place on the form. Please see Rule 6.4 for registration procedures. Registration of player deadline is at least 4 hours before the scheduled kick off time of the match in which they participate.

Players from abroad

If a player has registered/played abroad (including Ireland, Wales, Scotland etc) international clearance must be obtained from the Registrations Department at The FA. Until this has been received, the player will not be able to play.

Result sheets

These must be emailed to the League **within 3 days** of the match. You will also be filling in team sheets and scorers on The Full Time website (including Development Division). Instructions on how to do this will be sent to clubs along with the individual club passwords.

Other forms

Referee report forms - these should be filled in on computer and emailed to the Referee's Secretary **within 3 days** of the match.

Notice of postponement or abandonment – these must be sent to Karen Browne

NATIONAL GROUND GRADING - CATEGORIES

(appropriate to clubs seeking promotion)

For Ground Gradings for Steps 1 to 7 please consult The FA Website for the relevant up to date information applying to your particular Club.

The Spartan South Midlands Football League are part of the FA National League System (NLS) and these ground grades fully apply to all clubs in membership of the League.

(Southern & Ryman League - Step 4, Ground Grade D)

Spartan South Midlands League Premier Division - Step 5, Ground Grade F

Division One - Step 6, Ground Grade G

Division Two - Step 7, Ground Grade H is the entry/promotion to Step 6
Full Step 7 Ground Grading is the minimum requirement for this division.
(full details are on The FA website)

Clubs wishing for promotion must attain the appropriate ground grade before any promotion can be considered by the League.

Clubs wishing to join the League in Division 1 on promotion from another League, must attain Ground Grade G before acceptance can be considered by the League Management Committee.

Clubs wishing to apply to the League for Division 2 membership, must be able to at least attain the minimum Step 7 grading.

Fees will apply for ground grading visits by League Officials. Full details are available from the General Secretary Mike Appleby

The League have a ground & facilities inspection team, approved by The FA, available to conduct inspections as required. Contact the League General Secretary for full details.

The League reserve the right to inspect any member club's ground & facilities at any time, subject to giving adequate notice, to ensure that the appropriate ground grades are maintained throughout the League.

PROCEDURES FOR PITCH INSPECTIONS FOR CLUBS

All Clubs are strongly advised to keep their ground in good order throughout the season

For Saturday fixtures, where play is doubtful on the morning of the preceding day, arrangements should be made for a pitch inspection to be carried out on the morning of the match not less than four hours prior to the scheduled kick off time. This will ensure that a decision is made well before the opponents begin their journey. **On the previous day please advise the opponents and match officials, warning them of a possible match postponement.** Once the pitch inspection has been done, advise the opponents and match officials accordingly.

If play does not become doubtful until the morning of the match, then the same inspection and notification procedures apply as above.

Matches cannot be postponed before the day of the game without the approval of the Fixture Secretary. However, in the case of mid-week games, where there are severe weather conditions which are forecast to continue, overnight pitch inspection and postponement is acceptable to avoid unnecessary travelling by opponents and match officials.

Who can complete the pitch inspection?

Only match officials listed in the League Handbook.

Premier Division - Match referee and referees at level 1, 2, 3, 4. A level 5 referee, nominated by the Hon. Assistant Secretary - Referee Appointments, can be asked

Divisions 1 & 2 - Match referee and referees at level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Development Division - Match referee and referees at level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

In all cases, contact must be made with the **Match Referee before** a decision is made as to whether the match is to proceed.

Any Referee called upon to perform a pitch inspection is advised, where possible and if applicable, to seek opinion and guidance from the home groundsman or other suitably qualified home club official. This may be of benefit in determining the potential ground fitness later in the day. However, the Referee should not allow his/her judgement to be unduly swayed by an opinion given.

Any Referee, other than the match official, called upon to perform a pitch inspection for a game in which he/she is not refereeing, **is required to contact the appointed Referee** to convey his/her opinions in order that the match referee can make a judgement based upon refereeing principles. **It is important that this contact is made before any opinion or decision is relayed to the home or away clubs.**

In the event of the appointed match Referee not being contactable, the Hon. Assistant Secretary Referee Appointments should be contacted and his/her opinion sought.

If a further or later pitch inspection is deemed appropriate, it should be carried out – distance & travel permitting by the appointed match Referee. If this is not possible, then the original inspecting Referee should, where possible, re-inspect the pitch.

If a match is postponed, the home club must inform the match officials, opponents and the Secretaries for Match Officials, Fixtures and Results immediately. In addition, if contact with club official is only made by leaving a message, this should be followed up by calling and speaking to another club official.

If there is any doubt as to this pitch inspection procedure, the Hon. Assistant Secretary Referee Appointments should be the first point of contact as there will be a panel of experienced officials who can undertake pitch inspections as required.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE REFEREES' AND OBSERVERS' SECTION OF THE LEAGUE HANDBOOK

Welcome to the Spartan South Midlands League (SSMFL) Referee Section of the League Handbook for season 2017-2018.

The objective of this Handbook is to provide essential information for all officials on the League and all observers as we approach the start of the 2017-2018 playing season.

This Handbook contains the details of all Level 4 officials, but also all other officials registered with the SSMFL. Details of all Observers are listed as well. The League expects officials always to behave in a professional manner. Therefore codes of conduct for officials and observers have been provided.

We have also listed details of procedures for ground inspections, technical area requirements and use of approved footballs. In addition officials' expenses and kick-off times are listed.

Please note that Peter Clayton, the Referee Appointments Officer for the League appoints Level 4 referees and Assistant Referees to all Premier Division matches. Mike Desborough appoints all officials to Division 1, 2 and the Development Division of the SSMFL.

Their contact details are listed on Page 3.

The SSMFL has for many years had a very active and successful match officials association (ASSMFLMO). Membership of the Association is open to all officials and meetings are held three times a year. Fuller details of the Association and its officers are provided.

Finally, we have included some blank pages to enable you to note the very many changes that are made to all the detailed information during the playing season. All changes will be notified to you through regular information updates provided by the League. In addition, I will update this Handbook on a monthly basis during the playing season.

We hope you find this Handbook useful and informative, meeting your immediate needs as a Level 4 Referee and Assistant Referee, an official on other Divisions of the League, or an official observer.

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Spartan South Midlands League: Challenge Trophy & Premier Division Cup

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CODE OF CONDUCT- MATCH OFFICIALS

MATCHDAY DRESS CODE

All officials to attend matches to which they are appointed dressed in collar and tie and trousers/slacks. Track suits, 'T' shirts jeans and trainers are not permitted.

REFEREES

All officials must reply to the home club's confirmation of a fixture. All referees must make contact with their appointed assistant referees at least 24 hours prior to their appointed game. All post-match correspondence must be dealt with immediately after the game.

ARRIVAL AT GROUNDS

All officials must arrive at the ground on match days normally one hour prior to kick off. Often referees will ask if the assistant referees can get to the ground 75 minutes before the scheduled kick off. We would appreciate it if asked to arrive a little bit earlier at the referees' request, you make every effort to do so.

If for any reason you are going to be late arriving at your designated ground, you must contact the club and the match referee/assistant referee as soon as you know you might be or will be late.

All referees and Assistant Referees (ARs) who are late arriving on Premier Division matches must report the fact to Peter Clayton by email.

Referees and ARs who are late for SSMFL Division 1, 2 and Development Division matches must report the fact to Bob Flight on the Match Report Form.

JOINT TRAVEL

It is absolutely essential that wherever possible officials are to travel together, purely to cut the costs of the clubs. All appointments to matches will be made with the intention that officials travel together.

It is the match referees' responsibility to make travel arrangements when making contact with his/her assistant referees prior to the game.

SENIOR ASSISTANT

The senior AR on a Premier Division match will be decided thus:

SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS PREMIER DIVISION

The Senior AR on the day will be the assistant who is the senior AR in terms of level/experience. However, if both Assistants are Level 5 then the AR who has passed the fitness assessment held prior to the start of the season will be the Senior AR. If both

AR's have passed the fitness test, the senior assistant will be the person who is going for promotion to level 4. If both have passed the fitness test and are going for promotion then the senior assistant will be decided on level and years at their current level.

SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE - ALL OTHER DIVISIONS

The Senior AR on the day will be the assistant who is the senior AR in terms of level/experience. However if both ARs are of the same level, then the Senior AR will be an official who has passed the Spartan League fitness assessment. If neither has passed the fitness assessment then the Senior Assistant will be decided on level and years at their current level.

MATCH OBSERVERS

Please treat all match assessors at your games with total respect. At the end of the day, they are there to do a job and that job is to make you all better referees/assistant referees. Everyone fully accepts that there will be times when you may perhaps disagree with an observer's comments. If that is the case, do not argue with them, accept what they say and speak to them on the phone after the game whereby any problems can then be discussed.

ATTITUDE

All of you are on a Supply League and you will be expected to act accordingly. Please do not let your colleagues down and most importantly yourselves.

MATCH REPORT FORMS

Match Report Forms for all matches on the Premier Division must be sent electronically to Peter Clayton (peterjohnclayton@hotmail.com) and Bob Flight (bobflightfootball@btinternet.com)

Match Report Forms on all other Divisions of the Spartan South Midlands League must be sent to Bob Flight (bobflightfootball@btinternet.com)

CODE OF CONDUCT

REFEREE OBSERVERS

PRE MATCH

1. Appointments will be made in advance with as much notice as possible and be through MOAS
2. Dates are to be opened and closed in the same manner as for referees
3. Contact the referee in the day before the match by phone or E mail. Do not contact the referee earlier than that. Ascertain all relevant details of the match including officiating assistants and agree time of arrival at ground. Make contact arrangements if bad weather is forecast on day of match
4. Contact Club on day of match to indicate attendance and on arrival make contact with a Club official

AT THE MATCH

1. Arrive at ground in time to attend the officials' pre match instructions unless non-attendance is cleared by the Observer Coordinator ("OC")
2. Dress code is smart casual and tie. No track suit or shorts are acceptable
3. Advise the Club if unable to accept hospitality at half time or at the conclusion of the match
4. Advise Club on departure. This is important for security reasons and also if contact is made to the Club to speak to the Observer
5. Agree at pre match instructions arrangements time wise for post-match de brief which must not exceed 10 minutes

POST MATCH

1. Contact referee to clarify any matters that for time constraints or other reasons were not cleared at the post-match de brief
2. Report on all three officials to reach OC not more than 4 days after match (Tuesday following for Saturday match, Saturday following for Tuesday match). If a draft is to be sent to OC this must be 1 day earlier. Reports must be completed on the official forms unless cleared beforehand with OC. Referee reports are to be sent by the MOAS system. Reports to the Assistant referees will be sent by e-mail, copied also to the OC.
3. No report can be altered once issued to the officials
4. No contact is to be made post-match with any Club officials unless cleared by OC
5. Any match cancellations (whether Observer is in attendance or not) must be reported promptly that same day to the OC

'MIND YOUR LANGUAGE'

The aim of this League initiative is to reduce the level of bad language both on the field of play and around the technical areas. Posters have been supplied to clubs to put up in their spectator and playing staff areas. Guidance to Referees has been issued and is shown below. With everyone's help and support we can make a real difference and improve the enjoyment level for players, officials and spectators alike. Please support this initiative.

MIND YOUR LANGUAGE- A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR MATCH OFFICIALS

BACKGROUND

As many of you will know by now, the League has, for some time, been concerned about the growing amount of offensive language and behaviour at games on the League. Concerns have been voiced at Management Committee meetings and also at the divisional meetings we have had with all the clubs. It did not surprise anyone that the clubs share our view and whole heartedly support any initiative that the League may decide to take. With this in mind and a clear mandate from the clubs it is the Leagues' intent to deal with any transgression of an offensive nature. It is the hope that the playing arena will become a more pleasanter place for ALL to enjoy, whether participating or spectating. This initiative of course means that for the Match Officials, the application of Law will need to be implemented MUCH stricter.

IMPLICATIONS:

Clearly we need all the referees on the League to not only be aware of what is going on, but have a willingness to make it work and to encourage their colleagues to do likewise, to use current vernacular 'have you all singing off the same sheet'...Of course we all hear and see things differently and I realise that consistency will be a great challenge. Those of you who have attended the Leagues' Initiative Meetings will have already demonstrated a willingness to try to make this succeed, but many of you have described situations that might arrive. Based on the thoughts of your colleagues who were at the meetings, we have hopefully prepared some guidance that might help you along the way. The implication is that we might well see an increase in red and yellow cards, we might see more notes on your match report forms, you may well find you need to remove people from the technical area...you may also find that your words of wisdom to miscreants have the desired effect.

APPLICATIONS:

Be assured that clubs will be looking closely at us to see how this initiative is dealt with. The League does NOT want to see a plethora of dismissals in the early weeks of the season. All the clubs will have been warned and further publicity will be posted in the club house and dressing rooms in the near future. The referees will have opportunities to remind clubs upon the presentation of the team sheets and again when you meet the captains. The Bench Side assistant will again have the opportunity to speak to those in the technical area. I would hope that the Match Officials will take the opportunity to 'plan ahead' in the dressing room, should they be on the receiving end of some gratuitous,

offensive comment and more importantly should similar comments be uttered from within the technical area.

The odd expletive uttered quietly, I am sure you can 'man-manage.' Any repetition might mean calling the Captain followed by dismissal if common sense does not prevail and further repetition occurs. The role of the Bench-side Assistant will take on additional importance for obvious reasons, but this should not preclude the Assistant on the opposite side to bring to the referees' attention any transgression that He has witnessed.

APPROACH:

It is hoped that your approach to offenders, certainly in the first instant of 'minor misdemeanour's' is not confrontational, by using a stepped approach it might be possible to gain an understanding of what we are trying to achieve, and perhaps get the players and managers to understand our initiative. It would be impossible to write about every conceivable possibility, I hope you will do your very best to make this initiative succeed, for without your united efforts it will most likely fail.

IN SUMMARY KEY PRACTICAL ADVICE POINTS

- The match referee should make sure this initiative is covered in his/her pre-match instructions
- Remind club officials when team-sheets are presented and captains at the toss of the coin about the League initiative and that the officials will act upon it.
- Do not ignore bad language, deal with it and manage it as part of your match responsibilities. Show that you mean business.
- Take action at the first instance of bad language. We do not mean by that a player swearing quietly with no other person hearing it. But if it is loud enough for others to hear take action. This will mean a quiet word in the first instance, followed by a more public word, followed by a public warning with the captain in attendance, followed by the ultimate action of a red card.
- Use your powers and duties as a referee firmly and wisely.
- The role of the Bench Side Assistant Referee is key to addressing bad language in the technical areas. A firm but friendly reminder just before the match starts is a good way of trying to prevent problems before they occur.

The same principles of escalation of action apply here, as they do on the field of play. The Senior Assistant must assert their authority so that the officials and substitutes understand that loud bad language will not be tolerated.

- The League regulation about expulsion from the technical area for misconduct applies to bad language by officials within the area. Under the regulations, if an official is dismissed from the technical area they must leave the confines of the field of play go to his/her car, the committee room or dressing room and take no further part in the game. Refusal to do this can lead to abandonment of the match by the referee.

Thank you for all your support and good luck for the new season.

On behalf of the Spartan South Midlands Football League

PROCEDURE FOR GROUND INSPECTIONS - MATCH OFFICIALS

Ground inspections are often a bone of contention for all parties. This can be alleviated by referees being pro-active prior to a game. Make contact with the home club if you feel there is a doubt about your game.

Clubs however are to adopt the following procedure:-

For Saturday fixtures, where play is doubtful on the morning of the preceding day arrangements should be made for a pitch inspection to be carried out on the morning of the match, not less than four hours prior to the scheduled kick off time. This will ensure that a decision is made well before the opponents begin their journey.

For midweek fixtures it can often be difficult to obtain a referee to carry out the inspection. If this applies then please make contact with the referee's appointments Officer, **Peter Clayton** for Premier Division matches and **Tony Weight** for other matches.

For midweek matches it is advisable to carry out any pitch inspection before 4pm.

ON THE PREVIOUS DAY PLEASE ADVISE THE OPPONENTS AND MATCH OFFICIALS, WARNING THEM OF A POSSIBLE POSTPONEMENT.

Once the pitch inspection has been done, advise the opponents and the match officials accordingly.

If play does not become doubtful until the morning of the match, then the same inspection and notification procedures apply as above.

**MATCHES CANNOT BE POSTPONED BEFORE THE DAY OF THE GAME WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE FIXTURE SECRETARY.
WHO CAN COMPLETE THE PITCH INSPECTION
ONLY MATCH OFFICIALS LISTED IN THE LEAGUE HANDBOOKS.**

SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS PREMIER DIVISION LEAGUE & CUP MATCHES

Match referee and referees at level 1, 2, 3 and 4. A level 5 referee, nominated by the referee appointments Officer (Peter Clayton) can be asked but only in exceptional circumstances.

SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS DIVISIONS ONE & TWO

Match referee and referees at level 4 & 5

SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Match referee and referees at level 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

In all cases, contact must be made with the **MATCH REFEREE BEFORE** a decision is made as to whether the match is to proceed. Please note that the Match referee has the final decision as to whether the match is to be played or not.

Any referee called upon to perform a pitch inspection is advised, where possible and if applicable, to seek opinion and guidance from the home groundsman or other suitably qualified home club official. This may be of benefit in determining the potential ground fitness later in the day; however, the referee should not allow his/her judgement to be unduly swayed by an opinion given.

Any referee, other than the match official, called upon to perform a pitch inspection for a game in which he/she is not refereeing, **is required to contact the appointed referee** to convey his/her opinions in order that the match referee can make a judgement based upon refereeing principles. **It is important that this contact is made before any opinion or decision is relayed to the home or away clubs.**

In the event of the appointed match referee not being contactable, the Referees Appointments Officer Peter Clayton for Premier Division matches and Tony Weight for SSMFL Division 1, 2 and Development Division matches must be contacted.

If a further or later pitch inspection is deemed appropriate, it should be carried out - distance & travel permitting by the appointed match referee. If this is not possible, then the original inspecting referee should where possible re-inspect the pitch.

If a match is postponed, the home club must inform the match officials, opponents and the secretaries for Match Officials, fixtures and Results immediately. In addition, if contact with club official is only made by leaving a message, this should be followed up by calling and speaking to another club official.

IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT AS TO THIS PITCH INSPECTION PROCEDURE, THE REFEREES APPOINTMENTS OFFICER FOR THE PREMIER DIVISION (PETER CLAYTON) AND SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS DIVISION 1, 2 and DEVELOPMENT DIVISION (TONY WEIGHT) SHOULD BE THE FIRST POINT OF CONTACT.

IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED THAT ON MATCH DAYS, IF ALL MATCH OFFICIALS WOULD HAVE THEIR MOBILE PHONES SWITCHED ON SO THAT THEY ARE CONTACTABLE REGARDING PITCH INSPECTIONS

TECHNICAL AREAS

Please note that in all League and Cup games, any individual removed from the technical area will leave the confines of the playing area. They will need to go to the dressing room, car park or the home club's committee room but must not go into the crowd. This ruling also applies to all Spartan South Midlands league & cup matches.

It is essential that all club secretaries remind their technical staff of this ruling.

In simple terms they cannot watch the remainder of the game from a vantage point which would be used by a spectator.

All officials are to check the names on the team sheets of the individuals who are taking their place in the technical area before the game. Please note the name of the physio as they cannot be removed from the technical area even if guilty of an offence.

No more than eight (8) persons are allowed in the technical area at any one time. Only those named on the team sheet can sit in the technical area.

SPONSORED MATCH BALLS

In all Spartan South Midlands games, the 3 match balls to be provided are League Mitre match balls. These match balls will also carry the logo of the Spartan South Midlands League. No other footballs can be used.

Any contravention of this ruling will be reported by the match referee on his match report which will be sent to the Peter Clayton and Bob Flight

CUP MATCHES ON THE LEAGUE

Please note that all cup matches on the League goes straight to penalties after 90 minutes. There is no extra-time, except for the final of each competition.

MATCH OFFICIALS FEES AND EXPENSES 2017-2018

Referee Fee £35 Premier Division, Cup and Challenge Trophy games

Assistant Referee Fee £27

Travel 30p per mile. Please note total travel mileage of the match officials is limited to a total of 210 miles.

Spartan South Midlands League Matches:

- Division 1 and Cup: Referee Fee £30 Assistant Referee £27
- Division 2 and Cup: Referee Fee £28 Assistant Referee £27
- Development Division and Trophy: Referee Fee £28 Assistant Referee £27

Travel 30p per mile. Please note total travel mileage of the match officials is limited to a total of 210 miles.

Referee's fee for ground inspection: £10 – travelling expenses are not payable.

KICK OFF TIMES- UNDER FLOODLIGHTS

Saturday throughout the season	3.00pm
Mid-Week	7.30pm or 7.45pm as advised by the home club
Public Holidays	By arrangement with clubs

KICK OFF TIMES- Saturday- without floodlights

August, September and October	3.00pm
November-February	2.00pm
March-May	3.00pm
Mid-Week	6.30pm
Public Holidays	By arrangement with clubs

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GUIDE TO MARKING REFEREES

The mark awarded by a club must be based on the Referee's overall performance. It is most important that the mark is awarded fairly and not based upon isolated incidents or previous games. The Referee's performance should be determined by the table below which should act as a guide for the overall mark which should fall within the mark range for each standard of performance.

MARK RANGE	COMMENT
100-86	The Referee demonstrated very accurate decision-making and controlled the game very well using management and communication skills effectively to add value to the game.
85-76	The Referee demonstrated accurate decision-making and controlled the game well using management and communication skills to contribute positively to the game.
75-61	The Referee demonstrated reasonably accurate decision-making and despite some shortcomings generally controlled the game well.
60 and below	The Referee demonstrated shortcomings in the accuracy of decision-making and control which affected the game.

NOTES

- Club officials should use the full range of marks within each category to help distinguish between different performance levels, e.g. within the 85-76 category a mark of 84 indicates a better performance than a mark of 77.
- While some Referees may have below average performances, there will usually have been some positive aspects of their performance, so extremely low marks should be very rare.
- When club officials are marking a Referee, they should always look at the game as a whole and not isolated decisions. The result of the match should not influence the mark and disciplinary action should be judged objectively.
- When a mark of 50 or lower is awarded, an explanation must be provided to the Competition using the box provided on the marking form. The purpose of this is to assist Referees to improve their performance levels, so the comments should be as helpful as possible

HOW TO DECIDE ON THE REFEREE'S MARK

The following questions focus on the key areas of a Referee's performance. They are intended as an "aide memoire", are not necessarily comprehensive and need not be answered individually. It is, however, worth considering them before committing yourself to a mark for the Referee.

• CONTROL AND DECISION MAKING

- How well did the Referee control the game?
- Were the players' actions recognized correctly?
- Were the Laws applied correctly?
- Were all incidents dealt with efficiently/effectively?
- Were all the appropriate sanctions applied correctly?
- Was the Referee always within reasonable distance of incidents?
- Was the Referee well positioned to make critical decisions, especially in and around the penalty area?
- Did the Referee understand the players' positional intentions and keep out of the way accordingly?
- Did the Referee demonstrate alertness and concentration throughout the game?
- Did the Referee apply the use of the advantage to suit the mood and temperature of the game?
- Was the Referee aware of the players' attitude to advantage?
- Did the Referee use the assistants effectively?
- Did the officials work as a team, and did the Referee lead and manage them to the benefit of the game?

COMMUNICATION AND PLAYER MANAGEMENT

- How well did the Referee communicate with the players during the game?
- Did the Referee's Level of involvement/profile suit this particular game?
- Did the Referee understand the players' problems on the day – e.g. difficult ground/ weather conditions?
- Did the Referee respond to the changing pattern of play/mood of players?
- Did the Referee demonstrate empathy for the game, allowing it to develop in accordance with the tempo of the game?
- Was the Referee pro-active in controlling of the game?
- Was the Referee's authority asserted firmly without being officious?
- Was the Referee confident and quick thinking?
- Did the Referee appear unflustered and unhurried when making critical decisions?
- Did the Referee permit undue questioning of decisions?
- Did the Referee deal effectively with players crowding around after decisions/incidents?
- Was effective player management in evidence?
- Was the Referee's body language confident and open at all times?
- Did the pace of the game, the crowd or player pressure affect the Referee negatively?

FINAL THOUGHTS

- Always try to be objective when marking. You may not obtain the most objective view by marking immediately after the game.
- Judge the performance over the whole game. Don't be too influenced by one particular incident.
- Don't mark the Referee down unfairly because your team was unlucky and lost the game or some disciplinary action was taken against your players

**SPARTAN SOUTH MIDLANDS FOOTBALL LEAGUE
CONSTITUTION - SEASON 2017/18**

PREMIER DIVISION

1	Berkhamsted
2	Biggleswade FC
3	Biggleswade United
4	Cockfosters
5	Colney Heath
6	Crawley Green
7	Edgware Town
8	Hadley
9	Harpenden Town
10	Hoddesdon Town
11	Holmer Green
12	Leighton Town
13	Leverstock Green
14	London Colney
15	London Tigers
16	Oxhey Jets
17	St. Margaretsbury
18	Stotfold
19	Sun Sports
20	Tring Athletic
21	Welwyn Garden City
22	Wembley

DIVISION 1

1	Ampthill Town
2	Baldock Town
3	Bedford
4	Brimsdon
5	Broadfields United
6	Buckingham Athletic
7	Codicote
8	Enfield Borough
9	FC Broxbourne Borough
10	Harefield United
11	Hatfield Town
12	Hillingdon Borough
13	Langford
14	London Lions
15	Rayners Lane
16	Risborough Rangers
17	Southall
18	St. Neots Town Reserves
19	Winslow United
20	Wodson Park

DIVISION 2

1	AFC Southgate
2	Amersham Town
3	Aston Clinton
4	Berkhansted Raiders
5	Clean Slate
6	Grendon Rangers
7	Loughton Manor
8	MK Gallactios
9	Mursley United
10	Old Bradwell United
11	Park View
12	Pitstone & Ivinghoe
13	The 61 FC (Luton)
14	Totternhoe
15	Tring Corinthians
16	Tring Town AFC
17	Unite MK FC

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

1	AFC Dunstable
2	Amphill Town
3	Berkhamsted
4	Biggleswade United
5	Buckingham Athletic
6	Cockfosters
7	Colney Heath
8	Harpenden Town
9	Hertford Town
10	Hillingdon Borough
11	Hoddesdon Town
12	Holmer Green
13	Leighton Town
14	Risborough Rangers
15	St. Margaretsbury
16	Welwyn Garden City
17	Winslow United

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Alternative colours:- Shirts – White, Shorts – Black, Shorts - Black. GK - Green

Ground:- Broadwater, Lower Kings Road, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 2AL Tel:- 01442 865977

Best route to Ground:- Exit A41 onto A416. Go over town centre traffic lights into Lower Kings Road and over the canal bridge. Turn first left into Broadwater. Ground is on the right. **See Club**

Website for full details

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Club Website:- Biggleswadefc.net

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Alternate colours:- Shirts - Red, Shorts - Red, Socks - Red. GK - Blue

Ground:- Biggleswade Town FC, Langford Road Stadium, Biggleswade, Beds. SG18 9JT
Tel 01767 318202.

Best route to the ground:- From A1 heading North, ignore first roundabout signposted Biggleswade (homebase & Matalan) to the second roundabout (Sainsburys) Take the 3rd exit to Biggleswade A 6001. Straght over mini roundabout past Sainsburys and follow the road until the next mini roundabout and go straight on into Teal Road. After approx. 600 yards at the set of traffic lights, turn right onto Hitchen Street and continue on. Go under the A1 bridge onto Langford Road and the ground is approx. 200 yards on the right. If coming from the North, Take the first exit at the Biggleswade roundabout (Sainsburys) and continue as above. **Full details on the Biggleswade Town website**

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Alternate colours:- Shirts – Royal Blue Shorts - Blue, Socks - Blue. GK - Orange

Ground:- Second Meadow, Fairfield Road, Biggleswade, SG18 0AA, Tel:- 07714 661827

Best Route to the Ground:- From A1 Biggleswade roundabout (Sainsburys). Go over the river bridge. At the next mini roundabout take the first left into Sun Street, then next left into Fairfield Road. Proceed to the end of the road and into the Lane. Ground is at the end of the lane. **See Club Website for full details**

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Colours:- Shirts - Red. Shorts - Red. Socks - Red. GK - Green

Alternate colours:- Shirts – Blue, Shorts- Blue, Socks - Blue. GK - Yellow

Ground:- Cockfosters Sports Ground, Chalk Lane, Cockfosters, EN4 9JG. Tel:- 0208 449 5833.

Best Route to the Ground: Leaving the M25 motorway at junction 24 (Potters Bar) take the A111 signposted to Cockfosters. The ground is situated approximately 2 miles from the motorway on the right immediately before Cockfosters underground station. **VEHICLE DRIVERS PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THE YELLOW LINES & PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN CHALK LANE ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED ON SATURDAYS. However, parking is available within the Cockfosters underground station car park which on Saturday is a fixed £2 daily charge.**

For restriction free parking, drivers are recommended to take the first turning on the right after the underground station (Mount Pleasant), drive down about 500 metres and take the first right again (Bevan Road) and then drive up as near to the top as possible. The ground is situated immediately opposite the width restriction barrier at the top of the road. **See Club Website for full details**

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Colours:- Shirts - Black & White Stripes. Shorts - Black. Socks - Black. GK - Green

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Blue, Shorts - , Socks - Blue. GK - Orange

Ground:- The Recreation Ground, High Street, Colney Heath, Herts. AL4 0NP Tel:- 01727 824325

Best Route to the Ground:- From A1, leave at junction 3 and follow A414 St. Albans. At long roundabout turn left into the village and after 400 yards, the ground is just past the school on the left. **See Club Website for full details**

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Alternate colours:- Shirts – Sky Blue, Shorts – Navy Blue, Socks - Navy Blue. GK - Yellow

Ground:- Barton Rovers FC Sharpenhoe Road, Barton Le Clay. MK45 4SD Tel:- 01582 882398.

Best Route to the Ground:- From M1 junction 12, turn right from South, turn left from the North, onto the A5120. After approximately 1.5 miles take the second turning on the right signposted Harlington and Barton. Follow the road through Sharpenhoe to Barton, at mini roundabout turn right and after about 400 yards turn right to the ground. Ground entrance is in Luton Road.

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Colours:-Shirts - Green/White, Shorts - Green/White, Socks - Green/White, GK - Blue

Alternate Colours:- Shirts - Red/Black, Shorts - Red/Black, Socks - Black, GK - Orange

Ground:-Silver Jubilee Park, Townsend Lane, London NW9 7NE Tel:- 0208 205 1645

Best Route to the ground:- From Edgware tube station, turn left onto Station Road and then left onto Edgware Road. Go South for about two miles on Edgware Road, turn right onto Kingsbury Road. Turn first left onto Townsend Lane down to the bottom of the hill and then turn left into the park through the park barriers.

From Staples Corner, go North along the A5 towards Edgware through West Hendon to the junction with Kingsbury Road (Red Lion pub on corner) Turn into Kingsbury Road and then the third turning on the left into Townsend Lane at the top of the hill. The ground is in the bottom left hand corner of Silver Jubilee Park. There is a black gate at the entrance, go down this slip road to the ground at the end.

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Colours:- Shirts - Red, Shorts – Black, Socks - Black. GK - Green

Alternate Colours:- Shirts – Yellow, Shorts - White, Socks - White GK - Yellow

Ground:- Hadley Sports Ground, Brickfield Lane, Arkley, Barnet, Herts. EN5 3LD.

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Best Route to the ground: From M25, exit junction 23 (South Mimms) go south on the A1 to Stirling Corner roundabout. Take the left exit onto Barnet Road and continue until the first set of traffic lights. Go straight over and then take the immediate first left opposite the Gate Public House into Brickfield Lane. The ground is approximately 75 yards on the left.

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Alternate Colours:- Shirts – Red, Shorts – Red, Socks - Red. GK - Green

Ground:- Rothamstead Park, Amenbury Lane, Harpenden. Herts. AL5 2EF. Tel:- 07734 700226 or 07702 604771

Best Route to the Ground:- Approaching Harpenden from Luton, go through town and as you leave (just past the George pub) turn right into Leyton Road. Then turn left into Amenbury Lane and then left into the pay & display car park after about 300 yards. The entrance to the ground is in the far corner of the car park next to the swimming pool and up the pathway. **Pay & Display**

Parking only. See Club Website details

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Ground:- The Stewart Edwards Stadium, Lowfield, Park View, Hoddesdon EN11 8PX
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Ground:-Best Route to the Ground:- From A10 take Hoddesdon turn off, A1170. Follow slip road to roundabout at the bottom of the hill and then turn right into Amwell Street. Take the first right at church into Pauls Lane. Follow road round to left which becomes Taveners Way. At the mini roundabout opposite Iceland store, turn right into Brocket Road. At T junction turn left into Park View and the ground is 200 yards on your right. For Sat.Nav users please use postcode EN11 8PU which takes you directly to Park Road opposite the ground. **See Club Website for full details.**

Please note there are Saturday parking restrictions in operation in Park View.

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Alternative Colours:- Shirts - Red & Black Bars, Shorts - Black, Socks - Red & Black, GK - Orange or Purple

Ground:- Watchet Lane, Holmer Green, Bucks HP15 6UF. Tel:- 01494 711485

Best Route to the Ground:- From **M26 at J18**, turn onto A404 to Amersham. At Amersham continue on A 404 towards High Wycombe for about 3 miles until Holmer Green is signposted just after a left hand bend. Follow sheepcote Dell Road until the end. At the Bat & Ball Pub, turn right then immediately left. Continue along Beech Tree Road until the twin mini roundabouts and turn left into Watchet Lane. Ground is 150 yards on the right.

From M40 at J4 turn onto A404 to High Wycombe. Continue through High Wycombe on A404 & follow the Amersham signs through Terriers until you reach the twin roundabouts in Hazelmere. Turn left into Holmer Green Road, down the hill and over the next mini roundabout and up Sawpit Hill. Ignore the turn for Holmer Green Village and carry on along Watchet Lane to the ground which is about half a mile on the left opposite the school.

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Alternate colours:- Shirts - Sky Blue, Shorts - Sky Blue, Socks - Sky Blue. GK - Orange or Green

Ground:- Lake Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1RX. Tel 01525 373311

Best route to the ground:- From the A505, follow A4146 towards town centre. Turn left at the first island and follow the road to next island. Turn right and follow the road to the next mini island. Take the first exit and the entrance to the ground is approx. 50 yards on the left. Entrance opposite Morrisons Supermarket.

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Alternate colours:- Shirts – Gold, Shorts – Black, Socks - Gold. GK - Yellow

Ground:-Pancake Lane, Leverstock Green. HP2 4NQ Tel:- 01442 246280.

Best Route to the Ground:-From M1 at Junction 8, Follow A414 to second roundabout turn left along Leverstock Green Way. Pancake Lane is second turning on the left 300 yards past the "Leather Bottle" Public House. Ground 300 yards on left after Lombardy Close.

Note:- All visitors are requested to park inside the ground. See Club Website for full details.

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Colours:-Shirts - Royal Blue, Shorts - Royal Blue, Socks - Royal Blue & White Hoops. GK - Green

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Red , Shorts – Red, Socks - Red. GK - Pink

Ground:-Cotlandswick Playing Fields, London Colney, Herts AL2 1DW. Tel:- 01727 822132.

Best Route to the Ground:- From M25 junction 22 follow A1081 to St Albans. At London Colney roundabout take A414 signposted Hemel Hempstead/Watford. Hidden turn into ground after approximately 500 metres (just after lay-by) signposted "Sports Ground". Follow road around past the rugby club to ground entrance. **See Club Website for full details**

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Ground:- Northwood FC, Northwood Park, Cheshunt Avenue, Northwood. HA6 1HR
Tel 01923 827148

Best route to the ground:- From A40 Western Avenue, (Hillingdon Circus Junction) head north in Long Lane, B466, which becomes Ickenham Road, past West Ruislip Station. At next roundabout take 2nd exit to stay on the B466. At the end of the road, turn left into Ruislip High Street. At the end of the High Street turn right into Eastcote Road (B466) stay on road and keep left when it forks at the 2nd roundabout. When the road forks again just before Eastcote Village, take the left fork into Joel Street (B 472) and head towards Northwood Hills. At 1st roundabout after the station, turn left into Pinner Road (A404) towards Rickmansworth. Cheshunt Avenue is the 4th turning on the left where the ground is situated. **See Club Website for full details**

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Colours:- Shirts - Royal Blue, Shorts - Royal Blue, Socks - Royal Blue. GK - Orange or Purple

Alternate colours:- Shirts – Green, Shorts – Green, Socks - Green. GK - Grey

Ground:- The Boundary Stadium, Altham Way, (off Little Oxhey Lane) South Oxhey, Watford WD19 6FW Tel:- 0208 421 6277

Best Route to the Ground:- From Bushey & Oxhey Station take Pinner Road (A4008) and continue along Oxhey Lane (towards Harrow) At traffic lights turn right into Little Oxhey Lane. Altham Way is on left just after crossing narrow railway bridge. Clubhouse is located next to swimming pool. Please park in the Pool & Jets overflow car park to avoid either blocking in cars, or being blocked in yourself. **See Club Website for full details**

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Colours:- Shirts - Red & Black Hoops, Shorts – Black, Socks - Black & Red GK - Yellow

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Yellow & Black Stripes, Shorts - Yellow, Socks - Yellow. GK - Green

Ground:- The Recreation Ground, Station Road, Stanstead Abbots, St. Margaret's, Herts., SG12 8EH. Tel: 01920 870473.

Best Route to the Ground:- A10 to Cambridge, exit at A414 Harlow & Chelmsford. Proceed 400 yards to Amwell roundabout and take the 3rd exit, B181 to Stanstead Abbots. The ground is a ¼ mile on right, halfway down the hill into the village. **See Club Website for full details**

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Colours:- Shirts - Amber, Shorts – Black, Socks - Black. GK - Grey or Blue

Alternative colours:- Shirts – Blue, Shorts – Blue, Socks – Blue. GK - Green or Grey

Ground:- Roker Park, The Green, Stotfold, Hitchin Herts. SG5 4AN Tel:- 01462 730765

Best Route to Ground:- From A1 junction 10, take A507 to Stotfold and turn right into the town. Proceed along the High Street and at traffic lights turn right (from Hitchin straight over the traffic lights) towards Astwick then turn right at the Crown Pub into The Green. The ground is set back from The Green on the left hand side. **See Club Website for full details**

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Alternate colours:- Shirts – Red, Shorts – Red, Socks - Red. GK - Green

Ground:- Sun Sports Club Bellmountwood Avenue, Watford.WD17 3BN Tel: 01923 227453

Best Route to the Ground:- From Watford town centre take the A411 (Hempstead Road) away from the Town Hall towards Hemel Hempstead. At 2nd set of traffic lights turn left into Langley Way. At the next roundabout, where there is a parade of shops on the left and the “Essex Arms” on the right, take the third exit into Cassiobury Drive. Then take the first turn left into Bellmount Wood Avenue then at the left hand bend turn right into the Club entrance. **See Club Website for full details.**

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Alternate colours:- Shirts – Yellow, Shorts – Green, Socks - Green. GK - Green

Ground:- The Grass Roots Stadium, Pendley Sports Centre, Cow Lane, Tring, Herts., HP23 5NT
Tel:- 01442 891144

Best Route to the Ground:- At M25 Junction 20 join A41 to Aylesbury. Come off the A41 at the Tring junction and at the roundabout take the last exit signposted Berkhamsted. Turn next left into Cow Lane and the ground is on the right at the bottom of Cow Lane.

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Alternate colours:- Shirts – Orange, Shorts – Black, Socks - Orange. GK - Green or Yellow

Ground:-Herns Lane, Panshanger, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL7 1TA. Tel:- 01707 329358

Best Route to the Ground:- From A1 (M) junction 6 follow Welwyn Garden City signpost A1000.

Take second exit off one-way system signposted Panshanger. Ground 400 yards on left. Tailored directions from any U.K. starting point available on our web site <http://www.wgcf.com>. **See Club Website for full details**

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Alternate colours:- Shirts - Blue, Shorts - Blue, Socks - Blue, GK - Green, Blue or Orange

Ground:-Vale Farm, Watford Road, Sudbury, Middlesex. HA0 3HG Tel:- 0208 904 8169

Best route to the ground:-

Sudbury Station then 182 or 18 bus routes. **See club website for full details**

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Ground:- Ampthill Park, Woburn Road, Ampthill MK45 2HX Tel: 01525 404440.

Best Route to the Ground:- South leave M1 at Junction 12 Toddington. Turn right as sign posted until you meet the junction with the Ampthill by pass. Go straight across until you meet a mini roundabout at the town centre. Turn left into Woburn Street. The ground is about half a mile on the right just past a layby. From the North, leave the M1 at junction 13 and turn left. At first set of traffic lights turn right onto A507 Ridgmont bypass. Continue until you see the right hand turning signposted for Ampthill, ground is about a mile on the left. **See Club Website for full details.**

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Alternative colours:- Shirts - Blue, Shorts - Black , Socks - Black. GK - Pink

Ground:- Arlesey Town FC, Armadillo Stadium, Hitchin Road, Arlesey. SG15 6RS

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Best Route to the Ground:- **From junction 10 on the A1(M)** follow the A507 towards Shefford. At the 3rd roundabout turn left signposted Arlesey station. follow the road for 1.5 miles through village and the ground is on the left.

From M1 North, junction 13 follow A507 to Clophill. Continue straight over roundabout through Shefford & Henlow to roundabout signposted Arlesey station and then as above..

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Ground:- McMullen Park, Meadow Lane, Cardington, Bedford, MK44 3SB. Tel:- 07831 594444

Best Route to the Ground:- From the M1 Junction 13 take the A421 on to the Bedford Bypass, take the third exit on to the A603, the ground is 250 yards on the left. From the A1 at Sandy take A603 to Bedford, the ground is on the right just before you reach the Bedford Bypass. **See Club Website for full details.**

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Colours:- Shirts - Yellow & Navy Stripes, Shorts - Navy, Socks - Navy. GK - Purple

Alternative Colours:- Shirts - Blue & White, Shorts - Blue or White, Socks - Blue or White.

GK - Green

Ground:- Haringey Borough FC, Coles Park Stadium, White Hart Lane, Tottenham, london. N17 7JP Tel:- 0208 889 1415

Best Route to the ground:- From M25 junction 25 or from the A406 (North Circular Road) turn South onto A10 (Great Cambridge Road) towards central London. At the junction of the A10 and White Hart Lane, the ground is approx 500 yards on the left. Nearest Underground is Wood Green (Piccadilly line) Bus number W3 passes the ground. **See Haringey Borough Website for full Details**

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Colours:- Shirts - Royal Blue, Shorts - Royal Blue, Socks - Royal Blue GK - Pink

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Yellow, Shorts - Yellow, Socks - Yellow GK - Pink

Ground:- Harefield United FC, Preston Park, Breakspear Road North, Harefield. UB9 6NE
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Route to the Ground:- Exit from M25 junction 16 and turn left. At roundabout turn right towards Denham and at the next roundabout turn left then right at the end of the road. Turn left by the Pub and follow the road over the canal and into the village. Go straight over the next roundabout into Breakspear Road, past the Green and the ground is approx. 800 yards on the right.

From the M40/A40, exit at the Uxbridge/Ickenham junction towards Ickenham. At the second roundabout turn left into Breakspear Road and follow for approx 3 miles. The road leads into Breakspear Road North, the ground is on the left opposite the Spotted Dog Pub.

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Alternate colours:- Shirts - Orange, Shorts – Orange, Socks - Orange. GK - Green or Purple

Ground:- Stratford Fields, Stratford Road, Buckingham. MK18 1NY Tel:- 01280 816945.

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Colours:- Shirts - Red, Shorts - Black, Socks - Black. GK - Blue

Alternative colours:- Shirts - White, Shorts - Red, Socks - Red. GK - Green

Ground:- John Clement Memorial Ground, Bury Lane, Codicote. SG4 8XY

Tel:- 01438 821072

Best Route to the Ground:- From A1(M) junction 6, take the A1000 turn off at welwyn then to Codicote via B656. At Codicote turn right after the Bell Public house into Bury Lane. The ground entrance is on the left opposite the church. **See Club Website for full details**

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Colours:- Shirts - Red & Black Stripes, Shorts - Red, Socks - Red, GK - Blue

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Lime Green, Shorts - Black, Socks - Black, GK - Yellow

Ground:- QE11 Stadium, Donkey Lane, Enfield. EN1 3PL. Tel 07761 814842

Best route to the ground:- From the M25, exit at junction 25. At the roundabout, exit A10, Great Cambridge Road towards Enfield. Travel about half a mile then turn right into Caterhatch lane and then take the first left into Donkey Lane.

From the A406, exit onto the A10 Great Cambridge Road towards Enfield. Travel about 3 miles then turn left into Caterhatch Lane and then first left into Donkey Lane.

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Colours:- Shirts - Blue. Shorts - Blue. Socks - Blue. GK - Pink

Alternate colours:- Shirts – Yellow, Shorts – Yellow, Socks - Yellow, GK - Green

Ground:- Broxbourne Borough V & E, Goffs Lane, Cheshunt, Herts, EN7 5QN Tel:- 01992 639207

Best Route to the Ground:- From M25 junction25, take A10 north towards Cheshunt. At first roundabout take first exit onto B198 (Cuffey & Goffs Oak) At the second roundabout take third exit into Goffs Lane. Ground is on the immediate right. **See Club Website for full details**

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Colours:- Shirts – Red & Black, Shorts – Black, Socks - Red. GK - Green

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Yellow, Shorts – Yellow, Socks – Yellow. GK - Blue

Ground:- Preston Park, Breakspear Road North, Harefield, Middlesex, UB9 6NE.

Tel:- 01895 823474.

Best Route to the Ground: From M25 at Junction 16 and turn left. At the roundabout turn right towards Denham and at the next roundabout turn left then right at the end of the road. Turn left by the Pub and follow the road over the canal and into the village. Go straight over the roundabout into Breakspear Road, past the green and the ground is approximately 800 metres on the right. From the M40/A40 come off at the Uxbridge/Ickenham junction and go towards Ickenham. At the second roundabout turn left into Breakspear Road and travel for approximately 3 miles. This road leads into Breakspear Road North and the ground is on the left hand side, opposite the Spotted Dog Pub
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Colours:- Shirts – Royal Blue, Shorts – Royal Blue, Socks - Royal Blue. GK - Gold

Alternate Colours:- Shirts – Orange, Shorts – Black, Socks - Orange. GK - Green

Ground:- Gosling Sports Park, Stanborough Road, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. AL8 6XE

Tel:- 01707 331056

Best route to ground:- From A1 (M) exit junction 4 onto the A414 towards Hertford & Welwyn

Garden City. At the roundabout take the 1st exit onto the A6129 heading to Stanborough &

Wheatthamstead. At the next roundabout take the 2nd exit onto A6129 Stanborough Road. At the

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Colours:- Shirts - White, Shorts - Blue, Socks - Blue. Goalkeeper - Yellow

Alternative Colours:- Shirts – Black & Yellow Stripes, Shorts – Black, Socks – Yellow GK - Green

Ground:- Middlesex Stadium, Breakspear Road, Ruislip, Middlesex HA4 7SB Tel:- 01895 639544

Best Route to the Ground:- From M40/A40 eastbound leave the A40 at the Swakeleys

roundabout exit – signposted Ickenham & Ruislip. Turn left and take the B467. At the second mini

roundabout, turn left into Breakspear Road South. After approximately one mile, turn right into

Breakspear Road by the Breakspear Arms PH. The ground is about half a mile further on the left

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Alternate colours:- Shirts - Yellow. Shorts – Black, Socks - Yellow. GK - Pink

Ground:- Forde Park, Langford Road, Henlow, Beds, SG16 6AF. Tel: 01462 816106.

Best Route to the Ground:- From the West along the A507 to Henlow, then North on A6001, ground is North end of Henlow. From the all other directions, leave A1 at Langford water tower then in to Langford and turn left at the Boot restaurant and follow A6001 Hitchin to Biggleswade Road. The ground is halfway between Langford and Henlow. **See Club Website for full details.**

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Colours:- Shirts - Blue, Shorts - Blue, Socks - Blue, GK - Green

Alternative Colours:- Shirts - Light Blue, Shorts - White, Socks - Light Blue, GK - Orange

Ground:- Maccabi london Brady, Rowley Lane, High Barnet, EN5 3HW. tel 0208 441 6051

Best Route to the Ground:- From A1 north, exit at Borehamwood. Take the first left through the width restrictions and the ground is further down on the right. **See club Website for full details**

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Alternative Colours:- Shirts - Green, Shorts - Blue, Socks - Green, GK - Blue

Ground:- Tithes Farm Social Club, 151, Rayners Lane, Harrow. HA2 0XH.

Tel 0208 8688 724

Best Route to the Ground:- From A40 Polish War Memorial, turn left into A4180 (West End Road) in about 500 metres turn right into Station Approach. At Traffic lights turn right into Victoria Road. At next roundabout continue straight onto traffic lights at junction with Alexandra Avenue. Continue straight and take the 2nd turning on the left into Rayners Lane. The ground is approximately half a mile on the left. **See Club Website for full details**

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Colours:-Shirts - Red, Shorts – Red, Socks - Red. GK - Green

Alternate colours:- Shirts - White, Shorts – Black, Socks - White GK - Purple

Ground:- " Windsors" Horsenden Lane, Princes Risborough. Bucks HP27 9NE Tel:- 07849 843632 or 07855 958236 (Match days only)

Best Route to the Ground:-On entering Princes Risborough from Aylesbury, turn left at first roundabout. At the second roundabout turn right. Go pass Esso petrol station on left hand side. After approximately 400 yards take the right fork. Take second turn on left (Picts Lane). At junction turn right over the railway bridge and then immediately right again. Ground is approximately 200 yards on the right hand side. **See Club Website for full details.**

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Colours:- Shirts - Red & White Stripes, Shorts - White, Socks - White. GK - Orange or Green

Ground:- Burnham FC, Wymers Wood Road, Burnham. SL1 8JG. Tel 01628 668654

Best Route to Ground:- From M40 Junction 2 take the A355 towards Slough. After a quarter of a mile turn right across dual carriageway signposted Burham. Follow the road to Burnham until you reach the 30 pmh signs. Turn right immediately into Poyle Lane. Take the second left into Pink Lane and follow the road to the junction. Turn left into Wymers Wood Road and the ground is approximately quarter of a mile on the left. Parking is in the ground. Please note that this route is unsuitable for coaches. Nearest railway stations are Burnham & Taplow which are approximately two miles from the ground. **See Club Website for full details**

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Alternate colours:- Shirts - Red, Shorts - Red, Socks - Red. GK - Yellow

Ground:- St. Neots Town FC, Kester Way, St. Neots, Cambs. PE19 6SN Tel 01480 470012

Best Route to the Ground:- Driving from the train station, drive down Station Road towards the roundabout at the bottom of the hill. Turn left at the roundabout. Turn left at the next roundabout into Dramsell Rise. Drive over the small bridge and stay on this road until you reach the local shops. Turn onto kester Way and the Stadium is in front of you.

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Colours:- Shirts – Yellow, Shorts – Royal Blue, Socks - Yellow. GK - Green

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Green & Black Stripes, Shorts – Black, Socks - Black. GK - Orange

Ground:- Recreation Ground, Elmfields Gate, Winslow, Buckingham, Bucks. MK18 3JG.

Tel:- 01296 713057.

Best Route to the Ground:- A413 from Aylesbury to Winslow, turn right from High Street into Elmfield Gate. Ground 100 yards on left. A421 from Milton Keynes to Buckingham, turn left through Gt. Horwood to Winslow. Turn left from High Street into Elmfield Gate. Ground 100 yards on left.

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Alternate Colours:- Shirts – Red & White Sleeves, Shorts – Red, Socks - Red. GK - Yellow. Orange, Green,Gold

Ground:-Wodson Park Sports Centre, Wadesmill Road, Ware. SG12 0UQ Tel:- 01920 487091

Best route to the ground:- Travelling from the North on A10 (from Cambridge towards Hertford & London) take the exit signed Ware, A1170. At the roundabout at top of the slip road, take the 3rd exit following the signs for Ware, A1170. After about 300 metres, turn left into the Wodson Park entrance.

From the South (from London towards Cambridge) Take the exit signed Ware, A1170. Turn left at the roundabout at the end of the slip road, following the signs for Ware, A1170. Take 2nd exit at the next roundabout, following signs for Ware, A1170. After about 300 metres, turn left into the Wodson Park entrance. **See Club Website for full details**

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Colours:- Shirts - Red, Shorts - Red, Socks - Black, GK - Green

Alternative Colours:- Shirts - White, Shorts - Black, Socks - White, GK - Orange

Ground:- Hadley FC Sports Ground, Brickfield Lane, Arkley, Barnet, Herts. EN5 3LD.

Tel 07905 446331

Best Route to the ground: From M25, exit junction 23 (South Mimms) go south on the A1 to Stirling Corner roundabout. Take the left exit onto Barnet Road and continue until the first set of traffic lights. Go straight over and then take the immediate first left opposite the Gate Public House into Brickfield Lane. The ground is approximately 75 yards on the left.

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Alternate colours:- Shirts - Blue & Yellow, Shorts - Blue, Socks – Blue. GK - Green

Ground:- Spratleys Meadow, School Lane, Amersham, Bucks. HP7 0EJ. No Tel in Clubhouse

Best Route to the Ground:- From London, take the A413 towards Aylesbury. At first roundabout in Amersham, where A413 turns left, keep straight on. Then carry straight on over the next four roundabouts to Amersham Old Town. At the Western end of the Old Town, turn right into Mill Lane. At the top of Mill Lane turn left into School Lane and the ground is 100 yards on the left. **See Club Website for full details**

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Alternate Colours:- Shirts - Purple, Shorts - Black, Socks - Black. GK - Grey

Ground:- Aston Clinton Park, London Road, Aston Clinton. Bucks. HP22 5HL

Tel:- 07890 524397

Best Route to the Ground:- The ground is situated in Aston Clinton village off London Road (old A41) The ground is opposite the Bell pub. Aston Clinton can be approached on the B489 from Dunstable or via the A418 from Leighton Buzzard through Aylesbury/ following signs for A41 to Aston Clinton. **See Club Website for full details**

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Alternate Colours:- Shirts - White, Shorts - White, Socks - White, GK - Green

Ground:- BerkoAstro, Ashlyns School, Chesham Road, Berkhamsted. HP4 3AH

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Best Route to the Ground:- Exit A41 Chesham exit, follow signs for Berkhamsted. Take 2nd exit at the roundabout and then turn right into Ashlyns School. The pitch and changing rooms are at the rear of the school.

NOTE THIS IS AN ASTRO TURF PITCH SO SUITABLE FOOTWEAR MUST BE WORN

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Alternate colours:- Shirts - Yellow, Shorts - Black, Socks - Yellow, GK - Light Blue

Ground:- The Downs Barn Pavilion, Pannier Place, Downs Barn, Milton Keynes. MK14 7QP
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Best Route to Ground:- From A5 exit onto the A509 and turn left onto Darley Gate in Downs Barn. Turn right onto Downs barn Boulevard then turn right into Pannier Place. the ground is at the top of the hill. From the M1, exit at junction 14 onto the A509. Turn right onto Overstreet then turn left on to Downs Barn Boulevard and turn left into Pannier Place. ground is at the top of the hill.

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Alternative colours:- Shirts - Red, Shorts - Red, Socks - Red. GK - Blue/Orange

Ground:- Grendon Underwood Playing Fields, The Village Hall, Main Street, Grendon Underwood, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP18 0SP

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Best Route to the Ground:- From A41 Aylesbury to Bicester main road coming from Aylesbury, turn right just after the Akeman Inn pub/restaurant, which is about 3 miles after Waddesdon. Follow the road to Grendon Underwood and the village hall is on the left just after the school. Coming from Bicester, turn left at the Grendon Underwood sign about 6 miles from Bicester. After about 1 mile, turn right at the church signposted village centre. The village hall is on the right just before the school.

Coming from Milton Keynes on the A421, Take the Buckingham ring road to the last roundabout and follow signposts to Grendon Underwood. On reaching the village, turn left at the church to village centre as above. **See Club Website for full details**

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Club Website:- www.loughtonmanorfc.com

Colours:- Shirts - Navy , Shorts - Red, Socks - White. GK - Bright Blue

Alternate colours:- Shirts - White, Shorts - Navy, Socks - Navy. GK - Pink

Ground:- Loughton sports & Social Club, Linceslade Grove, Loughton, Milton Keynes. MK5 8DJ

Tel 01908 690668

Best Route to the Ground:- From A5 South take exit for central Milton Keynes, A509, take first exit onto the H5 Portway (from the North it is the third exit). Take the second on the left signposted Loughton into Paynes Drive and then left into Linceslade Grove. The ground is immediately on the right. **Please park in the social club car park or in the school drop off zone opposite.**

See Club Website for full details

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Colours:- Shirts - Green, Shorts - Black, Socks - Green, GK - Grey

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Blue, Shorts - Black, Socks - Blue, GK - Black

Ground:- North Furzton Sports Ground, Lynmouth Crescent, North Furzton, Milton Keynes.

MK4 1HD Tel 07739 471364

Best Route to the Ground:- From Chaffron Road, into Fulmer Street and then into Lynmouth Crescent. Parking in front of the pavillion. **For full details see Club Website**

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Club Website:- www.mursleyunitedfc.co.uk

Colours:- Shirts – Green & White, Shorts – Green, Socks - Green. GK - Yellow

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Amber, Shorts – Black, Socks – Amber. GK - Blue

Ground:-The Playing Field, Station Road, Mursley. MK17 0SA Tel 07512 663648

Best Route to the Ground:- From Milton Keynes take A421, (H8 Standing Way) towards Buckingham.. After leaving Milton Keynes take first exit at roundabout, signposted Mursley. At traffic island in village turn right into Station Road. Ground is on the right hand side on leaving the village. **See Club Website for full details.**

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Colours:- Shirts – Black & White Stripes, Shorts - Black, Socks - Black, GK - Light Grey

Alternate colours:- Shirts – Sky Blue & White Stripes, Shorts – Sky Blue, Socks – White.

GK - Lime Green

Ground:- Abbey Road, Bradwell, Milton Keynes. MK13 9AR Tel 07840 583309

Best Route to the Ground:- From M1 junction14, take the A509 towards Newport Pagnell. At the first roundabout turn first exit left onto H3 Monks Way. Go over 5 roundabouts, at the 6th take the 1st exit onto V6 Grafton Street. Almost immediately take the filter lane to the right and turn into Rawlins Road. At the mini roundabout, take the 1st exit onto Loughton Road and then 1st right onto Primrose Road to it's end. Turn right onto Abbey Road and the ground is on the right.

See Club Website for full details.

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Club Website:- www.parkviewfc.co.uk

Colours:- Shirts - Sky Blue or Royal Blue, Shorts - Sky Blue or Royal Blue, Socks - Sky Blue or Royal Blue, GK - Green

Alternate Colours:- Shirts - Yellow, Shorts - Yellow, Socks - Yellow, GK - Green

Third kit:- Shirts - White, Shorts - White, Socks - White

Ground:- New River Sports Centre, White Hart Lane, London N22 5QW
Tel 0208 888 12323

Best Route to the Ground:- From MI towards london, turn onto A406 to Brent Cross. Follow the A406 until junction with the A109. Turn right onto A109, Bounds Green Road, towards Wood Green. At the 3rd set of traffic lights at the end of Bounds Green Road, turn left onto A105, High Road, then turn 2nd right onto White Hart Lane. Continue on White Hart Lane for about 600 metres and the ground is on the left. **See Club Website for full details**

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Club Website:- www.pitstoneandivinghoefootballclub.co.uk

Colours:- Shirts - Red , Shorts – Red, Socks - Red & Black hoops. GK - Green

Alternate colours:- Shirts - White , Shorts – Blue, Socks - Blue GK - Yellow

Ground:- Pitstone Pavilion & Sports Hall, Marsworth Road, Pitstone LU7 9AP Tel 07732 309520

Best Route to the Ground:- From Dunstable, take B489 Tring Road, turn right into Ivinghoe, follow road through to Pitstone roundabout, ground is approx. 500 yards past the roundabout.

From Aylesbury, take A41M, and exit at B489 sign posted Dunstable. Go straight into Pitstone Village, and the ground is immediately on the left. **See Club Website for full details.**

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Club Website:- www.the61fc.co.uk

Colours:- Shirts - Royal Blue, Shorts - Royal Blue, Socks - Royal Blue. GK - Purple

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Red, Shorts – Black, Socks - Red. GK - Green

Ground:- Kingsway Ground, Beverley Road, Luton. LU4 8EU Tel:- 07729 858553

Best Route to the Ground:- From M1 Junction 11, follow signs to Luton Town Centre. At PC World roundabout turn right into Chaul End Lane . Then first left into Cannought Road, then third left into Beverley Road the ground is 50yards on the right. **See Club Website for full details.**

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Club Website:- www.totternhoe.fc.

Colours:- Shirts – Red, Shorts – Red, Socks – Red. GK - Yellow

Alternate colours:- Shirts – Blue, Shorts – White, Socks – Blue. GK - Green

Ground:- Totternhoe Recreation Ground, Dunstable Road, Totternhoe. LU6 1QP

Tel:- 01582 606738.

Best Route to the Ground:- From Dunstable Town Centre take the B489 towards Tring. At the fourth roundabout turn right, signposted Totternhoe. Go down the hill out of Dunstable into Totternhoe and the ground is on the right just past Dunstable Town Cricket Club.

See Club Website for full details

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Colours:- Shirts – White, Shorts – Black, Socks - Black. GK - Green

Alternate Colours:- Shirts – Gold, Shorts – Gold, Socks - Gold. GK - Grey

Ground:- Icknield Way, Tring, Herts HP23 5HJ Tel:- 07886 528214

Best route to the ground:- At M25 join A41(M) and after 11 miles join the B488 Icknield Way and sign posted Dunstable. After approximately one & half miles, the ground is on the left opposite the Lakeside housing estate.

From Aylesbury, take the A41(M) towards London and take the turning sign posted B488 Dunstable and then follow the directions above. **See Club Website for full details.**

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Club Website:- www.ttafc.co.uk

Colours:- Shirts - Black & White , Shorts - Black, Socks - Black & White, GK - Green

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Orange, Shorts - Black, Socks - Orange, GK - Blue

Ground:- Miswell Lane Pavilion, Miswell Lane, Tring, Herts. HP23 4EX Tel 07720 535355 or 07973 877659.

Best Route to the Ground:- Travelling from Aylesbury on the A41, take the turn off marked Tring and take the second turning marked Ickneild Way. Continue for approx. half a mile to see a garage on the left, then turn right into Miswell Lane. ground entrance via a footpath is by the zebra crossing. from Leighton Buzzard and Dunstable, approach Tring through Bulbourne passing over the hump back bridge. Past the garden centre on the left go straight over the mini roundabout and onto the Ickneild Way. Continue for approx half a mile past Christchurch Road and Miswell Lane is the next left. Then proceed as above. Ground & Clubhouse is accessed via a footpath.

See Club Website for full details

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Club Website:- www.unitemkfc.club

Colours:- Shirts -Red & Black Stripes, Shorts - Black or Red, Socks - Red. GK - Pink or Green

Alternative colours:- Shirts - White, Shorts - Black, Socks - Black or White. GK - Blue

Others - All Blue

Ground:- MK Irish Centre, Manor Fields, Watling Street, Bletchley, Milton Keynes. MK2 2HX

Tel 01908 375978

Best Route to Ground:- From the A5 dual carriageway, exit at the McDonalds & Petrol Station roundabout at Bletchley. Take the exit signed Fenny Stratford & Bletchley which is Watling Street. In approx. half a mile turn left, opposite Dobbies Garden centre, into Manor Fields which has the MK Irish Centre sign showing. Follow the road round and the ground is on the right.

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UNDER 25 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

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Club Website:- www.afcdunstable.com

Colours:- Shirts - Royal Blue, Shorts - Royal Blue, Socks - Royal Blue, GK - Green

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Red, Shorts - Red, Socks - Red, GK - Orange

Ground:- Creasey Park Community Football Centre, Park Drive, Dunstable. LU6 1NN

Tel 01582 891433

Best Route to the Ground:- From the South, On the A505 in dunstable, Turn left at the traffic lights onto Brewers Hill Road. Just past the Fire Station on the left, Creasey park is on the right. The ground is signposted.

From the North, On the A505 in dunstable, turn right at the traffic lights onto Brewers Hill Road, then as above. **See Club Website for full details**

Note:- THE PITCH IS 3G ASTROTURF SO SUITABLE FOOTWEAR MUST BE WORN.

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Club Website:- www.hertfordtownfc.co.uk

Colours:- Shirts - Blue, Shorts - Blue, Socks - Blue, GK - Yellow

Alternate colours:- Shirts - Yellow, Shorts - Yellow, Socks - Yellow, GK - Purple

Ground:- hertingfordbury Park, West Street, Hertford. SG13 8EZ. Tel 01992 583718

Best Route to the Ground:- Follow the A414 westbound through Hertford, at 200 yards after the Police Station roundabout, with the Ford garage on the left, take left turn from dual carriageway immediately after pedestrian crossing into West Street. Follow West Street for half a mile. On left hand bend take right turn signposted Football Club and the ground is a further 200 yards.

See Club Website for full details

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Alternative colours:- Shirts – Orange, Shorts – Black, Socks - Black. GK – Green

APPROACHING PLAYERS – Without written contracts

1. Regulations concerning approaches

Players who are not under written contracts to a Club may be registered with a number of Clubs at any time subject to the following provisions and those of the Competition in which they play:

- (i) Competitions sanctioned by The Association under regulation 3 of the "Regulations for the Sanction and Control of Leagues and Competitions" may make their own regulations for the approach of players between clubs of the Competition.
- (ii) During the current season, A current season runs from 1st July to the following 31st May, any club wishing to approach a player known to be registered with or having played for any other club, must give to the Secretary of each such club seven days formal written notice of the intention to approach a player.

Formal written notice of an approach need be given by:

- (A) a Saturday Club only to all Saturday Clubs
 - (B) a Sunday Club only to all Sunday Clubs
 - (C) a mid-week Club only to all mid-week clubs
- (iii) The written notice must be sent by special delivery or recorded post, or a written acknowledgement otherwise obtained from the Secretary or Chairman of the Club approached. Facsimile or e-mail transmissions may be used providing a receipt of acknowledgement is also obtained.
 - (iv) Following the date of posting of the written notice of approach, or receipt of an acknowledgement,
 - (A) the player may be registered on or after the eighth day.
 - (B) the player must have been registered on or before the 21st day.
 - (v) The approaching Club:
 - (A) may not approach the same player a second time in the same season.
 - (B) may approach only one (1) player at a Club at any one time subject to Rule C2 (a)(ix) below; and
 - (C) may not approach another player at the same Club within 28 days of an earlier notice of approach or acknowledgement.
 - (vi) If an approach is made by a player to another Club during the current season, that Club shall give the Club(s) for which the player is known to be registered or has played, seven days notice of approach as set out in Rule C2(a)(i) to (v) above before registering the player.
 - (vii) A Club which is the subject of a complaint alleging failure to give notice in accordance with this Rule may be subject to a charge of misconduct pursuant to Rule E1 (b).

- (viii) A Club proved to have breached the provisions of this Rule, may have its current registration of the player cancelled and be subject to such other penalty as The Association or appropriate Affiliated Association deems appropriate, in accordance with relevant regulations of the Association from time to time in force; and
- (ix) During the current season, a maximum of two players may be approached in the manner described above if invited to trial at a licensed academy or "Centre of Excellence" of the Association, FA Premier League, Football League.

2. Conditions

- (i) All payments made to players must be made by the Club and fully recorded in the accounting records of the Club.
- (ii) All salaried payments must be subject to PAYE and National Insurance.
- (iii) Any Player's paid expenses must be reimbursed via an expense claim form. The Club must retain all expense records in a format acceptable to the HM Revenue & Customs.
- (iv) A currently registered Player shall not be allowed to register with another Club without first satisfying the Club officials of the intended Club that all reasonable financial and other liabilities have been discharged to the Club or Clubs with which the Player is or was known to be registered in the current and previous seasons.
- (v) A Player approached on or after the 1st May in the current season, may not play in competitive football for the Club making the approach until the commencement of the following season.

2 .Service Players

- (i) While serving in any branch of Her Majesty's Regular Forces, a player may not hold a contract of employment with any Club under the jurisdiction of The Association and/or another Affiliated Association.

INTERPRETATION OF STANDARD LEAGUE RULES

The following are areas where the Spartan South Midlands Football League is interpreting the Standard Rules in a given manner. This is advised for clarification and to provide guidance to member clubs.

2. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

2.3.1 Ground Sharing

- i) The club must have sole control over and use of facilities on match days.
- ii) Ground sharing will not be allowed in order for a club to gain promotion or to avoid relegation. A ground sharing agreement must have been in force before the commencement of the season before a club may seek promotion at the end of that season.

2.5 This fee is to cover the ground inspection.

4. POWERS OF THE BOARD

4.3 When a Club receives a Referee's Report form at the conclusion of a match advising of any breaches of rule, this will be deemed to be advice of such breach of rule on behalf of the Board for which a fine will be levied pursuant to the Fines Tariff. Such fine will be confirmed at the next meeting of the Board which is normally held on the second Thursday in each month of the season. In each case the Club shall have the right to make written representations to the Board, to be received by the finance Officer at least 7 days prior to the Board meeting, or shall have the right to request a personal hearing.

4.10 Representative matches

- a) Clubs shall place their players at the disposal of the League for such match or matches as may be deemed necessary by the Board.
- b) A player selected to play for the League and unable to accept the invitation will, only in exceptional circumstances, be allowed to play for his club in the League on the date of the match. Written consent must be obtained from the League General Secretary.
- c) Players who represent the League may be given an award at the discretion of the Board.
- d) If a match is arranged on a Saturday there should be no League matches on that day for clubs with players in the squad, unless requested by the clubs concerned.

6. PLAYERS

6.1 Registration forms can be downloaded from the League Full Time website. Only original forms will be acceptable. Registrations submitted on photocopy forms will not be accepted.

6.4.1 Where a club has sent in a registration by email, the onus is on the club to ensure that the player concerned is eligible to play. Clubs are strongly recommended to confirm registration before the player plays in a match in the competition.

6.4.2 Where a club has a team entered into a development division, this rule shall also apply to that team. A further 11 registrations will be required for the reserve team under this rule.

A club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played and shall produce such records upon demand by the Board.

A register containing the names of all players registered with each club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the League Administrator and shall be open to the inspection, with due notice, of any duly appointed member club representative at times mutually arranged with the League General Secretary or Administrator.

6.5 The registration of a transfer will be subject to the same time restrictions as that for a normal registration as set out in rule 6.1.1. Clubs are strongly recommended to contact the League Administrator to confirm the transfer is in order before the player plays in a match in the competition. Should a club object to a transfer of a player it should state its objections, in writing, to the League General Secretary and Administrator and to the player concerned, within 7 days of receipt of the application. Upon receipt of an objection to transfer, the matter shall be referred to the Board for a decision.

7. CLUB COLOURS

7.1 The League General Secretary may request that shirts, shorts and/or socks be submitted to him if complaints are received as to lack of distinguishing colours and the Board may condemn any shirts, shorts and/or socks that they consider unsuitable.

8. PLAYING OF MATCHES

8.12.1 Clubs must also give details of the location of the ground.

8.15 All matches in an outside competition, with the exception of those set out in rule

8.14, are to be played on days other than Saturdays. This rule also applies to reserve team competitions.

8.16 All clubs will be issued annually with 8 passes for use by its own Officers which must be shown at the away game to gain admission to the ground, stand and boardroom. These cannot be used at any other games, only those in which their team is participating.

8.20 Results must be notified by SMS text immediately following the conclusion of each home competition match. However, the following deadline applies: -All matches within 30 minutes of the end of the match. Where there is likely to be a variation outside 30 minutes from the scheduled finish time e.g. due to a late kick off, a SMS text should be sent in advance of the normal deadline.

The goal scorers and times of all goals scored and the attendance to be sent by SMS text by the same deadline. This does not apply to Reserve team matches.

It is expected that at least three complimentary programmes be provided in the visiting team dressing room, three in the match officials' dressing room and a maximum of four for visiting club officials. League officials should also be provided with a complimentary programme. This applies to all matches in the Premier Division, Division One and those clubs producing a programme in Division Two & the Development Division.

Clubs involved in League Cup Finals shall submit to the Officer of the League delegated to produce the cup final programme, details of the proposed team they intend to field

together with their club history and up to date pen pictures of their current players registered with the competition at least five days before the scheduled date of the final.

8.22.3 All other persons shall remain outside the playing area and behind the barrier/rope at all times.

12. RESULT/REPORT FORMS

Match Result/Report Forms should be submitted by email for all matches including FA Cup & Vase, County FA Cups and Capital Counties (Anagram) Feeder League Trophy ties. As it is a Directive of the Management Board that Match Result Forms have to be submitted by email, the 3 days allowed includes Sundays.

15. MATCH OFFICIALS

15.2 The reference to the FA "Recommended procedure for the guidance of clubs and referees in determining the suitability of grounds in adverse weather conditions," will be included in the League handbook and/or circulated to clubs.

In the event of a club requesting a referee to inspect a ground and the official making a special journey for the purpose, he shall be entitled to charge £10 including travelling expenses. All payments to match officials must be made in cash.

15.5 A reasonable length of time is generally regarded as 15 minutes except in exceptional circumstances.

15.6 Referees shall notify both clubs of their intention to make a report by handing a copy of their report to each club secretary or other official before leaving the ground.

15.7 A reasonable time after the match shall be defined as no more than 30 minutes.

15.9 Match footballs should be presented to the referee at least 15 minutes before the scheduled kick off.

A referee, prior to submitting a report on any matter (excluding cautions and sending off) shall notify a responsible member of the appropriate club of the intention of making such a report, which shall be submitted to the League. After each match referees will pass a form (supplied by the League) to the Club Secretary or any other responsible official from both clubs showing details of any players or officials to be reported for any form of misconduct arising during or from the match plus, in addition, details of any failure of rule he/she intends to report to the League.

16. WITHDRAWAL OF CLUBS

Clubs in membership not having notified the League General Secretary of their intention to withdraw shall be assumed to be continuing in membership the following season.

A club withdrawing any or all of its teams from the League after the Annual General Meeting each year will be in default of this rule and shall also be liable for its share of any monies due under the Rules. This rule applies to the withdrawal of any team.

Clubs who withdraw their Development team only must comply with the notice date or be liable to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

17. PROTESTS, APPEALS

17.1 No objection or protest relative to the dimensions of the ground, goal posts, bars or other appurtenances of the game shall be entertained by the Board unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match. Any club lodging such protest with the Referee and not proceeding with it shall be deemed guilty of serious misconduct and shall be dealt with by the Board.

18. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS

Misconduct referred to is not in respect of misconduct on the field of play.

A 1-5 CUP COMPETITIONS

Ineligible players will be dealt with under Rule A.1.2

RULES

1. DEFINITIONS

1.1 In these Rules:

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

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

“Appointing Authority” means the Competition

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

Football Turf (3G) Pitch (FTP) means a field of play (as that term is defined in the Laws of the Game) that has, following installation and prior to the commencement of each subsequent Playing Season, been awarded a FIFA Recommended One Star / IATS (International Artificial Turf Standard) or Two Star Certificate and which otherwise conforms to the requirements of the Laws of the Game

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

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

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

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

“Company” means the Spartan South Midlands Football League which administers the Competition and shall, where the Competition is an unincorporated entity, include that entity

“Competition” means the Spartan South Midlands Football League

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

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

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

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

“Control” means the power of a natural person, legal entity or any other body to exercise, or to be able to exercise or acquire, direct or indirect control over the policies, affairs and/or management of

a Club, whether that power is constituted by rights or contracts (either separately or in combination) and having regard to the considerations of fact or law involved, and, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, Control shall be deemed to include:

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

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

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

“CVA” shall mean an agreement reached by a Club under a Company Voluntary Arrangement (under the Insolvency Act 1986) or a Scheme of Arrangement (under the Companies Act 1985 or Companies Act 2006)

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

“Embargoed Club” means any Club subject to an Embargo

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

“FIFA Quality Concept” means the:

- FIFA Quality Concept Handbook of Requirements for Football Turf Surfaces (January 2012 Edition); and
- FIFA Quality Concept – Handbook of Test Methods for Football Turf (January 2012 Edition), and any amendment or modification thereof

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

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

“Football Creditor” means any one of the following:

- The Football Association Limited
- Any Club affiliated with an Affiliated Association
- Any League sanctioned by The Association or an Affiliated Association

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

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

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

“Insolvency Event” means any one of the following:

- entering into a Company Voluntary Arrangement pursuant to Part 1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 (“the 1986 Act”) or a compromise or arrangement with its creditors under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006 or any compromise agreement with its creditors as a whole; or
- lodging a Notice of Intention to Appoint an Administrator or Notice of Appointment of an Administrator at the Court in accordance with paragraph 26 or paragraph 29 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act, an application to the Court for an Administration Order under paragraph 12 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act (other than paragraph 12 (1)(c)) or where an Administrator is appointed or an Administration Order is made (“Administrator” and “Administration Order” having the meanings attributed to them respectively by paragraphs 1 and 10 of Schedule B1 to the 1986 Act); or
- an Administrative Receiver (as defined by section 251 of the 1986 Act), a Law of Property Act Receiver (appointed under section 109 of the Law of Property Act 1925) or any Receiver appointed by the Court under the Supreme Court Act 1981 or any other Receiver is appointed over any assets which, in the opinion of the Board, are material to the Club’s ability to fulfill its obligations as a member of the League; or
- shareholders passing a resolution pursuant to section 84(1) of the 1986 Act to voluntarily wind up; or
- a meeting of creditors is convened pursuant to section 95 or section 98 of the 1986 Act; or
- a winding up order is made by the Court under section 122 of the 1986 Act or a provisional liquidator is appointed under section 135 of the 1986 Act; or
- ceasing or forming an intention to cease wholly or substantially to carry on business save for the purpose of reconstruction or amalgamation or otherwise in accordance with a scheme of proposals which have previously been submitted to and approved in writing by the Board; or
- being subject to any insolvency regime in any jurisdiction outside England and Wales which is analogous with the insolvency regimes detailed in (a) to (g) above; and/or
- have any proceeding or step taken or any court order in any jurisdiction made which has a substantially similar effect to any of the foregoing

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

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

“Long Term Loan” means a loan transfer in excess of 93 days of a Player who is a qualifying Player within the terms of the Rules

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- paid (in cleared funds) to the supervisor of its CVA or its administrator, sufficient funds to pay all its creditors in full (100p in the £) and to cover the costs of the CVA or the
- administration and confirmation of this fact has been received in writing from the
- supervisor/administrator; or
- paid (in cleared funds) sufficient to settle in full (100p in the £) any debts owed to creditors outside a CVA

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

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

“Player” means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other Player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club

“Playing Season” means the period between the date on which the first league fixture in the

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Competition is played each year until the date on which the last league fixture in the Competition is played. For Clubs participating in play off matches this does include the period when play off matches are played

“Play Off Position” means the position of a Club in the table at the end of each Playing Season which is provided for in Rule 12 as qualifying the Club to take part in a play off match to qualify for promotion to the next step of football for the next Playing Season

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

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

“Scholar” means a player aged sixteen or over who has signed a Scholarship with a Premier League or Football League Club or licensed National League Club, and who has completed a registration form for Scholars in accordance with FA Rules and Regulations.

“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the Rules of the FA

“Short Term Loan” means a loan transfer for a period of no fewer than 28 days and no more than 93 days in any one season

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Team Sheet” means a form provided by the Competition referred to in Rule 8.18

“The FA” means The Football Association Limited

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

“WGS” means the Whole Game System and the procedures for the operation thereof as determined by the FA from time to time

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

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

1.2 Words or expressions used in these Rules shall, if not inconsistent with the subject or context, bear the same meanings as in the Articles

1.3 All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Company to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Board in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 16

1.4 The Competition will be known as “the Spartan South Midlands Football League ” (or such other name as the Company may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Company. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Company

1.5 The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Company acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Board in accordance with the Rules Regulations and Practices of The FA

1.6 The Company shall be part of the National League System and shall sign such documents as are required from time to time to confirm such membership

2. MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

Dimensions of the field of play for all Competition matches shall be:-

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

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

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

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

football generally.

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

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

2.2 All Clubs shall have Grounds and headquarters situated in England, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man if applicable, or Wales and the Competition Secretary shall send their names and particulars to The FA annually by the date appointed by, and in the format required by, The FA. Clubs playing in England shall be duly affiliated at all times to a recognised County Football Association. Welsh Clubs shall be affiliated to The FA of Wales. Each Club shall notify the Competition Secretary of its affiliation number each year as soon as practicable after it has received same. Each Club shall return to the General Manager a fully completed questionnaire relating to Form "D" required by the FA by the date given in the circular letter accompanying the questionnaire issued by the Competition Secretary.

2.3.1 A Club's Ground may be shared with another Club or any other club (including a club

engaged in another sport) providing, where sharing with a football club the Club or club playing in

the most senior competition has priority of fixtures at all times and, where sharing with a club

engaged in another sport, the Club has priority of fixtures. A Club will not be permitted to ground

dated lease in the

name of the entity in membership of the Competition; if the expiry date of the lease has already

passed or is dated before the end of the next full Playing Season, a certificate from the Club's share to gain promotion or to avoid relegation. Ground sharing may not be permitted when one of

the sharers retains the use of another ground unless that club can show by means of a refused

planning permission or similar that it cannot meet the requirements of the Criteria Document at that ground. Any Club wishing to share a Ground or intending to move to a new Ground must obtain

the written consent of the Board. Any Ground sharing for a period exceeding thirteen (13) weeks

must be in writing and a written agreement must first be approved by the Board before being entered into and (except in an emergency) must be completed by 31 March in any year to be effective

for the following Playing Season. A copy of the completed signed and dated agreement must be received by the Competition within fourteen days of the approval being sent to the Club.

2.3.2 The Club as at 31 March in any year have either:

- (i) Own the freehold of the Ground, or
- (ii) A lease for the Ground that extends uninterrupted for a minimum of the next Playing Season, or
- (iii) Possess an agreement for the use of the Ground that is acceptable to The Football Association following consultation with the relevant Competition.

In each case the Club must provide to the Competition of which it is a member and to The Football Association:

If the Ground is freehold either currently dated Official Copies of the freehold title at the Land Registry in the name of the entity in membership of the Competition or, if unregistered, a Certificate of Title from the Club's solicitor showing that the Ground is owned by the entity in membership of the Competition, or If the Ground is held leasehold a copy of the signed and solicitor as to whether or not a notice has been given by the landlord to terminate the lease. In addition the Club must provide evidence of registration at the Land Registry, or explain why the Lease is not registered.

If the Ground is subject to an acceptable agreement a copy of the signed and dated agreement for the use of the Ground together with confirmation from The Football Association, following consultation with the relevant Competition, that the agreement is acceptable.

The Club must disclose whether the Club's occupation of the Ground is subject to any third party option, whether the ground is charged by way of security and whether or not any break clauses in the lease or agreement have been exercised either by the landlord or the tenant.

In all cases The Football Association and the Competition of which it is a member have the right to call for further information.

2.3.3 A Club's Ground must comply with the Criteria Document for the step in the National League System at which the Club is playing.

2.4 No club which is a "nursery" club of a football club shall be eligible for membership of the Company. A club shall be deemed to be a "nursery" club if it is under obligation, written or otherwise, to a football club by reason of which it has not the sole and entire control of its own management, finance and Players.

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

2.6 The Competition and the FA shall determine a time scale whereby all Clubs in membership must attain the grade provided for in the Criteria Document. The grade applicable for each Club for the commencement of a Playing Season shall be that existing at the previous 31st March, such grading to be ascertained by an inspection carried out on or before 31st March or as soon as practicable thereafter. Any Club not maintaining the grade set for the Competition may be relegated at the end of the Playing Season to a step determined by The FA. Any delay in inspection shall in no way release a Club from its obligation to have its ground ready for inspection. If for any reason a Club's existing ground, or any new ground in which it proposes to play its home matches in the season following inspection, is not available for grading by 31st March prior to commencement of the relevant season then the Club must, by the 31st March, submit to the Board in writing its proposals for a venue for its home matches in the following season ("alternative proposal"), such alternative proposal to be considered (and if appropriate) approved at the next Board Meeting after 31st March. The alternative proposal must, inter alia, contain documentary evidence in support of any ground sharing arrangements and evidence that the proposed ground is demonstrably suitable at a level which the relevant club will be competing. The alternative proposal may not be for a continuation of any ground share arrangement if the Club has had a ground sharing arrangement

for the previous 2 seasons, or any part thereof, even if those arrangements have related to more than one ground. Any approval of the alternative proposal will be subject to the issue of a grading certificate. The Board will use all reasonable endeavours to inspect the ground after receiving the alternative proposal and prior to the Board meeting, but if it is unable to do so then any approval of the alternative proposal will be subject to the issue of a satisfactory grading certificate. In the event of a Club not having received a grading certificate by 31st March and not having had its alternative proposal approved at the relevant Board Meeting, it shall be relegated forthwith at the end of the playing season to a level determined by The Football Association.

2.7 Any Club which is incorporated must be incorporated in England and Wales. Any Club wishing to incorporate shall notify The FA, its Affiliated Association and the Company Secretary before it makes any resolutions in this regard. Any person wishing to be appointed as an Officer to a Club must comply with the requirements of the FA Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations and send to the Competition Secretary a copy of the Owners' and Directors' Declaration within 5 days of sending the same to the FA.

2.8 In the event that any Club which is an unincorporated association incorporates itself it shall notify the Company/League Secretary in writing within 14 days of the passing of the resolution to take this action and shall with such notice provide the Company Secretary/League with a copy of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the company. Any amendments to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of a Club must be notified to the Competition Secretary in writing within 14 days of the passing of the resolution with a copy of the change(s).

Transfer of Membership

Transfer as a Going Concern

2.9.1 In the event that any Club which resolves to transfer its membership of the Competition from one legal entity to a different legal entity, other than in the circumstances shown at 2.9.2 below, the Board will use the following minimum criteria in deciding whether to approve that transfer:

- (a) The shareholders or members of the Club have voted to agree to the transfer of the Club's membership to the new entity.
- (b) All Football Creditors in the Club must be paid in full or transferred in full (with each creditor's consent) to the new entity, and evidenced as such.
- (c) All other creditors in the Club must be paid in full or Secured or transferred in full (with each creditor's consent) to the new entity and evidenced as such.
- (d) The proposed new entity has provided financial forecasts to the FA and the Competition showing its ability to fund the Club for the next twelve (12) months or to the end of the Playing Season following transfer (whichever is the longer) and that evidence of funding sources has been provided.
- (e) The FA must have given approval for the transfer to take place.

Transfer from Insolvency

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

- (a) The shareholders or members of the Club have voted to agree to the transfer of the Club's membership to the new entity and/or a licensed insolvency practitioner(s) appointed to the Club has agreed to sell or transfer some or all of the Club's assets to the new entity;

- (b) All Football Creditors in the Club must be Paid in Full and evidenced as such;
- (c) The proposed new entity has provided financial forecasts to the FA and the Competition showing its ability to fund the Club for the next twelve (12) months or to the end of the Playing Season following transfer (whichever is the longer) and that evidence of funding sources has been provided;
- (d) The FA must have given approval for the transfer to take place; and
- (e) All other creditors in the Club must be satisfied and evidenced as such. (This provision to be read in conjunction with 2.9.3 below.)

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

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

2.10 The Competition shall allow for up to 66 member Clubs. There will be 3 divisions of 22 Clubs in each division where possible. The divisions will be called Premier Division; Division One; Division Two and appropriately named Development Divisions. The Clubs competing in each division each season will be confirmed by the Annual General Meeting of the Company each year. A Club entered into membership at the Annual General Meeting shall be subject to the application of the Rules until the date of the following Annual General Meeting. It shall be allowed for these numbers to be increased to accommodate any anomaly in the National League System.

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

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

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

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

Ownership and Change of Control

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

2.14 Not applicable in this Competition

2.15 In the event that an Insolvency Event occurs in relation to any Club, that Club must inform and keep informed the League Secretary and The FA immediately.

The Board shall have the power to suspend a Club on notification of it having entered an Insolvency Event.

At the discretion of the Board, a suspension may take effect from the giving of the notice or it may be postponed subject to any conditions as the Board may think fit to impose.

In the event that a Club is suspended or its suspension is postponed, the Board shall have power to make such payments as it may think fit to the Club's Football Creditors out of any monies due to that club from the Company.

2.16 An Officer must submit an Owners' and Directors' Declaration to The FA in accordance with the Reporting Requirements set out in the FA's Owners' and Directors' Regulations that apply from time to time. The Club must provide a copy of any such Owners' and Directors' Declaration to the Competition at the time it is submitted to the FA.

No individual will be permitted to act as an Officer if they fail to meet any of the requirements of the Owners' and Directors' Declaration, as set out in the Rules of The FA.

In the event that an individual/entity is found to have either:

- Completed false or misleading statements on their Owners' and Directors' Declaration;
- Acted as an Officer when in breach of the requirements of the Owners' and Directors' Declaration;
- Acted as an Officer without the FA having given written confirmation to the Club in
- accordance with the FA's Owners' and Directors' Regulations that the individual may so act; then the individual/entity or Club shall be subject to such fine or other sanction as may be determined by The FA.

In the event that the Competition receive a Notice from the FA issued in accordance with the FA's Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations for the suspension of that Club's Competition membership then that Club shall be suspended from the Competition with effect from 14 days from the date of the Notice. An appeal of the effect of the Notice is to the FA and can only be made by the affected Club and in accordance with the appeal procedures set out in the FA Owners' and Directors' Test Regulations. The effect of the Notice shall be suspended pending the outcome of an appeal.

The FA shall advise the Competition and the Club in writing where it becomes satisfied that a Disqualifying Condition as defined in the FA Owners' and Directors' Test no longer applies. Upon receipt of this written notification from The FA, the Competition may remove the suspension of the Club's Competition membership.

Where a Club is suspended and that causes a match in the Competition not to be played, the Board shall determine how the outcome of that match shall be treated.

2.17 Within fourteen days of a change in a Significant Interest at a Club or the appointment or the removal of any director of a Club, written notice thereof, together with such details as are required to be filed with the Registrar of Companies, shall be deposited at the Competition Office. 2.18 If during the course of a season the Board decide that the organisation and management or finances of a particular Club fall below the standards appropriate to membership of the Competition the Competition Secretary shall be instructed to warn the Club at once that it may be excluded from membership of the Competition at the end of that playing season. Such a Club shall have the right to appeal to The FA within 14 days of the date of notification of the Board's decision. 2.19 The

Competition, through the Board shall be empowered from time to time by subscription, levy or other wise to require Clubs to contribute such sum or sums of money to the funds of the League as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the League. Such contributions by Clubs may be collected by deduction from sums due to Clubs under any promotion agreement or from sponsorship money due or by whatever means the Board shall think fit. There shall be added to any sums to be contributed from Clubs, if applicable, Value Added Tax at the then prevailing rate.

2.20 Any Club failing to be represented at an Annual General Meeting or any other General Meeting called in accordance with the Rules without satisfactory reason being given shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Whenever required to do so all Club Managers, or an Assistant Manager, will be required to attend in person any General Meeting of Clubs to receive a presentation by the Board. Failure to do so without just cause shall be a breach of these Rules and be dealt with in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

2.21 The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting exclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination.

2.22 The Competition and each Club does not and must not by its rules or regulations or in any manner whatsoever unlawfully discriminate against any person within the meaning and scope of the Equality Act 2010 or any law, enactment, order or regulation relating to discrimination (whether by way of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability, or otherwise).

2.23 The Competition and each Club shall make every effort to promote equality by treating people fairly and with respect, by recognising that inequalities may exist, by taking steps to address them and by providing access and opportunities for all members of the community, irrespective of age, gender, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, marital status, race, nationality, ethnic origin, colour, religion or belief, ability or disability, or otherwise.

2.24 Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate sanctioning Association for investigation.

3. MEMBERSHIP – ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

3.1 Any Club applying for membership of the Company shall submit to the Company a fully completed Membership application form and the application fee and non-refundable ground inspection fee. 3.2 Clubs which have qualified for membership of the Company must confirm their acceptance of membership on the appropriate Competition form to be received by the Company at least 14 days prior to the next Annual General Meeting of the Company accompanied where appropriate by the membership fee. The annual subscription shall be paid by each Club to the Company no later than 7 days before the Annual General Meeting of the Company in each year.

4. POWER OF THE BOARD

4.1 The Board shall have power to deal with all matters of management of the Competition covered by the Rules. The Board shall conduct the business of the Competition and shall meet as often as is necessary for this purpose. The Board may appoint such committees as it deems appropriate which shall be fully empowered to act on the Board's behalf subject to ratification by the Board. The Board shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of the Football Association or affiliated Association.

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

4.3 All decisions of the Board shall be binding, subject to a right of appeal to The FA pursuant to

Rule 16. Decisions of the Board must be notified, in writing, to all concerned within fourteen days of the making of such decision.

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

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

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

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

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

All breaches of the Laws of the Game Rules and Regulations of the Football Association shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association prior to any action by the Competition in accordance with FA Regulations. 4.5 All fines and charges imposed by the Board shall be received by the Company within twenty-eight days of the date of notification of imposition (unless otherwise ordered). Any Club or person breaking this Rule shall be liable to such penalties as the Board may impose.

4.6 If a Club fails to comply with a Board Directive within fourteen days of notification of such order or instruction, or within fourteen days of an operative date specified in that order or instruction, it shall not be allowed to play or take part in the business of the Company until the expiry of 7 days from the day the order or instruction is complied with.

4.7 Except where otherwise mentioned, all communications shall be addressed to the Competition Secretary, who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

4.8 A Club must at all times attend satisfactorily to the business of the Competition and/or the correspondence of the Competition or Company.

4.9 If a Club is asked to submit a report in relation to any alleged violation of these Rules it may have a personal hearing, providing it notifies its intention of such within fourteen days of the date of notification from the Company, or the case will be dealt with in its absence.

4.10 The Board shall have the power to arrange representative matches at their discretion

4.11 A match may be played each season between two clubs nominated by the Board.

All matters concerning the match will be decided by the Board.

4.12 In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition, the Board may require a Bond to be paid by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit.

5. INTERESTS IN MORE THAN ONE CLUB

Except with the prior written consent of the Board no person, company or business institution (including insolvency practitioners) may at any time be interested in more than one Club or in a Club and any other club playing in a Competition sanctioned by The FA. The definition of

“interested” shall be the same as provided for by the Rules of the FA Challenge Cup Competition in force from time to time.

6. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

6.1 A QUALIFYING PLAYER REGISTRATION

The Football Association’s rules will apply in respect of all matters concerning players

6.1.1 A Player is one who has:

(i) signed a registration form supplied by the Competition (such signature to be witnessed by a second person) and where:-

- the form has been completed and signed by an Officer of the Club;
- has been approved and registered by the Competition; and
- a registration number has been allotted; or (ii) registered through WGS

A Player will only be eligible to play in a match organised by the Competition if his registration form; transfer form, or loan transfer form, has been received by the Company, or the necessary information has been submitted via WGS, not less than four hours before the scheduled kick-off of the match in which the player is required to play and found to be in order, and so registered. It is the responsibility of all Clubs to ensure any player signing a registration form, or registering via WGS, has, where necessary, the required International Clearance Certificate and in the case of Contract Players, including those on loan, must have approval from The Football Association. Clubs are also responsible for all players being correctly registered before fielding any player. Failure to do so constitutes misconduct and the Club will be charged with fielding an ineligible player.

Where a Club opts to register a Player via WGS, the Club must access WGS in order to complete the registration process. Registration forms will be made available to Clubs by the Competition and charged in accordance with the fees tariff. The status of a player must be clearly stated on the Registration Form. The Registration Form must be received at the Competition office within five days of having been signed by the Player.

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

6.1.2 A Player may only play under his correct status. Any change of a Player’s status during the currency of a registration must be notified to the Competition within five (5) days of the change of registration being affected. In the event of a Player changing his status with the same Club either from Contract to Non Contract or from Non Contract to Contract then that Player must sign a new registration form, or submit the necessary information via WGS, and be reregistered. In default the Player reregistering will be ineligible to play in a match under the jurisdiction of the Competition and Rule 6.9 will be applied in such circumstances where a Club is found guilty of playing a Player who has changed status without re-registering.

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

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

(Note: action under this clause shall not be taken against a Player for misconduct until the matter has been dealt with by the appropriate Association, and then only in cases of the Player bringing the Competition into disrepute and will in any case be subject to an Appeal to the Football

Association. For the purposes of this Rule, bringing the Competition into disrepute can only be considered where the Player has received in excess of 112 days suspension, or 10 matches in match based discipline, in a period of two years or less from the date of the first offence.)

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

6.2 REGISTRATION PERIOD

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

6.3 PLAYER STATUS

The status of a player may be:-

- Contract Player
- Non-Contract
- Work Experience
- Scholar
- Short Term Loan
- Long Term Loan
- Youth Loan

6.4 REGISTRATIONS AND REGISTRATION PROCEDURES

6.4.1 A Player will only be eligible to play in a match organised by the Company under these Rules if the appropriate form(s) is (are) received by the Company (including electronically), or the necessary information has been submitted to WGS, at least four (4) hours before the scheduled kick off time of such match. No Player whose registration, including Loan registrations, is received by the Company or submitted by WGS less than four (4) hours before the match organised by the Company in which he is required to play will be eligible. Any loan registration must also be approved by the Football Association before that Player can be considered eligible to play.

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

Where a Club opts to register a Player via WGS, but does not fully and correctly complete the necessary information, that registration will not be processed.

Where a registration form is sent to the Company electronically, e.g. email, the originating form must subsequently be received by the Company within five (5) Days of the sending of the electronic transmission. In default of this Rule the player shall not be eligible to play in the Competition unless and until a valid registration form is received. The form when received must contain the same information as that received by email. It is an offence to falsify a competition form. The registration of a Player by electronic transmission is not automatically valid and it is the responsibility of the Club to ensure the player is NOT registered with any other Club. When the Player involved was previously registered with another Club it is necessary for that Club to complete the standard Competition transfer form or to have completed the standard Competition cancellation of registration form prior to or at the same as the registration to the new Club.

Any Club found to have been in breach of any part of Rule 6.4.1 will be deemed to have played an

ineligible player and will be dealt with in accordance with Rule 6.9.

6.4.2 Each Club must have at least eleven (11) Players registered seven (7) days before the start of each Playing Season.

6.4.3 This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

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

6.4.5 Except when specific approval has been given by the Board a Club cannot register more than one Player, contract or noncontract, from another Club at any one time unless a period of 14 days has elapsed between each registration.

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

6.4.7 A Club may register any number of Work Experience players but only two (2) may play in any one match, in accordance with FA Rules.

6.4.8 A Club may name up to a maximum of five (5) players on a Team Sheet who are either, Short Term Loan, Long Term or Work Experience.

6.4.9 The Company may, at its discretion, refuse any further registration of players, i.e. place under a registration embargo, any Club which has not completed payment of a transfer or loan arrangement made with another Club (or club) or arranged for the payment to be adequately secured. The Club (or club) which holds the Player's Contract will continue to pay the Player in accordance with his Contract.

6.5 TRANSFERS

6.5.1 The transfer of a registration of a Player under written Contract from one Club to another must be in writing, on the Competition transfer form, signed by the Contract Player and the two Clubs, and the form must be forwarded to the Company for approval and registration. Such Contract Player does not become a bona fide Player of the Club seeking his transfer until the form has been approved and registered by the Competition. The registration of a Contract Player whose Contract is cancelled by mutual consent shall be automatically cancelled upon receipt by the Competition of a copy of the relevant FA form.

Where a Club cancels the registration of a Player, Contract or Non Contract, for any reason whatsoever, the Club must notify the Competition

Registration Officer immediately, in writing or on the relevant Competition form. To be valid such notification must be signed by an authorised signatory of that Club.

6.5.2 The transfer of a registration of a Non Contract Player from one Club to another must be in writing, on the Competition transfer form, signed by the Non Contract Player and the two Clubs, and the form must be forwarded to the Company for approval and registration. Such Non-Contract Player does not become a bona fide Player of the Club seeking his transfer until the form has been approved and registered by the Competition. A Non Contract Player whose registration for a Club is cancelled or transferred for any reason whatsoever cannot, without the consent of the Board, return to his original Club until a minimum of fourteen (14) days has elapsed from the date of the cancellation or transfer.

6.5.3 A Club cannot register the transfer of a Contract Player or Non Contract Player unless that Player has been registered with the transferor Club for at least 14 days, unless that Player is a goalkeeper.

6.6 TEMPORARY TRANSFERS (LOANS)

6.6.1 Short Term Loans and Long Term Loans of Contract players shall be allowed to or from Clubs in membership of:-

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- The Premier League
- The Football League
- The National League
- The Isthmian Football League
- The Northern Premier League
- The Southern Football League
- Any other Leagues which have been authorised by the FA

on such terms and conditions as shall be mutually agreed by the two clubs and the player. For Loan Transfers between Clubs in the same Competition the transfer must be completed on the National League System Temporary Transfer Form. For Loan Transfers between Clubs in different Competitions the transfer must be completed on FA Form H3 together with a registration form applicable for the Competition of the transferee club.

The player being taken on loan must sign a Competition contract registration form which will be valid for the full period of the loan, including any extension to the loan period. The Competition's standard cancellation form must be used to prematurely end the temporary transfer period. The temporary registration for the borrowing Club will automatically be deemed to be cancelled upon maturity of the temporary transfer period.

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

No more than four (4) Players (Short Term or Long Term) may join one Club from another Club (or club) in any Playing Season.

6.6.2 Short Term Loan Transfers – A Club can have up to a maximum of twelve (12) Short Term Loans during a Playing Season. The minimum period of a Short Term Loan transfer must be twenty-eight (28) days with a maximum of ninety-three (93) days in any one Playing Season.

The Competition shall not approve more than two (2) Short Term Loan transfers to or from any one Club, including Premier League and Football League Clubs, at any one time.

On completing the National League System Temporary Transfer Form or FA form H3, a Club must send the original to the FA, one copy to the Company, and a third copy to the secretary of the League with which the player is registered.

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

Any Short Term Loan transfer which may terminate after the last day for registrations may be extended for a further period provided the maximum period of 93 days is not exceeded.

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

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

Long Term Loan Transfers shall be for a full Playing Season; or from any date prior to 31st August to any date between 1st and 31st January; or from any date between 1st and 31st January (the January transfer window) to the end of the Playing Season.

A Player on Long Term Loan may not be recalled, except for a goalkeeper or where the Player is to be transferred permanently by the Club (or club) holding his registered contract. A Player other than a goalkeeper so recalled cannot be permitted to play for the Club (or club) holding his registration after such recall until the end of the Playing Season. Players so recalled can only be replaced by a further Long Term Loan with permission from the Company. Long Term Loan Transfers will not count against the number of Short Term Loan Transfers.

To extend the period of any long term loan transfer a further National League System Temporary

Transfer Form or FA form H3 must be completed and copies sent as directed above.

The Competition shall not approve more than two (2) Long Term Loan transfers to or from any one club, including Premier League and Football League Clubs, at any one time.

6.6.4 Youth Loan Transfers – This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

6.7 CLUB LIST OF PLAYERS AND TRANSFER LIST

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

6.7.1 a list of Contract Players whose agreements do not terminate at the end of the current season;

6.7.2 a list of contract Players in respect of whom the Club has exercised its option in accordance with Football Association Rule C1 (j);

6.7.3 a list of Contract Players in respect of whom the existing agreements do not include an option to renew but which the Club is desirous of offering further engagements, in accordance with Football Association Rule C1 (j);

6.7.4 a list of Contract Players in respect of whom the Club has exercised its option in accordance with Football Association Rule C1 (j) but whose registration the Club is prepared to transfer;

6.7.5 a list of Contract Players the Club has released;

6.7.6 a list of all Players whose registration the Club wishes to be cancelled;

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

A Club relegated from the Football League Limited shall advise the Competition Secretary by 30th June the names of Players retained by that Club for the season, taking into consideration the contents of Football League Rule 53.

6.8 SUBSTITUTE PLAYERS

A Club at its discretion may use three substitute Players at any time in a match. Substitution can only be made when play is stopped for any reason and the Referee has given permission. When a Club is making a substitution, it shall use a Board to show the number of the Player to be substituted and the number of the substitute Player.

A maximum of 5 SUBSTITUTES may be nominated and they must be included on the official Team Sheet handed to the Referee before the match in accordance with Rule 8.18. A substitute may not be used to replace a Player who has been suspended from the match by the Match Officials.

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

In the Development Division, Clubs may, at their discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game, use up to five (5) substitute players in any match in this Division, who may be selected from up to five (5) players. A player who has been substituted, himself becomes a substitute and may

replace a player at any time, subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

6.9 PLAYING AN INELIGIBLE PLAYER

Any Club found to have played an ineligible Player in a match or matches shall, save for exceptional circumstances, have any points gained from that match or matches deducted from its record, up to a maximum of 12 points, and have levied upon it a fine. The Board may also order

that such match or matches be replayed on such terms as are decided by the Board which may also levy

penalty points against the Club in default. The Company may vary this decision in respect of the points gained only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status only.

6.10 FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

6.10.1 Subject to clauses 6.10.2 to 6.10.7, and to the Rules and Regulations of The FA, a Club may negotiate a financial arrangement with its Players.

6.10.2 All Players under a written contract must be registered with the Competition and The FA.

6.10.3 All payments and benefits due and/or made to the Player must be shown in the contract.

6.10.4 All payments made to Players must be made by the Club and fully recorded in the accounting records of the Club.

6.10.5 All salaried payments (whether to Contract or Non Contract Players) must be subject to PAYE and National Insurance.

6.10.6 All salary payments due on written Contracts must be stated gross, before PAYE and National Insurance deductions.

6.10.7 Any Players paid expenses should be reimbursed via an expense claim form. The Club should retain all expense records in a format acceptable to HM Revenue and Customs.

7. CLUB COLOURS

7.1 On or before a date specified by the Company each year, every Club shall notify the

Competition Secretary, in writing, of details of their first choice colours for outfield players and their goalkeeper (shirts, shorts and socks) and such details shall be printed in the Handbook published by the Company for the ensuing Playing Season.

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

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

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

7.3 No Club shall be permitted to register or play in shirts the colour of which is likely to cause

confusion with the outfits worn by the Match Officials (i.e. black or dark blue).

7.4 The Players' shirts must be clearly numbered in accordance with the Team Sheet handed to the match referee before a match and there must be no change of numbers during the match except for a change of goalkeeper or if permitted by the match referee because of a blood injury.

7.5 The Captain shall wear a distinguishing armband to indicate his status.

7.6 Both sleeves of the shirts of all Players in matches played under the jurisdiction of the Company shall carry a Competition logo as supplied by the Competition on an annual basis if so decided by the Board. When playing in other competitions the shirts of all Players must include the Competition logo.

Shirt advertising must comply with FA Regulations.

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

8. PLAYING OF MATCHES

ARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES

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

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

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

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

Steps 5/6 only

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

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

Scheduled Saturday fixtures in the Competition must not be rearranged without permission of the Competition Secretary. Clubs may be ordered to rearrange outstanding matches, at the discretion of the Board, and where necessary their prospective opponents instructed accordingly. Clubs with open dates on Saturdays may be instructed to play any outstanding Competition fixture on such date. A minimum of 5 days' notice will be given in respect of any such arrangement.

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

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

8.6 The standard kick-off times shall be as follows:
Saturday matches - 3.00 pm

Midweek matches 7.45 pm [unless a Club notifies the Competition Secretary in writing before the commencement of each Playing Season to state that it wishes all its home midweek matches to kick off at pm]. All agreed changes to time of kick off to be notified to the Board immediately for confirmation. Clubs with ground sharing agreements must arrange for home matches to be played on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. If a clash of fixtures occurs with the sharing Club and for any reason a match is unable to be played on a Saturday, the match must be played on either the day before ie on Friday, or the day after ie on Sunday. If Clubs are unable to agree on the date then it will be played on the Sunday unless the Board decides otherwise. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding. Official bank holidays and Sundays – 3.00 p.m. unless agreed otherwise by the two Clubs and the Board; application shall be made to the Competition Secretary by both Clubs at least 21 days before the relevant date.

To reschedule a midweek fixture for an evening other than [a Tuesday] [a Club's usual midweek night] will require written agreement of both Clubs and the Competition Secretary.

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

8.7 The Board may change any Competition fixtures during the season to suit the overall interests of the Competition and shall have the power to decide whether a ground is suitable for Competition matches and to order a Club whose ground is deemed unsuitable to play its home matches at an alternative suitable ground.

8.8 2 weeks' notice is required from Clubs wishing to rearrange a Saturday match to Friday evening or Sunday. A request made in less than this period of time will only be considered by the Board in exceptional circumstances and granted at their sole discretion.

8.9 A Club may not enter its first team in any outside competition, other than those listed in Rule 8.4, without the prior permission of the Board. The Competition Secretary must be informed of all fixtures, postponements and results of all matches played in any other competition.

8.10 When a Club obtains the consent of the Board to postpone a fixture because of an epidemic affecting the availability of their Players, that Club shall be liable to pay any direct expenses incurred, if any, to the opposing Club. The amount of claim will be at the discretion of the Board. Requests for the postponement of a match for any reason will not be considered more than forty-eight hours before the scheduled time of kick-off.

Medical certificates for those Players affected, signed by the Players' own doctor, must be forwarded to the Competition Secretary within [fourteen days] of the postponement, along with a full list of contract and Non Contract Players currently registered by the Club at the date of the match which was postponed, giving full reasons against each name for the Player's unavailability.

PRE-MATCH ARRANGEMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

8.11 Each Club must take every precaution to keep its ground in good playing condition and amenities (including floodlights) in good working order and complying with the Criteria Document throughout the Playing Season.

8.12 All Clubs must have a mobile telephone and an email address operational at all times. These will be listed in the Competition Handbook unless a Club requests otherwise.

8.13 The home Club shall advise the visiting Club and the Match Officials of the date and time of kick off of each match and the team colours, including the colour of the goalkeeper's jersey, it will be wearing, to be received at least five days prior to the match and the visiting Club and the Match Officials must acknowledge receipt to be received at least three days before the match.

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

8.14 The home Club is responsible for publishing a full match programme acceptable to the Board for each of its Competition matches. A Team Sheet will not be considered sufficient to comply with this Rule. It is not mandatory to produce a programme for matches in Division Two or the Development Division.

The visiting Club must send in writing to the home Club details of the proposed team they plan to field together with their Club history and update pen pictures of their current Players registered with the Competition for the season at least five days before the scheduled date of the match between the two Clubs.

The home Club programme must include the details sent by the visiting Club in the match day programme and a copy of a match day programme shall be sent by the home Club to the Competition Secretary by the method and frequency advised by the Competition Secretary. Clubs will be responsible for all comments in their match day programme in respect of the Competition, the Company or other member Clubs, notwithstanding any disclaimers to the contrary. No part of a Club's programme issued for a match in any competition shall, in the opinion of the Board, bring the Competition or the Company into disrepute.

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

8.15 The postponement of matches due to ground conditions must be carried out in accordance with Rule 15.2.

8.16 Where a match is rearranged or cancelled after the officials have been appointed, it is the duty of the home Club to notify the officials of the cancellation of their appointments immediately. Clubs in default of this Rule may be subject to any action decided by the Board.

8.16 The Board shall determine the policy of the Competition for the issuing of match day passes.

MATCH MANAGEMENT

8.17 All matches shall be of ninety minutes duration. The half time interval in all matches shall not exceed fifteen minutes. Any match which is not of ninety minutes duration may be ordered to stand as a completed match or replayed for the full period of ninety minutes or be awarded to the Club not at fault, as the Board may decide, on such terms as the Board shall decide.

8.18 Each Club must hand the Team Sheet containing name(s) of Players taking part in a match (including the name(s) and number(s) of the nominated substitute(s) to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the Referee at least forty five minutes before the scheduled time of kick off. The Players' numbers (in accordance with Rule 7) and the colours of the playing strip must be clearly stated. Any Clubs in breach may be fined.

8.19 Any Club altering its team selection or numbering after Team Sheets have been exchanged may be fined. A Player who is named on the Team Sheet may be replaced without fine if he is injured warming up after exchange of the Team Sheet. Any subsequent changes must be notified to the referee and to a representative of the opponents before the actual kick-off.

8.20 Clubs taking the field of play – For all matches under the jurisdiction of the Competition, Clubs shall be required to enter the field of play together, preceded by the Match Officials, not less than 5 (five) minutes before the advertised time of kick-off.

8.21 Each Club shall be prepared to kick off at the scheduled time unless a satisfactory explanation is offered. Any Club commencing a Competition match with less than 11 Players may

be subject to a fine. Each team participating in a match shall represent the full available strength of each competing Club.

8.22 In all Competition Matches, the number of Clubs Players and officials seated on the team benches, in the designated technical area, must not exceed 11 unless the team bench facility provides more than 11 individual seats.

8.23 Only one person at a time has the authority to convey tactical instructions to the Players during the match from within the technical area.

8.24 All team officials and substitutes seated on the bench shall be listed on the official Team Sheet when it is submitted to the Match Officials. Only those persons listed on the official Team Sheet shall be permitted in the technical area.

8.25 The occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner at all times. Misconduct by occupants of this area will be reported by the Referee to The FA, who shall have the power to impose sanctions as deemed fit.

8.26 With the exception of the team manager, the team coach and any substitutes who are warming up or warming down, all other personnel are to remain seated on the trainer's bench. The team manager or team coach is allowed to move to the edge of the technical area to issue instructions to his team.

8.27 Not applicable in this Competition.

8.28 Match Videos.
Not applicable in this Competition.

POST MATCH MANAGEMENT

8.29 Each Club shall enter information from the match result form by the method instructed by the Competition and shall submit the fully completed copy of the appropriate match result forms by first class post, or email to the Appointing Authority and the Competition within 3 days of the match. When a Club considers that the Referee has discharged his duties incompetently and awards a mark of 50 or less, a detailed report must be sent to the Appointing Authority within three days of the match by the method instructed by the Appointing Authority. Clubs in default of any provision of the Rule will be subject to a fine for each offence.

8.30 In the event that a match is abandoned before half time the Club playing at home will issue a voucher to each spectator valid for free admission if the match is ordered to be replayed. In the event that the match is abandoned during or after the half time interval the Club playing at home is not obliged to issue such a voucher.

8.31 In the event that a match is abandoned for reasons over which neither Club has control the Club playing at home shall retain the gate receipts for such uncompleted match and the Board shall determine the terms upon which any replayed match shall be played.

8.32 In the event of a match being abandoned due to the conduct of one Club or its members or supporters the Board has the power to order that the match is not replayed and to award either one or three points to the Club not at fault. It cannot levy a financial penalty due to the conduct of a Club.

8.33 In the event of the match being abandoned due to the conduct of both Clubs or their members or supporters no financial penalty can be applied by the Board to either Club and the Board shall determine whether the original match stands as a completed match or is replayed and, if replayed, the terms upon which the match is to be replayed.

8.34 In the event of a match having to be postponed and one Club is found to be at fault then opponents for that match shall be compensated by the Club at fault. In the case of a visiting Club where it has undertaken all or part of its journey then travelling expenses and meal allowances may be claimed based on the total mileage involved in the whole journey. In exceptional circumstances, expenses for overnight accommodation up to a maximum of 18 persons may be claimed. In some instances, compensation may also be claimed when neither of the Clubs is at fault. The Board will determine the amount of compensation payments to be made, if any.

All claims for compensation by either Club in the case of either an abandoned match or a postponed match must be received by the League Secretary within 14 days of the date of the match to which the claim relates.

POST MATCH ADMINISTRATION

8.35 The home Club shall be responsible for notifying the Competition immediately following the conclusion of each home Competition match the result of that match together with the attendance, the times of all goals scored in the match and the scorer of each goal. In any FA or AFFILIATED ASSOCIATION Competition the home Club if two Clubs are playing the tie, or the Club if the match involves a team outside of the Competition, must also follow this procedure.

8.36 In the event of the match being postponed, not completed or abandoned, the home Club must immediately telephone [or facsimile] the Competition results service, the Competition Secretary and, in the case of a match postponement, the Appointing Authority, the visiting Club and the Match Officials. When a postponement occurs in any FA or County Cup competition, the home Club, if two Clubs are playing the tie, or the Club if the match involves a team outside of the Competition, must also follow this procedure.

8.37 Where a match has been postponed for any reason, the Competition Secretary shall determine the new date.

Any Club without just cause failing to fulfil an engagement to play a Competition match on the appointed date shall for each offence be liable to expulsion from the Competition and/ or such other disciplinary action the Board may determine, including the deduction of up to a maximum of three points from the offending Club's record, any expenses incurred by their opponents, and a fine.

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

9 .REGISTERED INTERMEDIARIES

9.1 An Intermediary cannot have an involvement in any Club in an official capacity (as defined by the Board) nor may he hold office with the Competition.

9.2 All Clubs must comply with The FA Regulations concerning Intermediaries.

10. FINANCIAL RECORDS

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

10.2 The home Club shall retain all gate receipts. Where a match is declared all ticket the Away Club shall be entitled to 10% of the total number of tickets available or a minimum of 600, whichever is the greater, subject to any stipulation by the relevant safety authority affecting these figures. A reasonable allocation of the total disabled spectator accommodation where appropriate shall be made available to disabled supporters of the Away Club.

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

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

- A record of all tickets sold in advance
- A reconciliation of cash received by category of entrant through each turnstile
- The number of entrants through each turnstile
- A schedule of the numbers admitted to parts of the stadium that do not pass through a turnstile
- A list of complimentary tickets authorised

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- The value of the loan
- The length of the loan
- The interest rate charged, and whether this is fixed or variable
- Repayment terms
- The full names of the individual or corporate body extending the loan
- The terms in the event of a default on the loan

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

10.7 Within nine months of its accounting reference date, each Club shall submit to the

Company a copy of its full financial statements as presented to its members/shareholders with confirmation that the accounts have been approved at a duly convened general meeting.

11. FOOTBALL CREDITORS

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

12. CHAMPION, RELEGATION

12.1 Three points will be awarded for a win at home or away and one point for a drawn match at home or away.

12.2 At the end of the Playing Season of each competition a table will be compiled showing the playing record of each Club in each division of the Competition. The playing record of each Club must include any points deduction made by the Competition or by the FA and in any situation where points per game are calculated the calculation will be made after taking into account the deduction of any such points.

The position of each Club in the table so compiled shall be determined in order with the Club being awarded the highest number of points being first and the Club being awarded the second highest number of points being placed second and so on. In the event of two or more clubs being awarded the same number of points the highest placed Club shall be decided as follows:

12.2.1 Goal difference – The goals scored against by each Club shall be deducted from the goals scored by that Club and the largest positive and smallest negative difference shall be placed the highest.

12.2.2 In the event of the goal difference being equal the highest placed Club shall be the Club which has scored the most goals;

12.2.3 In the event that two or more Clubs have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals then the highest placed Club shall be the Club which has won the most matches.

12.2.4 In the event of the two Clubs still being equal the Club which has the better playing record against the other Club in their head to head Competition matches during the Season will be the highest placed Club.

12.2.5 If the records of two or more Clubs are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the Clubs concerned shall play off a deciding match or matches on a neutral ground or grounds with the net gate money after deducting the usual matches expenses being divided equally between the two competing Clubs.

12.3 Promotion, relegation and lateral movement of Clubs shall be in accordance with the principles established by the Leagues Committee of The FA.

12.4.1 Promotion and Relegation between Premier Division and Division One

Promotion and relegation between the Premier Division and Division One may be applied to the

bottom two teams in the Premier Division and the top two teams in Division One, provided they meet the appropriate ground grading required as per the appropriate National Ground Grading document, being approved by the Board by 1 April each year. Should one of the top two clubs in Division One not be eligible then the third placed club in Division One will be promoted, provided they meet the appropriate ground grading required as per the appropriate National Ground Grading document, being approved by the Board by 1 April each year.

12.4.2 Promotion and Relegation between Division One and Division Two

Promotion and relegation between the Division One and Division Two may be applied to the bottom two teams in the Division One and the top two teams in Division Two, provided they meet the appropriate ground grading required as per the appropriate National Ground Grading document, being approved by the Board by 1 April each year. Should one of the top two clubs in Division Two not be eligible then the third placed club in Division Two will be promoted, provided they meet the appropriate ground grading required as per the appropriate National Ground Grading document, being approved by the Board by 1 April each year.

12.4.3 Promotion and Relegation between Division One and other Step 7 Leagues

One club shall be eligible for promotion to Division One from other Step 7 Leagues, provided the club conforms to the conditions for entry and provided they meet the appropriate ground grading required as per the appropriate National Ground Grading document. Clubs must make application to be considered by 31 December in any year. Providing that the Spartan South Midlands League Division One has twenty two clubs in membership at the date of the Annual General Meeting in each year, the last placed club in Division One shall be relegated to the appropriate feeder league, subject to there being a club promoted to the League from the feeder leagues.

12.4.4 Re-election to Division Two

Clubs finishing in the two lowest places in Division Two shall have the right to apply to the Management Committee for re-election together with other applicants. Clubs re-elected to Division Two must pay a re-election fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff.

12.4.5 Promotion and Relegation between the Development Divisions

The constitution of the Development Divisions and any promotion and relegation shall be confirmed by the Annual General Meeting each year.

12.5 If no Clubs are eligible or wish promotion, the number of Clubs to be relegated will be reduced

.12.6 In the event of a Club, not being placed in a relegation position at the end of the season,

wishing to resign from the Competition at the end of the season, or having been removed from membership under the Articles the number of Clubs to be relegated shall be reduced accordingly.

12.7 In the event of a Club opting to be relegated or being removed from membership under the Articles such Club or Clubs will replace the Club or Clubs otherwise due for relegation in accordance with Regulation 5.4 in the Regulations for the Establishment and Operation of the National League System.

12.8 If any Club ceases to operate between the annual general meeting of the Company and the

commencement of the following Playing Season, no adjustments to the number of Clubs participating in the Competition will be made. The remaining Clubs will participate in the Competition for that season.

12.9 A Club which for any reason ceases to operate at any time during the Playing Season may have its playing record expunged, and any monies due to them from the Company shall be forfeited. From the date of the withdrawal no further payment shall become due to them. From the date of the withdrawal, that Club shall cease to be a member of the Company.

13. INSOLVENCY PROVISIONS

13.A SPORTING SANCTIONS

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

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

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

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

13.A.2.3 outside the Normal Playing Season, the points deduction shall apply in respect of the following Playing Season such that the Club starts that Playing Season on minus 10 points

(including a Club or Clubs Relegated from the higher League, where such Club shall be subject to Rule 13 of the higher League Rules) or where it has been necessary under the National League System Regulations for a Club or Clubs to be moved from one league to another and such Club would have been subject to Rule 13.

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

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

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

- where any Insolvency Event is taken or suffered other than on a Business Day (as defined by the Insolvency Rules 1986 as amended from time to time) then for the purposes of determining the timing of any points deduction only the action taken or suffered will be deemed to have been taken or suffered on the immediately preceding

Business Day; and

- if a Company Voluntary Arrangement is approved, then approval of that Company Voluntary Arrangement shall be deemed to have been given at the date of the first meeting of creditors called to consider that Company Voluntary Arrangement, and not the date of any adjourned meeting of the creditors or the meeting of shareholders.

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

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

13.A.7A Club may appeal against such a points deduction. Any such appeal will be conducted in accordance with the Regulations for Football Association Appeals, save that the following paragraphs of those Regulations will not apply – 1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 3.3 and 3.5. In place of those Regulations, the following Rules 13.A.8 to 13.A.12 will apply.

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

13.A.9A Club may appeal against an automatic deduction of points solely on the ground that the insolvency proceedings arose solely as a result of a Force Majeure event (the 'Appeal'). For the purposes of this Rule 14, a 'Force Majeure' event shall be an event that, having regard to all of the circumstances, is reasonably considered to have been unforeseeable and unavoidable.

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

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

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

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

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

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

13.B. GENERAL INSOLVENCY

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

(i) Prior to the next AGM it has Paid in Full all its creditors (including but not limited to Football Creditors); or

(ii) Prior to the next AGM it has Paid in Full its Football Creditors and entered a compliant CVA. For the purposes of this Rule, a CVA shall be considered compliant if it provides for the following:

- That all Creditors will be paid in Full;
- The first payment under the terms of the CVA shall be made within 28 days of the approval of the CVA and shall constitute a minimum of 10% of the total sum payable;
- The balance shall be paid in equal amounts over the remaining period of the CVA;
- The period of the CVA shall not extend beyond three years from the date of approval.

Notwithstanding the above, in the event of a Club being subject to an Insolvency Event at the date of the AGM, then the Club may be subject to such sanction as the Board may determine, (including expulsion from membership of the Competition) unless the Board is satisfied that by no later than

5pm on 31 July (or, if the 31 July falls on a weekend, 5pm on the immediately preceding Business Day) that the Club (or any new entity to which its membership is subsequently transferred under 2.9.2 above) is in a financial position to complete all of its fixtures for the immediate following Playing Season.

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

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

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

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

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

COMPLIANCE WITH/EXTENSION OF CVA'S

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

- (i) making a payment under the terms of a CVA and provide evidence of that payment;
- (ii) becoming aware of any failure to comply with the terms of any CVA entered into by it (including the failure to make a payment by the due date);
- (iii) making an application to extend or vary the terms of the CVA entered into by it and provide a copy of the application,
- (iv) completing all its obligations under an Insolvency Event and receiving confirmation of such from the relevant insolvency Practitioner, or
- (v) becoming aware of any consent by creditors to compromise the whole or part of the debt admitted into the CVA.

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

13.B.6 In the event of any Club

- (i) Failing to comply with the terms of any CVA entered into it (whether securing Payment in Full of all of its creditors or not) including the failure to make a payment by the due date; and/or

(ii) Breaching any of the provisions of Rule 13.B.4 or failing to notify the Competition of any consent by creditors to compromise the whole or part of the debt admitted thereby rendering the CVA as non-compliant as required in Rule 13.B.1.

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

13.B.7 Where a Club has transferred its membership under Rule 2.9.2 the provisions of Rule 13.B in relation to a CVA shall be applied to the former entity that was subject to the Insolvency Event and/or the new entity.

13.B.8 This Rule not applicable in this Competition.

13.B.9 In the case of a Club or Clubs relegated from a league in the National League System (excluding Step 7) or subject to lateral movement under the National League System Regulations Rule 13.B.1 shall apply from the date of the AGM of the League of which the Club or Clubs were member in the immediately preceding Playing Season where the AGM of the Company is later.

14. MATCH OFFICIALS

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

14.2 No Club shall postpone a Competition match on account of the apparent state of the ground.

In the event that such circumstances prevail, Clubs should comply with procedures provided for in the document published by The FA "Recommended procedure for the guidance of Clubs and

Referees in determining the suitability of grounds in adverse weather conditions". Should the ground be declared unfit it is the responsibility of the home Club to immediately advise the Competition, the Appointing Authority, the visiting Club and the Match Officials.

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

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

The Management Committee may if they consider it desirable, or upon application by the two competing clubs, appoint registered Referees, if available, as Assistant Referees to any match.

With the above exceptions, each club must provide an Assistant Referee or be liable to be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. A player or substitute may not be used as an Assistant Referee in games in which they are taking part. Club Assistant Referees must report to the Match Referee at least fifteen minutes before the scheduled kick off time.

14.4 Match Officials should be present at the appointment at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled time of kick off. The appointed Referee may be required to visit the ground earlier if requested to do so by the home Club.

14.5 In cases where it is found necessary to stop play owing to the weather or other cause, the Referee must wait a reasonable length of time before deciding on abandonment.

14.6 Referees must report on the relevant form all cases where teams commence a match late or without eleven Players on the field of play. Referees must also report their own or any assistant referees' late arrival in any matches, and notify those concerned at the time of their intention.

Assistant referees must also send an explanation of their late arrival to the Appointing Authority in writing by the method instructed by the Appointing Authority within 3 days of the match.

14.7 The home Club will be responsible for paying the Match Officials the fees and match expenses set by the Appointing Authority on the day of the match in their dressing room, within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the match (including matches abandoned for any reason).

In the case of a postponed match, whether or not gate money is taken, any Match Official who has travelled to the match will be entitled to claim travelling expenses and half their match fee from the home Club. Where provided by the home Club, each Match Official must complete and submit a claim form for expenses.

14.8 The home Club shall be responsible for providing Assistant Referees with distinctive flags of a suitable size in an acceptable condition.

14.9 Three match balls proposed to be used in the match and, if applicable, supplied by the Company under a ball sponsorship agreement must be submitted to and approved by the Referee before the commencement of the match in his/her dressing room.

It is the responsibility of the Club playing at home in each match played under the jurisdiction of the Competition to provide match balls in accordance with any match ball agreement signed by the Company.

14.10 This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

14.11 Referees must report all breaches of Rule to the Competition Secretary in writing within three days of the match on the appropriate form by first class post or electronically.

15 .WITHDRAWAL OF CLUBS

A Club must notify the Company not later than 31st March each year of its intention to withdraw from the Competition at the end of that Playing Season. Failure to do so will make a Club liable to a fine .

This Rule shall not operate so as to preclude promotion, relegation or lateral movement of any Club to another competition in accordance with Rule 12.

16 .PROTESTS, APPEALS

16.1 All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Board, or a subcommittee duly appointed by the Board. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send two copies of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Board.

16.2 All such protests claims complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the

Competition Secretary within fourteen days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

16.3 The Board shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Board shall direct.

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

All appeals to The FA must be lodged in accordance with the appeals procedure detailed in the Appendix to these Rules or that in force at any one time.

16.5A Club, on giving fourteen days' notice to a Player to terminate his Player's contract, must state in the notice his right of appeal to the Board and also the address of the Competition Secretary to whom he must appeal. The notice must advise the Player of the necessity of forwarding two copies of his appeal with the deposit fee specified in the Fees Tariff, to the Competition Secretary within seven days of the receipt of the notice from the Club. A copy of such notice must be received by the Competition Secretary within seven days of the sending of the notice in order to be valid.

16.6 A Player on giving fourteen days' notice to his Club to terminate his Player's contract must also notify the Company and The FA of the reasons for the termination of the agreement. A copy of such notice must be received by the Competition Secretary within seven days of the sending of the notice in order to be valid.

16.7 If the recipient of a notice referred to in Rules 16.5 and 16.6 above wishes to do so, he may appeal against the relevant notice within seven days of the date of sending of the notice in writing in duplicate to the Competition Secretary with an appeal fee.

16.8 The Club or the Player as the case may be shall have further right of appeal as set out in Rule 16.4 above.

16.9. An appeal by a contract Player against a fine or suspension imposed by his Club under Football Association Rule C1m must be made within seven days to the Competition Secretary.

16.10 If so requested the Board may arbitrate on any disputes, protests, appeals, claims or complaints between two member Clubs in which event both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties to the arbitration.

17. MISCONDUCT OF CLUBS, OFFICERS, PLAYERS

a) Undertakings to be given by Club Employees

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

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

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

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

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

18. TROPHY

The Company shall present to the Winners and Runners Up of all divisions in the Competition 16 souvenirs. Additional souvenirs cannot be presented except by consent of the Board, and then at the expense of the requesting Club.

In addition, a Competition championship trophy and runners up trophy will be presented and when the Board determine. The Clubs concerned will also receive a permanent souvenir.

The trophies are the property of the Company and may never be won outright.

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

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

"We, A.B. the ofFootball Club, C.D. and E.F members of and representing the said Club, having been declared winners of the

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

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

19. ALTERATIONS TO RULES

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

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

20. ADMISSION CHARGES

The minimum charge for admission to all matches shall be determined by the home club.

Admission charges, excluding home Club concessions as appropriate, must be the same for home and visiting supporters at Competition matches.

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

21. LONG SERVICE

21.1 The Board shall be empowered to grant a long service award for 21 years' service with a member Club, providing such an award has not already been made by any other competition .21.2 Clubs may enter into agreement with Players after five years continuous service providing for a testimonial. Players shall be qualified for a second testimonial after a further five years

continuous service. If a Player is eligible for and entitled to a testimonial, his Club may grant him a monetary consideration, sanctioned by the Board of Directors, in lieu of such testimonial.

22. CENTENARY AWARDS

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

23. PLAYING SURFACES

23.1 The Pitch

With effect from the commencement of Season 2016/17 Competition Matches may be played on:

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

23.2 Ground Maintenance

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

23.3 Pitch Standards

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

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

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

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

- (a) the Club shall disclose to the Competition, as soon as reasonably practicable but in any event

not later than 7 days following the Club's final match of the Playing Season preceding the scheduled commencement of installation, full details of the proposed contractor installing the Football Turf Pitch and the time scales for installation. The proposed Football Turf Pitch must have a design and specification that is capable of attaining the FIFA Recommended Two Star Certificate following installation;

(b) no installation works shall commence until such time as the Competition has approved the proposed installation and the timetable thereof. Installation may only take place outside the Playing Season;

(c) installation must be scheduled to be completed in sufficient time to enable the completion of a Pitch Test and for confirmation of the results thereof to be supplied to the Competition no later than 14 days prior to the commencement of the following Playing Season;

(d) the Club shall procure that:

(i) a Pitch Test is carried out on the newly installed Football Turf Pitch; and

(ii) the FIFA accredited field test institute provides the Competition with a copy of their official reports to FIFA immediately following completion of the Pitch Test; and

(e) the Club shall provide a copy of the FIFA Recommended Two Star Certificate within 7 days of receipt to the Competition.

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

(f) the Club shall disclose to the Competition, as soon as reasonably practicable full details of the proposed contractor installing the Football Turf Pitch and the time scales for installation. The proposed Football Turf Pitch must have a design and specification that is capable of attaining the FIFA Recommended One Star Certificate / IATS (International Artificial Turf Standard) or Two Star Certificate following installation;

(g) no installation works shall commence until such time as the Competition has approved the proposed installation and the timetable thereof;

(h) the Club shall procure that:

(i) a Pitch Test is carried out on the newly installed Football Turf Pitch; and

(ii) the FIFA accredited field test institute provides the Competition with a copy of their official reports to FIFA immediately following completion of the Pitch Test; and

(i) the Club shall provide a copy of the FIFA Recommended One Star / IATS or Two Star Certificate within 7 days of receipt to the Competition in which it is in membership.

23.5 Only Clubs with FIFA Recommended Two Star certified Football Turf Pitches will be eligible to take part in matches under the auspices of The National League at Steps 1 & 2 of the National League System SAVE THAT a Club which has a ground with the recommended FIFA One

Star / IATS Certificate installed by 31 July 2016 can be promoted to Step Two of the National League System providing that it undertakes that upon renewal of the Pitch the Club will install a Pitch with a FIFA Recommended Two Star Certificate or be relegated to the appropriate Step.

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

(a) take such steps and/or refrain from such actions as are necessary to ensure that the Football Turf Pitch continues to meet the requirements for a FIFA Recommended One / IATS or Two Star Certificate (as applicable) at all times during each Playing Season including, without limitation, complying with all requirements of the FIFA Quality Standard;

(b) where required to undertake Pitch Tests:

(i) procure that the FIFA accredited field test institute undertaking any Pitch Test provides to The Competition a copy of their official reports to FIFA immediately following completion of the Pitch Test;

(ii) provide a copy of the FIFA Recommended One / IATS or Two Star Certificate by 31st May prior to the commencement of each Playing Season (as applicable); and

(c) cooperate with all reasonable requests made by the Competition, the Association or FIFA for the performance of the Football Turf Pitch to be measured.

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

23.8 The Competition shall have the right to order the postponement of a match where the Football Turf Pitch fails to meet the requirements of the FIFA Recommended One / IATS or Two Star Certificate (as applicable).

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

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

23.11 Pitch Protection

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

- (a) the Pitch shall only be used for warming up or warming down by Players named on the Team Sheet;
- (b) pre-match warming up by either team shall not commence until 45 minutes before the kick off time at the earliest, shall not last for more than 30 minutes, and shall end no later than 10 minutes before the kick-off time;
- (c) if portable goals are provided they shall be used for all goalkeeping drills other than crossing practice;
- (d) the goalmouth area shall be used by goalkeepers only if portable goals are not provided or for crossing practice and then only for not more than 20 minutes;
- (e) for the purposes of warming up and warming down each team shall use only part of the Pitch between the edge of a penalty area and the half way line or as otherwise directed by the groundsman;
- (f) all speed and stamina work shall be undertaken off the Pitch parallel to the touchline opposite the side to be patrolled by the assistant referee or, in the absence of sufficient space, in that part of the Pitch described in paragraph (e) above or as otherwise directed by the groundsman;
- (g) Players using the Pitch at half time as aforesaid shall give due consideration to any other activity or entertainment taking place on the Pitch at the same time;
- (h) the Home Club may water the Pitch at half time provided it gives reasonable notice to the referee and the other Club that it intends to do so and that any such watering is carried out evenly over the entire length and width of the Pitch; and
- (i) any warming down after the conclusion of the Match shall last for no longer than 15 minutes and for that purpose neither penalty area shall be used].

23.12 Promotion and Relegation to and from The National League

As a precondition of entry into The National League (Step 1) any Club proposing to enter with a Football Turf Pitch must by no later than 31st May in its proposed year of entry provide the

Competition with an irrevocable undertaking that in the event of it gaining promotion to The Football League at any time that it will comply in full with the applicable criteria, policies and regulations of The Football League in relation to the playing surface and together with such undertaking will

provide credible and acceptable evidence as to how it would do so. In the event of the undertaking being breached at the relevant time and as a result the Club not being eligible to be admitted as a member of The Football League then the Club shall not retain its place in The National League and instead shall automatically be relegated to National League North or South and may have levied

upon it a fine as determined by the Board in its sole discretion. Such Club shall not be accepted into membership of The National League (Step 1) until such time as it installs a Grass Pitch so that it complies in full with the playing surface regulation of The Football League. This provision shall cease to apply in the event of The Football League accepting clubs with a Football Turf Pitch.

24. INSURANCE

24.1 PLAYERS

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

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

PUBLIC LIABILITY

All Clubs must have Public Liability cover of at least ten million pounds (£10,000,000) Each Club shall submit to the Board a copy of the insurance policy document together with the last premium payment receipt fourteen days prior to the start of the Playing Season.

25 .MEDICAL PERSONNEL

Clubs shall ensure their medical practitioner or physiotherapist or equivalent keeps detailed up-to-date medical records for all Contract Players in the form and in accordance with the requirements and guidelines published by the Football Association from time to time.

When a Player's registration is about to be transferred the Transferor Club must make such records available to the medical practitioner or physiotherapist of the Transferee Club. This procedure shall also apply to all Players whose registrations are temporarily transferred under the provisions for Long, Short and Youth Loans.

26. PLAYER TRANSFERS BETWEEN CLUBS

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

27. PROVISION FOR MEMBERSHIP FORM TO BE SIGNED BY EACH CLUB EACH PLAYING SEASON

This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

28 PROVISION FOR FULL & ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Clubs in membership of the Premier Division and Division One shall be Full Member clubs. Clubs

in membership of Division Two and members of the Development Division only, shall be Associate Member Clubs.

29. PROMOTION AGREEMENTS

This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

30. GENERAL MEETINGS

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30 June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted:

- The Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting confirmed and business arising there from dealt with
- Adoption of Standing Orders
- Presentation and adoption of Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts
- Confirm the constitution of the Divisions for the ensuing season
- Election of Officers, Vice Presidents, Management Committee and Auditor
- Alteration of Rules, if any (of which due notice has been given)
- Confirm the dates for commencement and conclusion of the playing season
- Other business of which due notice has been given

A copy the duly audited Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each club at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

A signed copy of the duly audited Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to the FA within 7 days of its adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

Each member club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all General Meetings. Each club's delegates shall be duly elected members of their Club. All delegates shall be allowed to participate in discussion but Full Member Clubs shall be entitled to two votes each, provided they have two delegates in attendance and Associate Member Clubs shall be entitled to one vote each.

Clubs who have withdrawn their membership of the League during the season being concluded, or who are not continuing membership, shall be entitled to attend, but shall only vote on matters relating to the season being concluded.

All voting shall be conducted by a show of hands unless a ballot is demanded by at least one third of the delegates present or the Chairman so decides.

Officers and Management Committee Members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all General Meetings.

Upon receiving a requisition signed by two thirds of the member clubs, the Competition Secretary shall call a General Meeting. The Board may call a General Meeting at any time. At least seven days notice shall be given of all meetings under this rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meetings.

31. MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Competition shall be governed in accordance with the Rules, Regulations, Bye Laws and

Practices of the Football Association by a Management Board comprising the Officers and a minimum of six members, who shall be independent of the member clubs, who shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Retiring Management Committee Members shall be eligible for re election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Management Board Members shall be nominated in writing by two members to the Competition Secretary not later than 30 April in each year. Names of those nominated shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. Each member of the Management Board shall be entitled to attend all Management Board meetings and have one vote thereat, but no member shall be allowed to vote on any matters appertaining to him. This principle shall apply to the procedure for any Committee. In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

The position of an Officer or Management Board Member shall be vacated if:

- The Officer or Management Board Member does not attend at least 60% of Management Board meetings, subject to acceptance by the Management Board of reasonable excuse for non-attendance;
- The Officer or Management Board Member is guilty of any action likely to bring the game into disrepute.

The Management Board may appoint an Emergency Committee and/or such other sub-committees as they may consider necessary and may delegate all or any of their powers to such committees. The decisions of all such committees shall be reported to the Management Board.

Eight members of the Management Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and three members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by any sub-committee of the League.

The Management Board, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur.

A Member appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting, match or carry out a ground inspection, may have their expenses refunded by the League.

32. COMPETITION OFFICERS

The Officers shall be the President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary, Finance Officer and Assistant Secretaries (as deemed necessary by the Management Board), to be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.. Retiring Officers shall be eligible for re election without nomination. All other candidates for election as Officers shall be nominated in writing by two members to the Competition Secretary not later than 30 April each year or by Management Board minute. Names of those nominated shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

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

34. Each Club shall be obliged to utilise any match boards provided by the Competition's sponsor and further shall be obliged to procure that any bench kit provided by a sponsor shall be worn during competitive and first team matches. In the event of any Club having an existing agreement with a competitor to the Competition's sponsor in respect of match boards and bench kit, they should be entitled to honour that agreement but shall not renew the same.

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

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

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

38. CENTRAL FUNDING

This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

39. FINANCIAL REPORTING INITIATIVE

This Rule is not applicable in this Competition.

40. REFRESHMENTS

The home club must offer liquid refreshments to Match Officials, Players and Visiting Club/League Officials on arrival, at half time and full time. Food also to be provided at full time to Match Officials, Players and Visiting Club/League Officials. If the visiting club are unable to stay to partake of the refreshments provided, they MUST advise the home club at least 24 hours in advance of the match so that food is not wasted and expense saved.

CUP COMPETITIONS

A.1 Challenge Trophy

A.1.1 The Competition shall be called the Challenge Trophy Competition and shall be competed for annually, in the form of a knockout competition, be all teams competing in the Premier, First and Second Divisions of the League in the current season. Premier and Division One Clubs playing at home in this competition must conform with the ground grading requirements of that Division.

A.1.2 The entire management and control of the competition shall be vested in the Management Board who shall have power to deal with any matter not specifically provided for in these rules.

A.1.3 All matches shall be of ninety minutes duration. In all rounds prior to the final, if any match results in a draw after ninety minutes play, the team winning the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark (under conditions laid down by FIFA). In the final of the Competition, if any match results in a draw after ninety minutes play, 30 minutes extra time shall be played. In the event of a draw after extra time, the team winning the tie shall be decided by the taking of kicks from the penalty mark (under conditions laid down by FIFA) to decide.

A.1.4 The matches, with the exception of the final, to be played on the ground of the first drawn Club.

A.1.5 When a match is postponed or abandoned before the completion of ninety minutes with neither club being at fault, it must be played or replayed on the same ground. If extra time has not been commenced or a match has been abandoned during extra time, with neither Club being at fault, it must be replayed on the ground of the Club second drawn.

Matches abandoned through the fault of either or both Clubs, shall be dealt with as the Management Board determine, including the removal of the Club(s) from the competition.

A.1.6 The final tie shall be played on a neutral ground to be decided by the Management Board. The charge for the use of the neutral ground and floodlights, if necessary, are as set out in the Fees Tariff.

A.1.7 All players taking part in this Competition must be registered with the Competition

(Registration) Secretary on the appropriate form at least seven days prior to the match. The seven day qualification does not apply to matches prior to the semi-final (see 6.2.1). All players taking part in the final tie must have played at least four Spartan South Midlands League /Cup, FA Cup/Vase and/or County Cup/Capital Counties (Anagram) Feeder League Trophy games for the Club during the current season.

Clubs playing in the final shall, not less than fourteen days before the game is due to be played, send to the Competition (Registration) Secretary and the opposing Club, a list of players' names from whom the team will be selected and no objection to the qualification of any players listed shall be entertained unless notice to object, stating the reason, is given at least seven days before the match to the Competition (Registration) Secretary and the Secretary of the opposing Club. No player will be considered eligible unless his name is included in the list.

A player having played for one Club in the competition is not eligible to play for another in the same season.

A.1.8A Referee and Assistant Referees will be appointed for all matches. Where a fourth or reserve official is appointed he shall receive the same fee and expenses as an Assistant Referee.

A.1.9 Any Club failing to fulfil its fixture on the appointed date shall forfeit the tie to their opponents and shall be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Any expenses unavoidably incurred shall be paid by the offending Club to their opponents.

A.2 Premier Division Cup

A.2.1 The Competition shall be called the Premier Division Cup and shall be competed for annually, in the form of a knockout competition, by all teams in the Premier Division in the current season. All Clubs playing in this competition must conform with the ground grading requirements for this Division.

A.2.2 As Rule A.1.2

A.2.3 As Rule A.1.3

A.2.4 As Rule A.1.4

A.2.5 As Rule A.1.5

A.2.6 As Rule A.1.6

A.2.7 As Rule A.1.7

A.2.8 As Rule A.1.8

A.2.9 As Rule A.1.9

A.3 Division One Cup

A.3.1 The Competition shall be called the Division One Cup and shall be competed for annually, in the form of a knockout competition or such other format as decided by the Board, by all teams in Division One in the current season. All Clubs playing in this competition must conform with the ground grading requirements for this Division.

A.3.2 As Rule A.1.2

A.3.3 As Rule A.1.3

A.3.4 As Rule A.1.4

A.3.5 As Rule A.1.5

A.3.6 As Rule A.1.6

A.3.7 As Rule A.1.7

A.3.8 As Rule A.1.8

A.3.9 As Rule A.1.9

A.4 Division Two Cup

A.4.1 The Competition shall be called the Division Two Cup and shall be competed for annually, in the form of a knock-out competition, by all teams in Division Two in the current season.

A.4.2 As Rule A.1.2

A.4.3 As Rule A.1.3

A.4.4 As Rule A.1.4

A.4.5 As Rule A.1.5

A.4.6 As Rule A.1.6

A.4.7 As Rule A.1.7

A.4.8 As Rule A.1.8

A.4.9 As Rule A.1.9

A.5 Development Division Challenge Trophy Competition

A.5.1 The Competition shall be called the Development Division Challenge Trophy Competition and shall be competed for annually, in the form of a knockout competition, by all teams in the Development Division, unless otherwise determined by the Management Board.

A.5.2 As Rule A.1.2

A.5.3 As Rule A.1.3

A.5.4 As Rule A.1.4

A.5.5 As Rule A.1.5

A.5.6 As Rule A.1.6

A.5.7 As Rule A.1.7 except that the games played qualification for players eligible for the final tie shall be four Spartan South Midlands Development Division/Development Division Challenge Trophy games and County FA Cup games in which your Development team play.

A.5.8 As Rule A.1.8

A.5.9 As Rule A.1.9

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STANDARD CODE OF RULES FOR STEP 7 LEAGUES & DEVELOPMENT DIVISIONS

This document contains the Standard Code of Rules developed by The Football Association for open age football. These Rules are mandatory for all Competitions at Step 7 of the National League System and below (Development division), and The FA Women's Pyramid excluding The FA Women's Super League.

Competitions seeking sanction must draft their Rules in conformity with this Code, putting them in the correctly numbered Rule and showing the standard headings. The mandatory element is printed in normal text and the optional elements in italics. Competitions may add to the core of the Standard Code, which is mandatory, providing the additions are approved by the sanctioning association and do not conflict with the mandatory Rules or any relevant principles and policies established by the FA.

DEFINITIONS

1.(A) In these Rules:

"Affiliated Association" means an Association accorded the status of an affiliated Association under the Rules of The FA.

"AGM" shall mean the annual general meeting held in accordance with the constitution of the Competition.

"Deposit" means a sum of money deposited with the Competition as part of the requirements of membership of the Competition.

"Club" means a Club for the time being in membership of the Competition and "Team" means a side from a Club especially where a Club provides more than one Team in a division in accordance with the Rules.

"Competition" means the Spartan South Midlands Football League.

"Competition Match" means any match played or to be played under the jurisdiction of the Competition.

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

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

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

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

“Ground” means the ground on which the Club’s team(s) plays its Competition Matches.

“Management Committee” means in the case of a Competition which is an unincorporated association, the management committee elected to manage the running of the Competition and where the Competition is incorporated it means the Board of Directors appointed in accordance with the articles of association of that company.

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

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

“Officer” means an individual who is appointed or elected to a position in a Club or Competition which requires that individual to make day to day decisions.

“Player” means any Contract Player, Non Contract Player or other Player who plays or who is eligible to play for a Club.

“Playing Season” means the period between the date on which the first competitive fixture in the Competition is played each year until the date on which the last competitive fixture in the Competition is played.

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

“Sanctioning Authority” means The FA

“Scholarship” means a Scholarship as set out in Rule C 3 (a) (i) of the Rules of The FA.

“Team Sheet” means a form provided by the Competition on which the names of the Players taking part in a Competition match are listed.

“The FA” means The Football Association Limited.

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

“written” or “in writing” means the representation or reproduction of words or symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether sent or supplied in electronic form or otherwise.

(B) The Rules are taken from the Standard Code of Rules (the “Standard Code”) determined by The FA from time to time. In the event of any omissions from the Standard Code then the requirements of the Standard Code shall be deemed to apply to the Competition.

(C) All Clubs shall adhere to the Rules. Every Club shall be deemed, as a member of the Competition to have accepted the Rules and to have agreed to abide by the decisions of the Management Committee in relation thereto, subject to the provisions of Rule 16.

(D) The Competition will be known as the Spartan South Midlands Football League (or such other name as the Competition may adopt). The Clubs participating in the Competition must be members of the Competition. A Club which ceases to exist or which ceases to be entitled to play in the Competition for any reason whatsoever shall thereupon automatically cease to be a member of the Competition.

(E) The administration of the Competition under these Rules will be carried out by the Competition acting (save where otherwise specifically mentioned herein) through the Management Committee in accordance with the rules, regulations and policies of The FA.

NOMENCLATURE AND CONSTITUTION

2.(A) This Competition shall consist of not more than 18 Clubs at Step 7 and no more than 22 Development Clubs approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

(B) All Clubs must be affiliated to an Affiliated Association and their names and particulars shall be returned annually by the appointed date on the Form “D” to the Football Association and must have a constitution approved by the Sanctioning Authority.

This Competition shall apply annually for sanction to the Football Association and the constituent

teams of Member Clubs may be grouped in divisions.

(C) Only one team shall be permitted from any Club to participate in the same division as another team from the same Club unless there is no viable alternative because of logistical issues and/or reasons linked to participation and geographical boundaries. The Competition will obtain the prior approval of the Sanctioning Authority in the event of a division comprising of more than one team from the same Club. This Competition will ensure that, where permission is given, teams from a Club operating in the same division are run as separate entities with no interchange of players other than via transfers of registration in accordance with these Rules.

(D) Inclusivity and Non-discrimination

(i) The Competition and each Club must be committed to promoting inclusivity and to eliminating all forms of discrimination

(ii) Any alleged breach of the Equality Act 2010 legislation must be referred to the appropriate Sanctioning Authority for investigation.

(E) Clubs must comply with the provisions of any initiatives of The FA which are adopted by the Competition including, but not limited to, Charter Standard and RESPECT programmes.

(F) Clubs shall not enter any of their teams playing in the Competition in any other Competitions (with the exception of FA and County FA Competitions) except with the written consent of the Management Committee.

(G) At the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, a majority of the delegates present shall have power to decide or adjust the constitution of the divisions at their discretion. When necessary this Rule shall take precedence over Rule 12.

ENTRY FEE, SUBSCRIPTION, DEPOSIT

3.(A) Applications by Clubs for admission to the Competition or the entry of an additional team(s) from the same Club must be made in writing to the Secretary and must be accompanied by the Entry Fee as set out in the Fees Tariff per team which shall be returned in the event of non-election.

At the discretion of a majority of the accredited voting members present applications, of which due notice has been given, may be received at the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

When Rule 12(B) is applied or a team seeks a transfer or, is compulsorily transferred to another division, no Entry Fee shall be payable.

(B) The Annual Subscription shall be as per the Fees Tariff payable on or before the Annual General Meeting of the Competition in each year.

(C) In the event of any issue concerning the membership of any Club with the Competition the Management Committee may require a Deposit to be paid by or on behalf of the Club on such terms and for such period as it may in its entire discretion think fit.

(D) A Club shall not participate in this Competition until the Entry Fee, Annual Subscription and Deposit (if required) have been paid.

(E) Clubs must advise annually to the Secretary in writing by the date of the AGM of its Sanctioning Authority affiliation number for the forthcoming Season. Clubs must advise the Secretary in writing, or on the prescribed form, of details of its Headquarters, Officers and any other information required by the Competition.

MANAGEMENT, NOMINATION, ELECTION

4.(A) The Management Committee shall comprise the Officers of the Competition and not less than six ordinary members who shall all be elected at the Annual General Meeting.

(B) All candidates for election as Officers or Members of the Management Committee, who shall be independent of member Clubs, shall be nominated to the Secretary in writing, signed by the Secretaries of two Member Clubs, not later than 30 April in each year. Names of the candidates for election shall be circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting. In the event of there being no nomination in accordance with the foregoing for any office, nominations may be received at the Annual General Meeting.

(C) The Management Committee shall meet as and when required with no more than three calendar months between each meeting.

On receiving a requisition signed by two-thirds of the members of the Management Committee

the Secretary shall convene a meeting of the Committee.

(D) Except where otherwise mentioned all communications shall be addressed to the Secretary who shall conduct the correspondence of the Competition and keep a record of its proceedings.

(E) All communications received from Clubs must be conducted through their nominated Officers.

POWERS OF MANAGEMENT

5.(A) The Management Committee may appoint subcommittees and delegate such of their powers as they deem necessary. The decisions of all subcommittees shall be reported to the Management Committee for ratification. The Management

Committee shall have power to deal only with matters within the Competition and not for any matters of misconduct that are under the jurisdiction of The Football Association or Affiliated Association.

(B) Subject to the permission of the Sanctioning Authority having been obtained the Management Committee may order a match or matches to be played each season, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the Competition and, if necessary, may call upon each Club (including any Club which may have withdrawn during the season) to contribute equally such sums as may be necessary to meet any deficiency at the end of the season.

(C) Each Member of the Management Committee shall have the right to attend and vote at all Management Committee Meetings and have one vote thereat, but no Member shall be allowed to vote on any matters directly appertaining to such Member or to the Club so represented or where there may be a conflict of interest. (This shall apply to the procedure of any sub-committee). In the event of the voting being equal on any matter, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

(D) The Management Committee shall have powers to apply, act upon and enforce these Rules and shall also have jurisdiction over all matters affecting the Competition. Any action by the Competition must be taken within 28 days of the Competition being notified.

With the exception of Rules 5(I), 6(H), and 19, for all breaches of Rule a formal written charge must be issued to the Club concerned The Club charged shall be given seven days from the date of notification of the charge to reply to the charge and given the opportunity to :-

(i) Accept or deny the charge

(ii) Submit in writing a case of mitigation, or

(iii) Put their case before the Management Committee at a personal hearing

All breaches of the Laws of the Game, or the Rules and Regulations of The FA shall be dealt with in accordance with FA Rules by the appropriate Association.

Any fines levied shall be in accordance with the Fines Tariff.

The maximum fine permitted for any breach of a Rule is £250 and, when setting any fine, the Competition must ensure that the penalty is proportional to the offence, taking into account any mitigating circumstances.

(E) All decisions of the Management Committee shall be binding subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16.

Decisions of the Management Committee must be notified in writing to those concerned within ten days.

(F) More than fifty percent (50%) of its members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Committee or any sub-committee thereof.

(G) The Management Committee, as it may deem necessary, shall have power to fill in an acting capacity, any vacancies that may occur amongst their number.

(H) A Club must comply with an order or instruction of the Management Committee and must attend to the business and/or the correspondence of the Competition to the satisfaction of the Management Committee.

(I) All fines and charges are payable forthwith and must be paid within 28 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff . Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

(J) A member of the Management Committee appointed by the Competition to attend a meeting or match may have any reasonable expenses incurred refunded by the Competition.

(K) The Management Committee shall have the power to fill any vacancy that may occur in the membership of the Competition between the Annual General or Special General Meeting called to decide the constitution and the commencement of the Competition season.

(L) The business of the Competition as determined by the Management Committee may be transacted by electronic mail or facsimile.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.(A) The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30 June in each year. At this meeting the following business shall be transacted provided that at least 80% of Members are present and entitled to vote :-

(i) To receive and confirm the Minutes of the preceding Annual General Meeting.

(ii) To receive and adopt the Annual Report, Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts.

(iii) Election of Clubs to fill vacancies.

(iv) Constitution of the Competition for ensuing season.

(v) Election of Officers and Management Committee.

(vi) Appointment of Auditors.

(vii) Alteration of Rules, if any.

(viii) Fix the date for the commencement of the season.

(ix) Other business of which due notice shall have been given and accepted as being relevant to an Annual General Meeting.

(B) A copy of the duly audited/verified Balance Sheet, Statement of Accounts and Agenda shall be forwarded to each Club at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, together with any proposed change of Rules.

(C) A signed copy of the duly audited/verified Balance Sheet and Statement of Accounts shall be sent to Sanctioning Authority within fourteen days of its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.

(D) Each Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to an Annual General Meeting. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only. Fourteen days' notice shall be given of any Meeting.

(E) Clubs who have withdrawn their Membership of the Competition during the season being concluded or who are not continuing Membership shall be entitled to attend but shall vote only on matters relating to the season being concluded. (F) All voting shall be conducted by a show of voting cards unless a ballot be demanded by at least 50% of the delegates qualified to vote or the Chairman so decides.

(G) No individual shall be entitled to vote on behalf of more than one Member Club.

(H) Any continuing Club must be represented at the Annual General Meeting.

(I) Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting.

AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED

7. The Chairman and the Secretary of each Club which is an unincorporated Association and two directors of each Club which is an incorporated entity shall complete and sign the following agreement which shall be deposited with the Competition together with the Application for Membership for the coming season, or upon indicating that the Club intends to compete.

"We, (A) (name) [] of (address) [] (Chairman)/(Director) and (B) (name) [] of (address) [] (Secretary)/(Director) of [] Football Club (Limited) have been provided with a copy of the Rules and Regulations of the [] Competition and do hereby agree for and on behalf of the said Club to conform to those Rules and Regulations and to accept, abide by and implement the decisions of the Management Committee of the Competition, subject to the right of appeal in accordance with Rule 16."

Any alteration of the Chairman and /or Secretary on the above Agreement must be notified to the [] County Football Association(s) to which the Club is affiliated and to the Secretary of the Competition.

QUALIFICATION OF PLAYERS

8.(A) (i) Contract players are not permitted in this Competition with the exception of those Players who are registered under Contract with the same Club who have a team operating at Steps 1 to 6 of the National League System.

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It is the responsibility of each Club to ensure that any Player registered to the Club has, where necessary, the required International Transfer Certificate. Clearance is required for any Player aged 10 and over crossing borders including Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

(ii) Each Club must have at least 11 Players registered 7 days before the start of each Playing Season.

Where a Club has a team entered in the Development division, this Rule shall also apply to that team. A further 11 registrations will be required for the Development team under this Rule.

(B) A Player is one who, being in all other respects eligible, has:

(i) signed a fully and correctly completed Competition registration form in ink, countersigned by an Officer, which is submitted to the Competition 4 hours prior to the scheduled kick off time. No Player whose registration is received less than 4 hours before the match organised by the Competition in which he is required to play will be eligible;

(ii) Where a registration form is sent to the Competition electronically, e.g. email, the originating form must subsequently be received by the Competition within 5 days of the sending of the electronic transmission. In default of this Rule the player shall not be eligible to play in the Competition unless and until a valid registration form is received. The form when received must contain the same information as that received by email. It is an offence to falsify a competition form. Any Club found to have been in breach of any part of this Rule will be deemed to have played an ineligible player and will be dealt with in accordance with the Competition Rules; or

(iii) not applicable in this competition.

(C) not applicable in this competition

(D) A Player that owes a Football Debt (as defined under the Football Debt Recovery Regulations) to any Club(s) shall be permitted to register and play for a Club in the Competition, save that the Player may be liable to be suspended from playing for that Club should the Player fail to comply with the terms of the Football Debt Recovery Regulations in respect of that Football Debt.

(E) A fee as set out in the Fees Tariff shall be paid by each Club/team for each player registered.

(F) The Management Committee shall decide all registration disputes.

In the event of a player signing a registration form or having a registration submitted for more than one Club, priority of registration shall decide for which Club the player shall be registered. The Secretary shall notify the Club last applying to register the player of the fact of the previous registration.

(G) It shall be a breach of Rule for a player to :-

(i) Play for more than one Club in the Competition in the same season without first being transferred.

(ii) Having registered for one Club in the Competition, register for another Club in the Competition in that season except for the purpose of a transfer.

(iii) Submit a signed registration form or submit a registration through WGS for registration that the player had wilfully neglected to accurately or fully complete.

(H)(i) The Management Committee shall have the power to accept the registration of any player subject to the provisions of clauses (ii) and (iii) below.

(ii) The Management Committee shall have power to refuse, cancel or suspend the registration of any player or may fine any player, at their discretion who has been charged and found guilty of registration irregularities (subject to Rule 16).

(iii) The Management Committee shall have power to make application to refuse or cancel the registration of any player charged and found guilty of undesirable conduct (subject to Rule 16) subject to the right of appeal to the FA or the relevant County Football Association. Undesirable conduct shall mean an incident of repeated proven misconduct, which may deter a participant from being involved in this Competition. Application should be made to the parent County of the Club the player is registered or intending to be registered with.

(iv) For a player who has previously had a registration removed in accordance with clause (iii) but has a registration accepted at the expiry of exclusion will be considered to be under a probationary period of 12 months. Whilst under a probationary period, should the player commit a further act of proven misconduct under the jurisdiction of the Competition, (excluding standard dismissals), the Competition would be empowered to consider a further charge of bringing the Competition into

disrepute.

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

(I) Subject to compliance with FA Rule C2(a) when a Club wishes to register a Player who is already registered with another Club it shall submit a transfer form (in a format as determined by the Competition) to the Competition accompanied by a fee as set out in the Fees Tariff. Such transfer shall be referred by the Competition to the Club for which the player is registered. Should this Club object to the transfer it should state its objections in writing to the Competition and to the Player concerned within three days of receipt of the notification. Upon receipt of the Club's consent, or upon its failure to give written objection within three days, the Competition Secretary may, on behalf of the Management Committee, transfer the Player who shall be deemed eligible to play for the new Club from such date or 7 days after receipt of such transfer.

In the event of an objection to a transfer the matter shall be referred to the Management Committee for a decision.

(J) A player may not be registered for a Club nor transferred to another Club in the Competition after 5 p.m. on 31 March except by special permission of the Management Committee.

(K) A Club shall keep a list of the players it registers and a record of the games in which they have played, and shall produce such records upon demand by the Management Committee.

(L) A register containing the names of all players registered for each Club, with the date of registration, shall be kept by the Registrations Secretary and shall be open to the inspection of any duly appointed Member Club representative at all Management Committee meetings or at other times mutually arranged. Registrations are valid for one Season only.

In the event of a player without a written contract changing his status to that of a contract player with the same Club, another Club in the Competition or with a Club in another Competition his registration as a player without a written contract will automatically be cancelled and declared void unless the Club conforms to the exception detailed in Rule 8(A)(i).

(M) A player shall not be eligible to play for a team in any special championship, promotion or relegation deciding match (as specified in Rule 12(A)) unless the player has played 4 games for that team in this Competition in the current season.

(N) not applicable in the is competition

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

The Management Committee may vary this decision in respect of the points gained only in circumstances where the ineligibility is due to the failure to obtain an International Transfer Certificate or where the ineligibility is related to the Player's status.

In exceptional circumstances the Management Committee may, at its discretion, award the points available in the match in question to the opponents, subject to the match not being ordered to be replayed.

(P) (The following Clause applies to Competitions involving players in full time secondary education) :-

(i) Priority must be given at all times to school and school organisations activities.

(ii) The availability of children must be cleared with the Head Teachers (except for Sunday Leagues).

(iii) To play open age football the player must have achieved the age of 16.

CLUB COLOURS. CLUB NAME

9.(A) Every Club must register the colour of its shirts and shorts on a date to be specified, with the Secretary by who shall decide as to their suitability.

Goalkeepers must wear colours which distinguish them from all other players and match officials.

No player, including the goalkeeper, shall be permitted to wear black or very dark shirts.

Any team not being able to play in its normal colours as registered with the Competition shall notify its opponents the colours in which they will play (including the colour of the goalkeepers jersey) at least 7 days before the match.

If, in the opinion of the referee, two Clubs have the same or similar colours, the away team shall make the change. A club must not delay the scheduled time of kick off for a competition match by not having a change of colours. Shirts must be numbered 1-20 such that the numbers can be clearly identified by officials and spectators. Striped, hooped or otherwise patterned shirts shall have numbers affixed to contrasting patches or numbers in a contrasting colour with bold outline.

(B) Any Club wishing to change its name must obtain permission from the Sanctioning Authority and from the Management Committee. Any Club wishing to change its colours during the Playing Season must obtain permission from the Management Committee.

PLAYING SEASON. CONDITIONS OF PLAY, TIMES OF KICK-OFF. POSTPONEMENTS. SUBSTITUTES

10.(A) The Annual General Meeting shall determine the date for the commencement of the season.

(B) All matches shall be played in accordance with the Laws of the Game as determined by the International Football Association Board. Clubs must take all reasonable precautions to keep their grounds in a playable condition. All matches shall be played on pitches deemed suitable by the Management Committee. If through any fault of the home team a match has to be replayed, the Management Committee shall have power to order the venue to be changed.

The Management Committee shall have power to decide whether a pitch and/or facilities are suitable for matches in the Competition and to order the Club concerned to play its fixtures on another ground.

Football Turf pitches (3G) are allowed in this Competition providing they meet the required performance standards and are listed on the FA's Register of Football Turf pitches. For clubs playing at Step 7 and below a pitch must be tested (by a FIFA accredited test institute) every three years and the results passed to the FA. The FA will give a decision on the suitability for use and add the pitch to the Register.

The home Club is also responsible for advising participants of footwear requirements when confirming match arrangements in accordance with Rule 10(D).

Within the National League System ("NLS") all matches shall have a duration of 90 minutes. All matches outside of the NLS shall have duration of 90 minutes.

The standard kick-off times shall be as follows:

Saturday matches - 3.00 pm

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

Clubs with ground sharing agreements must arrange for home matches to be played on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. If a clash of fixtures occurs with the sharing Club and for any reason a match is unable to be played on a Saturday, the match must be played on either the day before i.e. on Friday, or the day after i.e. on Sunday. If Clubs are unable to agree on the date then it will be played on the Sunday unless the Board decides otherwise. The decision of the Board shall be final and binding. Official bank holidays and Sundays – 3 p.m. unless agreed otherwise by the two Clubs and the Board; application shall be made to the Competition Secretary by both Clubs at least 21 days before the relevant date. To reschedule a midweek fixture for an evening other than a Club's usual midweek night will require written agreement of both Clubs and the Competition Secretary. The Competition Secretary reserves the right to amend scheduled fixtures and kick-off times to meet television requirements as necessary. Notification will be provided by the Competition Secretary in writing to both Clubs for fixtures so rescheduled.

The times of kick off can only be altered by the mutual consent of the two competing clubs prior to

the scheduled date of the match with written notification given to the Competition at least 7 days prior. Referees must order matches to commence at the appointed time and must report all late starts to the Competition.

(C) Except by permission of the Management Committee all matches must be played on the dates originally fixed but priority shall be given to The Football Association and parent County Association Cup Competitions. All other matches must be considered secondary. Clubs may mutually agree to bring forward a match with the consent of the Fixtures Secretary. In the case of a revised fixture date, the Clubs must be given by the Competition 5 clear days' notice of the match (unless otherwise mutually agreed).

(D) The Secretary of the home Club must give notice of full particulars of the location of, and access to, the ground and time of kick off to the match officials and the Secretary of the opposing Club at least 5 clear days prior to the playing of the match, including the team colours, the colour of the goalkeeper's jersey, it will be wearing. The visiting Club and Match Officials must acknowledge receipt to be received at least three days before the match. If not so provided, the away club shall seek such details and report the circumstances to the competition. The visiting Club must include in its acknowledgement the team colours, including the colour of the goalkeeper's jersey, it will be wearing.

(E) A minimum of 7 players will constitute a team for a Competition match. Any Club commencing a Competition match with less than 11 Players may be subject to a fine.

(F)(i) Home and away matches shall be played. In the event of a Club failing to keep its engagement the Management Committee shall have power to inflict a fine, deduct points from the defaulting Club, award the points from the match in question to the opponents, order the defaulting Club to pay any expenses incurred by the opponents or otherwise deal with them except the award of goals. Notwithstanding the foregoing home and away provision, the Management Committee shall have power to order a match to be played on a neutral ground or on the opponent's ground if they are satisfied that such action is warranted by the circumstances.

(ii) not applicable in this competition

(iii) Any Club unable to fulfil a fixture or where a fixture has been postponed for any reason must, without delay, give notice to the Competition Results Service, Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials. Any Club without just cause failing to fulfil an engagement to play a Competition match on the appointed date shall for each offence be liable to expulsion from the Competition and/or such other disciplinary action the Board may determine, including the deduction of points from the offending Club's record, any expenses incurred by their opponents, and a fine. In the event of a Club being in breach of the previous paragraph of this Rule then the Board may award points to the Club not at fault as if the match had been played and the League Table shall reflect the position as if the match had been played with the result awarded by the Board.

(iv) In the event of a match not being played or abandoned owing to causes over which neither Club has control, it should be played in its entirety on a date to be determined by the Competition Fixtures Secretary. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and the Clubs involved agree, the Management Committee shall also be empowered to order the score at the time of an abandonment to stand.

(v) The Management Committee shall review all matches abandoned in cases where it is consequent upon the conduct of either or both Teams. Where it is to the advantage of the Competition and does no injustice to either Club, the Management Committee shall be empowered to order the score at the time of the abandonment to stand. In all cases where the Management Committee are satisfied that a match was abandoned owing to the conduct of one team or its Club member(s) they shall be empowered to award the points for the match to the opponent. In cases where a match has been abandoned owing to the conduct of both teams or their Club member(s), the Management Committee shall rule all points for the match as void. No fine(s) can be applied by the Management Committee for an abandoned match.

(vi) The Management Committee shall review any match that has taken place where either or both teams were under a suspension imposed upon them by the Association or Affiliated Association. In

each case the team that was under suspension would be dealt with in the same manner as if they had participated with ineligible players in accordance with Rule 8(O) above. Where both teams were under suspension the game must be declared null and void.

(vii) The postponement of matches due to ground conditions must be carried out in accordance with procedures provided for in the document published by the FA "Recommended procedure for the guidance of Clubs and Referees in determining the suitability of grounds in adverse weather conditions". Should the ground be declared unfit it is the responsibility of the home club to immediately advise the Competition Results Service, Fixtures Secretary, the Competition Referees Appointments Secretary, the Secretary of the opposing Club and the match officials.

(viii) All Clubs must have a mobile telephone and an email address operational at all times. These will be listed in the Competition Handbook unless a Club requests otherwise.

(ix) Each Club must hand the Team Sheet containing name(s) of Players taking part in a match including the name(s) and number(s) of the nominated substitute(s) to the Referee and a representative of their opponents in the presence of the Referee at least forty five (45) minutes before the scheduled kick off time. The Players' numbers and the colours of the playing strip must be clearly stated. Any Clubs in breach may be fined.

(x) Any Club altering its team selection or numbering after Team Sheets have been exchanged may be fined. A Player who is named on the Team Sheet may be replaced without fine if he is injured warming up after exchange of the Team Sheet. Any subsequent changes must be notified to the Referee and a representative of the opponents before the actual kick off.

(xi) Where a match is rearranged or cancelled after the officials have been appointed, it is the duty of the home club to notify the Match Officials of the cancellation of their appointments immediately. Clubs in default of this Rule may be subject to any action decided by the Board.

(G) A Step 7 Club (Division Two) may at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game use 3 substitute players in any match in this Competition who may be selected from a maximum of 5 players who must be nominated on the official Team Sheet handed to the Referee before the match in accordance with Rule.

A Club in the Development division may, at its discretion and in accordance with the Laws of the Game, use 5 substitute players in any match in this Competition, who may be selected from 5 players. A player who has been substituted himself becomes a substitute and may replace a player at any time, subject to the substitution being carried out in accordance with Law 3 of the Laws of Association Football.

The referee shall be informed of the names of the substitutes not later than 45 minutes before the start of the match and a Player not so named may not take part in that match.

A player who has been selected, appointed or named as a substitute before the start of the match but does not actually play in the game shall not be considered to have been a player in that game within the meaning of Rule 8 of this Competition.

(H) The half time interval shall not exceed fifteen minutes. The half time interval may only be altered with the consent of the referee.

(I) The Cubs taking part in fixture Competition Match shall identify a team captain who has a responsibility to offer support in the management of the on-field discipline of his/her team mates.

(J) A Club may not enter its team in any outside competition, other than those listed in Rule 10 (C), without prior permission of the Board. The Competition Fixture Secretary must be informed of all fixtures, postponements and results of all matches played in any other competition.

(K) All Clubs will be responsible for comments in their match day programme in respect of the Competition, the Company or other member Clubs, notwithstanding any disclaimers to the contrary. No part of a Club's programme issued for a match in any competition shall, in the opinion of the Board, bring the Competition into disrepute. All Clubs will be responsible for their official website or similar computer related information systems, which is within the public domain. Nothing shall be included on the website which in the opinion of the Board brings the Competition or the Company into disrepute.

(L) Two covered trainers' boxes clearly marked "Home" and "Away or Visitors" must be provided unless adequate provision is made in a seated stand. They must be on the same side of the pitch,

ideally either side of the halfway line, ideally both equidistant from it and ideally a minimum 3 metres apart and provide an unobstructed view of the playing area. Each box should accommodate at least 8 persons on fixed seats or benches. Where bench seating is provided, a minimum 0.5 metres must be allowed for each person. Portable trainers' boxes are permitted but must be securely fixed when in use. A technical area must be marked out in accordance with the guidance contained in the 'Laws of the Game' booklet.

(M) Only one person at a time has the authority to convey tactical instructions to the Players during the match from within the technical area.

All team officials and substitutes seated on the bench shall be listed on the official Team Sheet when it is handed to the Match Officials. Only those persons listed on the official Team Sheet shall be permitted in the technical area.

The occupants of the technical area must behave in a responsible manner at all times. Misconduct by occupants of this area will be reported by the Referee to the FA or County FA, who shall have the power to impose sanctions as deemed fit.

With the exception of the team manager, the team coach and any substitutes who are warming up or warming down, all other personnel are to remain seated on the trainer's bench. The team manager or team coach is allowed to move to the edge of the technical area to issue instructions to his team.

REPORTING RESULTS

11.(A) Each Club shall enter information from the match Result Form by the method instructed by the Competition and shall submit the fully completed copy of the appropriate match Result Form by email to the Appointing Authority and the Competition within 3 days of the match. When a Club considers that the Referee has discharged his duties incompetently and awards a mark of 50 or less, a detailed report must be sent to the Appointing Authority within three days of the match by the method instructed by the Appointing Authority. Clubs in default of any provision of the Rule will be subject to a fine for each offence.

(B) The both Clubs shall SMS the result of each match immediately after the end of the match in response to an SMS text prompt.

(C) The match result notification, correctly completed, shall be signed by a responsible member of the Club.

DETERMINING CHAMPIONSHIP

12.(A) Team rankings within the Competition will be decided by points with three points to be awarded for a win and one point for a drawn match. The teams gaining the highest number of points in their respective Divisions at the conclusion shall be adjudged the winners. Matches must not be played for double points.

In circumstances where two or more teams are equal on points team rankings shall be determined by goal difference where the goals scored against by each team shall be deducted from the goals scored by that team and the largest positive difference shall be placed the highest. In the event of the goal difference being equal the highest placed team shall be the team which has scored the most goals. In the event that two or more teams have the same goal difference and have scored the same number of goals then the highest placed team shall be the team which has won the most matches. In the event of the two teams still being equal the team which has the better playing record against the other team in their head to head Competition matches during the Season will be the highest placed team.

If the records of two or more teams are still equal and it is necessary for any reason to determine the position of each then the teams affected shall play a deciding match or matches as determined by the Management Committee.

(B) The top two teams in Division Two shall be promoted to Division One, provided they meet the appropriate ground grading required as per the appropriate Ground Grading document, being approved by the Board by 31 March each year. Should one of the top two clubs in Division Two not be eligible then the third placed club in Division Two will be promoted, provided they meet the appropriate ground grading required as per the appropriate National Ground Grading document, being approved by the Board by 31 March each year. With the agreement of the FA, if there are still vacancies in Division One, then Clubs down to fifth place may be considered for promotion.

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Clubs finishing in the two lowest places in Division Two shall have the right to apply to the Management Board for re election, together with other applicants. Clubs re elected to Division Two must pay a re-election fee in accordance with the Fees Tariff.

(C) In the event of a team withdrawing from the Competition before completing 75% of its fixtures for the season all points obtained by or recorded against such defaulting team shall be expunged from the Competition table. For the purposes of this Rule 12(D) a completed fixture shall include any Competition Match(es) which has been awarded by the Management Committee.

(D) Where a League is outside of the Spartan South Midlands League structure, The FA will manage the promotion process of all clubs seeking promotion from Step 7 to Step 6 of the National League System.

(E) The constitution of the Development division(s) and any promotion and relegation shall be confirmed by the Annual General Meeting each year.

REFEREES

13.(A) Registered Referees (and Assistant Referees where approved by the FA or County FA) for all matches shall be appointed in a manner approved by the Management Committee and by the Sanctioning Authority. The home Club shall be responsible for providing Assistant Referees with distinctive flags of a suitable size in an acceptable condition.

(B) In the event of the non appearance of the appointed Referee the appointed senior Assistant Referee shall take charge and a substitute Assistant Referee appointed by the competing Teams. In cases where there are no officially appointed Assistant Referees, the Clubs shall agree upon a Referee. An individual thus agreed upon shall, for that game, have the full powers, status and authority of a registered Referee. Individuals under the age of 16 must not participate either as a Referee or Assistant Referee in any open age competition. In the event that a Club causes a match to be postponed or abandoned on relation to the operation of this Rule then that Club shall be charged with failing to fulfil a fixture (Rule 10 (F) (iii) refers).

(C) Where Assistant Referees are not appointed each Team shall provide a Club Assistant Referee. A player or substitute may not be used as an Assistant Referee in games in which they are taking part. Club Assistant Referees must report to the Match Referee at least 15 minutes before the scheduled kick off time.

(D) The appointed Referee shall have power to decide as to the fitness of the ground in all matches and the decision shall be final. The postponement of matches due to ground conditions must be carried out in accordance with procedures provided for in the document published by the FA "Recommended procedure for the guidance of Clubs and Referees in determining the suitability of grounds in adverse weather conditions". In cases where it is found necessary to stop play owing to weather or other cause, the Referee must wait a reasonable length of time before deciding on abandonment.

(E) Subject to any limits/provisions laid down by the sanctioning Association, Match Officials appointed under this Rule shall be paid a match fee and travel expenses set by the Appointing Authority. The Home Club shall pay the Officials their fees and/or expenses on the day of the match in their dressing room, within a reasonable time after the conclusion of the match (including matches abandoned for any reason). Where provided by the home Club, each Match Official must complete and submit a claim form for expenses.

(F) In the event of a match not being played because of circumstances over which the Clubs have no control, the Match Officials, if present, shall be entitled to / half fee plus expenses. Where a match is not played owing to one Club being in default, that Club shall be ordered to pay the Officials, if they attend the ground, their full fee and expenses.

(G) A Referee not keeping his or her engagement, and failing to give a satisfactory explanation as to their non-appearance, may be reported to the Association with which he or she is registered.

(H) Each Club shall, in a manner prescribed from time to time by The Football Association, award marks to the Referee for each match and the name of the Referee and the marks awarded shall be submitted to the Competition on the prescribed Form provided. Clubs failing to comply with this Rule shall be liable to be fined or dealt with as the Management Committee shall determine.

(I) The Competition shall keep a record of the markings and, on the Form provided by the prescribed date each season, shall submit a summary to The Football Association/County

Association.

(J) The Referee shall submit a report Form, supplied by the Competition, all cases where teams commence a match late or without eleven Players on the field of play. Referees must report all breaches of Rule to the Appointing Authority in writing within 3 days of the match on the appropriate form electronically.

Referees must also report their own or any assistant referees' late arrival in any matches, and notify those concerned of their intention. Assistant Referees must also send an explanation of their late arrival in writing by email to the Appointing Authority within 3 days of the match and the time of kick-off to the (Registration) Secretary within two days of the match.

(K) Match Officials should be present at the appointment at least 60 minutes prior to the scheduled kick off. The appointed referee may be required to visit the ground earlier if requested to do so by the home Club.

(L) Three match balls proposed to be used in the match and, if applicable, supplied by the Company under a ball sponsorship agreement must be submitted to and approved by the Referee before the commencement of the match in his/her dressing room. It is the responsibility of the Club playing at home in each match played under the jurisdiction of the Competition to provide match balls in accordance with any match ball agreement signed by the Company.

CONTINUATION OF MEMBERSHIP OR WITHDRAWAL OF A CLUB

14.(A) A Club intending, or having a provisional intention, to withdraw a team from the Competition on completion of its fixtures and fulfilment of all other obligations to the Competition must notify the Secretary in writing by 31st March each Season. Clubs who withdraw their Development team only must comply with the notice date or be liable to a fine in accordance with the fines tariff.

(B) The Management Committee shall have the discretion to deal with a team being unable to start or complete its fixtures for a Playing Season.

(C) In the event of a Member Club failing to discharge all its financial obligations to the Competition in excess of £50, the Management Committee are empowered to refer the debt under The FA Football Debt Recovery provisions.

PROTESTS AND COMPLAINTS

15.(A)(i) All questions of eligibility, qualifications of players or interpretations of the Rules shall be referred to the Management Committee.

(ii) Objections relevant to the dimensions of the pitch, goals, flag posts or other facilities of the venue will not be entertained by the Management Committee unless a protest is lodged with the Referee before the commencement of the match.

(B) Except in cases where the Management Committee decide that there are special circumstances, protests and complaints (which must contain full particulars of the grounds upon which they are founded) must be lodged with the Secretary within 7 days (excluding Sundays) of the match or occurrence to which they refer. A protest or complaint shall not be withdrawn except by permission of the Management Committee. A Member of the Management Committee who is a member of any Club involved shall not be present (except as a witness or representative of his Club) when such protest or complaint is being determined.

(C) No protest of whatever kind shall be considered by the Management Committee unless the complaining Club shall have deposited with the Secretary a sum in accordance with the Fees Tariff. This may be forfeited in whole or in part in the event of the complaining or protesting Club losing its case. The Competition shall have power to order the defaulting Club or the Club making a losing or frivolous protest or complaint to pay the expenses of the enquiry or to order that the costs to be shared by the parties.

(D) All parties to a protest or complaint must receive a copy of the submission and must be afforded an opportunity to make a statement at least 7 days prior to the protest or complaint being heard.

(i) All parties must have received 7 days' notice of the Hearing should they be instructed to attend.

(ii) Should a Club elect to state its case in person then the Club should indicate such when forwarding the written response.

PROTESTS, APPEALS

16. (A) All protests, claims or complaints relating to these Rules and appeals arising from a Player's contract shall be heard and determined by the Management Committee, or a sub-committee duly appointed by the Management Committee. The Clubs or Players protesting, appealing, claiming or complaining must send a copy of such protest, appeal, claim or complaint and deposit a fee which shall be forfeited in the event of the protest, appeal, claim or complaint not being upheld, and the party not succeeding may, in addition, be ordered to pay the costs at the direction of the Management Committee.

(B) All such protests claims complaints and appeals must be received in writing by the Secretary within fourteen days of the event or decision causing any of these to be submitted.

(C) The Management Committee shall also have power to compel any party to the protest to pay such expenses as the Management Committee shall direct.

(D) Any appeal against a decision of the Management Committee must be lodged with the FA within fourteen (14) days of the posting of the written notification of the decision causing the appeal, accompanied by a fee which may be forfeited in the event of the appeal not being upheld.

A copy of the appeal must also be sent to the Secretary. All appeals to the FA must be lodged in accordance with the appeals procedure detailed in the handbook or that in force at any one time.

(E) If so requested the Management Committee may arbitrate on any disputes, protests, appeals, claims or complaints between two Clubs in which event both Clubs shall send a non-returnable fee. Such arbitration shall be final and binding upon the parties to the arbitration.

(F) No appeal can be lodged against a decision taken at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting unless this is on the ground of unconstitutional conduct.

EXCLUSION OF CLUBS OR TEAMS MISCONDUCT, CLUBS, OFFICIALS, PLAYERS

17. (A) At the Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for the purpose, Notice of Motion having been duly circulated on the Agenda by direction of the Management Committee, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude any Club or Team from membership which must be supported by (more than) two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot. A Club which is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(B) At the Annual General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose, in accordance with the provisions of Rule 19, the accredited delegates present shall have the power to exclude from further participation in the Competition any Club whose conduct has, in their opinion, been undesirable, which must be supported by (more than) two thirds (2/3) of those present and voting. Voting on this point shall be conducted by ballot.

A Club whose conduct is the subject of the vote being taken shall be excluded from voting.

(C) Any official or member of a Club proved guilty of either a breach of Rule, other than field offences, or of inducing or attempting to induce a player or players of another Club in the Competition to join them shall be liable to expulsion or such penalty as a General Meeting or Management Committee may decide, and their Club shall also be liable to expulsion in accordance with the provisions of Clause (A) of this Rule.

TROPHY:-

LEGAL OWNERS, CONDITIONS OF TAKING OVER, AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED, AWARDS.

18. (A) The following agreement shall be signed on behalf of the winners of the Cup or Trophy:-

"We (A) (name) and (B) (name), the Chairman and Secretary of FC (Limited), members of and representing the Club, having been declared winners of Cup or Trophy, and it having been delivered to us by the Competition, do hereby on behalf of the Club jointly and severally agree to return the Cup or Trophy to the Competition Secretary on or before []. If the Cup or Trophy is lost or damaged whilst under our care we agree to refund to the Competition the amount of its current value or the cost of its thorough repair."

The trophies are the property of the Company and may never be won outright.

The recipient Club shall be responsible for engraving their details on the trophy before returning same. Any Club not returning the Competition trophy by the due date, returning them in poor

condition or without being engraved will be fined.

(B) The Company shall present to the Winners and Runners Up of all divisions in the Competition 16 souvenirs. Additional souvenirs cannot be presented except by consent of the Board, and then at the expense of the requesting Club.

SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

19. Upon receiving a requisition signed by two thirds (2/3) of the Clubs in membership the Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting.

The Management Committee may call a Special General Meeting at any time.

At least seven days' notice shall be given of either meeting under this Rule, together with an agenda of the business to be transacted at such meeting. Each Member Club shall be empowered to send two delegates to all Special General Meetings. Each Club shall be entitled to one vote only, as will members of the Management Committee. Any continuing Member Club must be represented at a Special General Meeting. Officers and Management Committee members shall be entitled to attend and vote at all Special General Meetings.

ALTERATION TO RULES

20. Alterations, for which consent has been given by the Sanctioning Authority, shall be made to these Rules only at the Annual General Meeting or at a Special General Meeting specially convened for the purpose called in accordance with Rule 19. Any alteration made during the Playing Season to these Rules shall not take effect until the following Playing Season.

Notice of proposed alterations to be considered at the AGM shall be submitted to the Secretary by 31 January in each year. The proposals together with the name of the proposers and seconders, together with any proposals by the Management Committee, shall be circulated to the Clubs by 31 March and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Secretary by 30 April. The proposals and proposed amendments thereto shall be circulated to Clubs with the notice of the AGM. A proposal to change a Rule shall be carried if a majority of those present, entitled to vote and voting are in favour.

A copy of the proposed alterations to Rules to be considered at the AGM or Special General Meeting shall be submitted to the Sanctioning Authority or The FA (as applicable) at least 28 days prior to the date of the meeting.

FINANCE

21.(A) The Management Committee shall determine with which bank or other financial institution the funds of the Competition will be lodged.

(B) All expenditure in excess of £250 shall be approved by an Officer of the Management Committee. Payments will be made electronically, approved by an Officer.

(C) The financial year of the Competition will end on 31 December.

(D) The books, or a certified balance sheet, of a Competition shall be prepared and shall be verified annually by some suitable person(s) who shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting

INSURANCE

22. All Clubs must have valid public liability insurance cover of at least 10 million pounds (£10,000,000) at all times.

All Clubs must have valid personal accident cover for all Players registered with them from time to time. The Players' personal accident cover must be in place prior to the Club taking part in any Competition match and shall be at least equal to the minimum recommended cover determined from time to time by the sanctioning Association. In instances where The Football Association is the sanctioning Association, the minimum recommended cover will be the cover required by the Affiliated Association to which a Club affiliates.

DISSOLUTION

23. (A) Dissolution of the Competition shall be by resolution approved at a Special General Meeting by a majority of three quarters (3/4) of the members present and shall take effect from the date of the relevant Special General Meeting.

(B) In the event of the dissolution of the Competition, the members of the Management Committee are responsible for the winding up of the assets and liabilities of the Competition.

(C) The Management Committee shall deal with any surplus assets as follows:

(i) Any surplus assets, save for a Trophy or any other presentation, remaining after the discharge of the debts and liabilities of the Competition shall be transferred only to another Competition or Affiliated Association or The Football Association Benevolent Fund or to such other charitable or benevolent object in the locality of the Competition as determined by resolution at or before the time of winding up, and approved in writing by the sanctioning Association.

(ii) If a Competition is discontinued for any reason a Trophy or any other presentation shall be returned to the Donor if the conditions attached to it so provide or, if not, dealt with as the Sanctioning Authority may decide.

Fees Payable Tariff Season 2017-2018

Rule	Subject Matter	Amount (£)
2.5	Grading	50
3.1	Application for membership	50
3.1	Grading	50
3.2	Membership	
3.2	Annual Subscription	
	Premier Division	400
	Division One	400
	Division Two	290
	Development Division	175
6.1	Registration Forms	2 each
6.4.1	Cancellation of registration forms	2 each
6.4.1	Transfer forms	10 each
13.4.4	Re-election	50
14. A 7	Sporting sanctions appeal	50
17.1	Appeal to the Board	50
17.4	Appeal to The FA	50
17.5	Appeal by player	50
17.7	Appeal by Club	50
17.10	Arbitration	50
34.1.6	Hire of Ground	100
34.1.6	Use of Floodlights	50

MATCH OFFICIALS FEES AND EXPENSES 2017-2018

Competition	Referee Fee	Assistant Referee Fee	Travel per mile
Premier Division, Cup & Challenge Trophy	£35	£27	30 pence
Division One & Cup	£30	£27	30 pence
Division Two & Cup	£28	£27	30 pence
Development Div. & Trophy	£28	£27	30 pence

Referee's fee for pitch inspections - £10.00 per visit

Note.

Total travel mileage is restricted to a maximum of 210 miles for each match

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Rule	Offence	Steps 5 - 7 &	Development Div.
		Minimum £	Maximum £
2.2	Failure to return correctly completed Form D	20	80
2.8	Failure to notify change in entity	25	100
2.8	Change in Mem & Arts in 14 days	25	100
2.13	Failure to publish legal name & ownership	25	100
2.15	Failure to notify occurrence of an Insolvency Event	100	400
2.20	Failing to be properly represented any General Meeting	50	200
3.2	Late payment of fees /subscriptions	25	100
4.5	None/late payment of fines	25 +10%	100 + 10%
4.8	Failure to attend to business/correspondence of the Company	25	100
6.1	Failing to give notice of Players status	15	60
6.1.1	Submitting registration form without players signature	250	1000
6.1.2	Failing to notify change of players status	15	60
6.4.1	Submission of form other than original	15	60
6.4.1	Falsifying a competition form	250	1000
6.4.2	Failure to register 11 players prior to the start of the season	50	200
6.4.4	Player registering for more than one club in the competition	15	60
6.8	Failure to use a board for substitutions in a match	25	100
6.8	Named Substitute not registered but not taking part	15	60
6.9	Playing ineligible player	50	200
7.1 - 7.4	Any offence regarding kit, colours or numbers	25	100
7.5	Failure to wear Captains armband	15	60
8.4	Failure to play County Cup match midweek	50	200
8.6	Late Kick off	£15 + £2 per minute	£30 + £2 per minute
8.6	Failure to notify/seek change to KO time	15	60
8.9	Playing in a competition without permission	50	200
8.9	Non/late notification within the required time	15	60
8.11	Failure to keep ground in good condition	100	400

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8.12	Failure to have fax/mobile phone/email	25	100
8.13	Failure to notify details of match	15	60
8.14	Failure to provide/ submit programme	25	100
8.14	Any other offence regarding a matchday programme	25	100
8.14	Any Club publication (written or electronic) deemed to bring the Competition or Company into disrepute	100	400
8.14	Failure to provide information for match day programme	25	100
8.14	Non publication of programme	50	200
8.15	Failure to carry out pitch inspection in accordance with 15.2	25	100
8.16	Failure to notify cancellation or rearrangement to Match Officials	15	60
8.18	Late/incomplete team sheet	15	60
8.19	Altering team sheet after exchange (except for player injured in warm up)	15	60
8.21	Failure to start with 11 players	50	200
8.21	Failure to play a full strength team	50	200
8.22 - 8.26	Technical area offences	25	100
8.29	Failure to submit result form within time scale	15	60
8.29	Incomplete/incorrect result form	15	60
8.35	Non/late notification within the required time	15	60
8.36	Failure to notify postponement or abandonment	25	100
8.37	Failure to fulfill a fixture	250	1000
8.37	failure to agree new date of postponed match in time set	25	100
10.8	Failure to submit accounts within the required time	50	200
14.2	Failure to carry out pitch inspection	25	100
14.7	Failure to pay Match Officials on day of match in dressing room	25	100
14.8	Failure to provide match official flags	15	60
14.9	Failure to play with official match balls	25	100
14.10	Failure to provide practice balls for visitors	N/A	N/A
15	Failure to give notice of resignation by due date	500	2000
18	Failure to return trophy by due date	25	100
18	Failure to return trophy engraved	25	100
18	Failure to return trophy in good condition	25	100
24.1	Failure to insure players	100	400
24.2	Failure to implement public liability insurance to required level	100	400

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25	Failure to have medical personnel as stated	25	100
26	Failure to provide information on transfer	25	100
33	Failure to comply with Commercial Agreement	50	200
34	Failure to use bench kit	50	100
35	Failure to allow filming at ground	50	100
37	Failure to allow access to Club books etc.	100	400
39	Failure to comply with Financial Reporting initiative	50	200
40	Failure to provide refreshments	25	100

Note

Fines for persistent breaches of a rule will be increased at the Management Board's discretion.

The League collected over £9,000 in fines from Clubs last season, make sure that your Club does not fall foul of the rules and regulations. The cost of football is expensive enough without incurring fines through poor administration.

The League run an award system for both discipline & administration which rewards Clubs for their good performance in these two important areas. Last season, the sum awarded for good administration totalled £3000. For administration, this means good, prompt communication with the League and a lack of fines incurred.

GENERAL NOTES FOR ALL DIVISIONS

1. Ground Sharing

(a) No Club will be granted permission to ground share on a temporary basis merely to carry out work on its' own ground in order to secure the grading required for admission to the League or for promotion.

(b) Permanent ground sharing will be at the discretion of the League Management Committee.

2. Safety of Players and match Officials - All Clubs must take adequate steps to ensure the segregation and safety of players and match officials from spectators at all times when entering and leaving the field of play.

3. Floodlighting.

(a) Each Club with floodlights, shall provide the League with an approved floodlighting survey chart and a floodlighting inspection report. An approved chart and report, shall be valid for 24 months from date its is signed by the approved contractor completing the inspection.

(b) The average Lux value of the installation shall not be less than 120 and no single reading shall be less than 25% of the highest Lux reading. Clubs are reminded that to enter FA Competitions, a minimum Lux value of 120 must be maintained.

(c) Illumination levels shall be recorded on the horizontal plane not more than 30cms (12ins) above the ground on a grid of 88 markings – 8 across and 11 down, evenly spaced with the outside reading falling on the pitch boundary line. The average of all reading will be the Lux value of the installation.

(d) No Club shall play League or Cup matches without a current Lux Certificate of Validation except in exceptional circumstances or with written permission of the League.

4. Code of Conduct on Match Days

(a) Grounds and dressing rooms, must be open to visiting teams at least one hour prior to kick off.

(b) Officials of the home Club available to receive visitors.

(c) All visiting officials to be handed a match programme and advised/informed of the hospitality arrangements and given directions accordingly.

(d) Tea, coffee and biscuits to be provided at half time within a segregated area of the clubhouse or committee room to those with passes. Liquid refreshments and sandwiches will be provided at full time.

(e) Provision of similar refreshments on arrival and at half time for match officials and visiting teams. Similar liquid refreshments and sandwiches provided at full time.

(f) All Clubs to issue annually eight (8) passes to its' own officers which must be shown at the away games to gain admission to the ground, stand and boardroom. These cannot be used at any other matches, only those in which their team is participating.

(g) Provision of six (6) programmes in the visitors dressing room, three (3) for the match officials.

(h) Where possible, at least two officials from the visiting Club should attend the match and make themselves known to the home officials on arrival.

(i) Only match footballs approved by the League shall be used for all League Competitions.

(j) Visiting teams should, in the event of their dissatisfaction relating to their visit, forward complaints in writing to the League General Secretary.

All the foregoing shall apply to all League and Cup matches in the Premier and Division One. For Division Two only items (f) and (g) may not be relevant. For the Development Division matches, only items (a) (b) (d) (e) (i) and (j) are essential.

5. Ground Inspections.

(a) Grounds will be inspected at regular intervals by at least two (2) members of the Ground & Facilities Committee.

(b) Clubs will be informed verbally at the time of inspection of any remedial work required. This will be confirmed in writing within ten (10) days of the inspection.

DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES- APPEALS- SEASON 2017/2018

REGULATIONS FOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION APPEALS

COMMENCEMENT OF APPEAL

- 1.1 An appeal shall be commenced by lodging a notice of appeal (“the Notice of Appeal”) with The Association.
- 1.2 The Notice of Appeal shall be lodged within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision appealed against.
- 1.3 In the case of an appeal from a decision of a Regulatory Commission:
 - (1) Notification of the intention to appeal shall be made in writing to The Association within 7 days of notification of the decision to be appealed against;
 - (2) the date of notification of the decision shall be the date of the written decision or, if applicable, the date of the written reasons for the decision. In relation to any other decision, the relevant date shall be the date on which it was first announced.
- 1.4 The Notice of Appeal must:
 - (1) identify the specific decision(s) being appealed;
 - (2) set out the ground(s) of appeal and the reasons why it would be substantially unfair not to alter the original decision;
 - (3) set out a statement of the facts upon which the appeal is based;
 - (4) save for where the Appellant is The Football Association, in which case no deposit will be payable, be accompanied by any deposit prescribed by the relevant Rules of The Association or Regulations. Where an appeal is lodged by fax or email or other electronic means, the deposit must be received not later than the third day following the day of despatch of the fax, email or electronic notification (including both the day of despatch and receipt);
 - (5) where appropriate, apply for leave to present new evidence under 2.6 below.
- 1.5 The grounds of appeal available to The Association, shall be that the body whose decision is appealed against:
 - (1) misinterpreted or failed to comply with the Rules or Regulations relevant to its decision; and/or
 - (2) came to a decision to which no reasonable such body could have come and/or
 - (3) imposed a penalty, award, order or sanction that was so unduly lenient as to be unreasonable
- 1.6 The grounds of appeal available to Participants shall be that the body whose decision is appealed against :
 - (1) failed to give the appellant a fair hearing and/or
 - (2) misinterpreted or failed to comply with the rules or regulations relevant to its decision; and/or
 - (3) came to a decision to which no reasonable such body could have come and/or
 - (4) imposed a penalty, award, order or sanction that was excessive

Where an appeal is brought against a decision of a Regulatory Commission by FIFA, UKAD or WADA pursuant to the Doping Regulations, any and all of the appeal grounds set out at Regulations 1.5 and 1.6 above may be relied upon.
- 1.7 (1) Only where a decision made by a league is being appealed, within 7 days of the lodging of the Notice of Appeal, the league (the Respondent) may submit in writing an application for the Appeal Board to require a bond to be lodged by the Appellant before the appeal may progress.

- (2) Whilst such a bond application is being processed in accordance with this regulation, no Response to the Notice of Appeal will be due from the Respondent in accordance with regulation 2.4.
- (3) Any bond application must be copied to the Appellant, and –
 - i. State the grounds for the application; and
 - ii. State the amount applied for.
- (4) The Appellant may provide a response to the bond application within 7 days of its submission.
- (5) Whether or not the Appellant has provided any response to it, the Appeal Board shall consider the bond application as soon as practicable after the seventh day following its submission. The Appeal Board may, in its discretion, consider the bond application on papers alone, or require the parties to attend a personal hearing. Any such personal hearing shall be conducted according to such timings and procedure as the Appeal Board may determine at its discretion.
- (6) Notwithstanding the terms of 3.5 below, only following a bond application by the Respondent submitted pursuant to this regulation, the Appeal Board may order the Appellant to lodge a bond with The Association on such date and in such amount as it considers appropriate, where it is satisfied that –
 - i. The Respondent will incur legal costs [in excess of XX] in responding to the Notice of Appeal; and
 - ii. There is a real risk that the Appellant will not pursue the Appeal to a final determination by the Appeal Board.

The Appeal Board's decision in this respect shall be final and binding with no further right of appeal.

- (7) Where an Appeal Board orders a bond to be lodged with The Association, the Appeal may not proceed until the bond is duly lodged. In any such appeal, notwithstanding the terms of 2.4 below, the Respondent shall serve its response to the Notice of Appeal within 14 days from the date that the bond is lodged with The Association.
 - (8) Where an Appeal Board decides not to order a bond to be lodged with The Association, notwithstanding the terms of 2.4 below, the Respondent shall serve its response to the Notice of Appeal within 14 days from the date of the Appeal Board's decision.
 - (9) Any bond lodged with The Association pursuant to (6) above will be held by The Association until the final determination of the appeal by an Appeal Board. Following such final determination, the bond shall in all cases be returned to the Appellant in full.
 - (10) Notwithstanding the terms of 3.5 below, in any case where a bond has been lodged with The Association, and the appeal is not pursued by the Appellant to a final determination by the Appeal Board, the Appeal Board shall have a discretion to order the forfeiture of any part or all of the bond, such amount to be paid in full to the Respondent to cover any costs it has so far incurred in responding to the appeal.
- 1.8 Once an appeal has been commenced, it shall not be withdrawn except by leave of the Appeal Board, with such order for costs, or such order in respect of any bond lodged pursuant to 1.7 above, as the Appeal Board may consider appropriate.

APPEAL PROCEEDINGS

- 2.1 An Appeal Board shall proceed as set out below.
- 2.2 Reference to a party or parties means:
- (1) the appellant (the "Appellant"); and
 - (2) the respondent (the "Respondent"), which shall be either the Participant and/or The Association in the case of an appeal against a decision of the Regulatory Commission, or the Affiliated Association or Competition whose decision is appealed against (the "Respondent").
- 2.3 The Association, whether acting as Appellant or Respondent, shall nominate an individual or individuals to represent it before the Appeal Board.
- 2.4 The Respondent shall serve a written reply to the Notice of Appeal (the "Response") on an Appellant and the Appeal Board within 21 days of the lodging of the Notice of Appeal. Where appropriate, the Response must include any application for leave to present new evidence under 2.6 below.
- 2.5 The parties shall be entitled to make oral submissions to the Appeal Board but an appeal shall be by way of a review on documents only, without oral evidence, except where the Appeal Board gives leave to present new evidence under 2.6 below.
- Appeal Board proceedings shall be conducted how, when and where the Appeal Board considers appropriate.
- Reasonable notice shall be given by the Appeal Board of the date, time and venue of the appeal. An Appeal Board shall not be bound by any enactment or rule of law relating to the admissibility of evidence in proceedings before a court of law.
- An Appeal Board shall proceed as follows:
- 2.6 The Appeal Board shall hear new evidence only where it has given leave that it may be presented. An application for leave to present new evidence must be made in the Notice of Appeal or the Response, setting out the nature and the relevance of the new evidence, and why it was not presented at the original hearing. Save in exceptional circumstances, the Appeal Board shall not grant leave to present new evidence unless satisfied with the reason given as to why it was not, or could not have been, presented at the original hearing and that such evidence is relevant. The Appeal Board's decision shall be final.
- 2.7 The chairman of an Appeal Board may upon the application of a party or otherwise, give any instructions considered necessary for the proper conduct of the proceedings, including but not limited to:
- (1) extending or abridging any time limit;
 - (2) amending or dispensing with any procedural steps set out in these Regulations;
 - (3) instructing that a transcript be made of the proceedings;
 - (4) ordering parties to attend a preliminary hearing;
 - (5) ordering a party to provide written submissions. The decision of the chairman of the Appeal Board shall be final.
- 2.8 The Appeal Board may adjourn a hearing for such period and upon such terms (including an order as to costs) as it considers appropriate.
- 2.9 The Appellant shall prepare a set of documents which shall be provided to the Appeal Board and Respondent at least seven days before the hearing and which shall comprise the following (or their equivalent):
- (1) the Charge;
 - (2) the Reply;

- (3) any documents or other evidence referred to at the original hearing relevant to the appeal;
- (4) any transcript of the original hearing;
- (5) the notification of decision appealed against and where they have been given the reasons for the decision;
- (6) any new evidence;
- (7) the Notice of Appeal;
- (8) the Response.

Where the Regulatory Commission or other body appealed against has not stated the reasons for its decision, either;

- (i) the Appellant shall request written reasons from that body which shall be provided to the Appeal Board; or
- (ii) the Appeal Board shall require that a member of the body that made the decision shall attend (in which case, questions may be put by the Appeal Board at a hearing to satisfy itself as to the reasons for the decision. Cross-examination by the Appellant or Respondent shall not be permitted. Representations may be made by the parties to the Appeal Board who may then put questions to the member of the body that made the decision).

- 2.10 Appeal hearings shall be conducted how, when and where the Appeal Board considers appropriate. Reasonable notice shall be given by the Appeal Board of the date, time and venue of the appeal.

Where an application to present new evidence has been made, the party making the application shall address the Appeal Board in support of the application and the other party may respond; the Appeal Board shall then determine whether or not it will receive the new evidence. The following procedures shall be followed at an appeal hearing unless the Appeal Board thinks it appropriate to amend them:

- (1) The Appellant to address the Appeal Board, summarising its case;
- (2) Any new evidence to be presented by the Appellant;
- (3) The Respondent to address the Appeal Board, summarising its case;
- (4) Any new evidence to be presented by the Respondent;
- (5) Each party to be able to put questions to any witness giving new evidence;
- (6) The Appeal Board may put questions to the parties and any witness giving new evidence at any stage;
- (7) The Respondent to make closing submissions;
- (8) The Appellant to make closing submissions.

- 2.11 The Appeal Board shall proceed in the absence of any party, unless it is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for the failure of the party to attend, and shall do so in such manner as it considers appropriate.

- 2.12 The Appeal Board may, in the event of a party failing to comply with an order, requirement or instruction of the Appeal Board, take any action it considers appropriate, including an award of costs against the offending party.

APPEAL BOARD DECISIONS

- 3.1 A decision, order, requirement or instruction of the Appeal Board shall (save where to be made under the Rules of The Association by the chairman of the Appeal Board alone) be determined by a majority. Each member of the Appeal Board shall have one vote, save that the chairman shall have a second and casting vote in the event of deadlock.

- 3.2 The Appeal Board shall announce its decision to the parties as soon as practicable in such a manner as it considers appropriate; and unless it directs otherwise, its decision shall come into effect immediately.
- 3.3 The Appeal Board shall have power to:
- (1) allow or dismiss the appeal;
 - (2) exercise any power which the body against whose decision the appeal was made could have exercised, whether the effect is to increase or decrease any penalty, award, order or sanction originally imposed;
 - (3) remit the matter for re-hearing;
 - (4) order that any deposit be forfeited or returned as it considers appropriate;
 - (5) make such further or other order as it considers appropriate, generally or for the purpose of giving effect to its decision.
 - (6) order that any costs, or part thereof, incurred by the Appeal Board be paid by either party or be shared by both parties in a manner determined by the Appeal Board.
- 3.4 Decisions of the Appeal Board shall be final and binding and there shall be no right of further challenge, except in relation to appeals to CAS brought by FIFA or WADA pursuant to the Anti-Doping Regulations, or in respect of the amount of costs any party is ordered to pay by the Appeal Board, as set out below.

OTHER COSTS

- 3.5 Any costs incurred in bringing, or responding to, an appeal shall normally be borne by the party incurring the costs. In exceptional circumstances the Appeal Board may order one party to pay some or all of the other party's costs. Such costs will not include any legal costs. Any applications for such costs must be made at the Appeal Board and must include details of the exceptional circumstances.
- 3.6 An appeal against only the amount of costs ordered to be paid shall be heard and determined by a single person appointed by such independent body as determined by The Association from time to time. That person shall decide all matters of procedure for how such an appeal will be conducted.

WRITTEN DECISION

- 3.7 As soon as practicable after the hearing, the Appeal Board shall publish a written statement of its decision, which shall state:
- (1) the names of the parties, the decision(s) appealed against and the grounds of appeal;
 - (2) whether or not the appeal is allowed; and
 - (3) the order(s) of the Appeal Board.
- The written statement shall be signed and dated by the chairman of the Appeal Board and be the conclusive record of the decision.
- 3.8 The Appeal Board shall, upon the request of the Appellant or the Respondent (such request to be received at The Association within three days of the date of the announcement of the decision), give written reasons for the decision.

STANDING ORDERS OF THE LEAGUE

1. The meetings shall be held as and when necessary.
2. Notices of intended motions shall be given in writing to the Secretary not less than 21 days before the meeting. The Secretary shall place the notices on the Agenda in the order received.
3. At all meetings, the Secretary shall present the minutes of the last preceding meeting. He/she shall read such letters as may be necessary or that any member desires to have read. The business on the Agenda shall be proceeded with in such order as the Chairman may direct.
4. A speaker shall direct his/her speech strictly to the motion under discussion, or to a motion or amendment proposed by him/herself, or to a question of order. Upon the Chairman rising, every member shall resume his/her seat.
5. A member shall not speak more than once on each motion or amendment, except:
 - (a) The mover of a motion in reply.
 - (b) or to a point of order
 - (c) or in explanation of a statement made by him/her which he/she considers has been misunderstood and shall strictly confine him/herself to the point.
6. The mover of every original motion, but not of any amendment, shall have a right of reply. He/she shall not introduce a new matter into the debate, but shall confine him/herself to answering previous speakers. Immediately thereafter the question shall be put from the Chair.
7. A motion or amendment once made and seconded shall only be withdrawn with the consent of the meeting. Every amendment shall be relevant to the motion to which it is moved.
8. Whenever an amendment upon an original motion has been moved and seconded, no second or subsequent amendment shall be moved until the first amendment shall have been disposed of, but notice of any number of amendments may be given.
9. If any amendment be carried, the motion as amended shall take the place of the original motion, and shall become the question upon which any further amendment may be moved.
10. A motion 'That the question be now put' having been moved and seconded shall be put to the meeting without debate, but the Chairman shall have power to refuse to accept such motion if he/she is of the opinion that the question under debate has not been fully discussed.
11. All motions, whether original or amendments, shall if the Chairman requests it, be reduced to writing, signed by the mover, and handed to the Secretary immediately on being moved, and every member proposing such motion or amendment shall read the same before speaking.
12. The business under any notice upon the Agenda shall not (except by consent of the meeting) be proceeded with in the absence of the member in whose name it stands, unless he/she has given authority for it to be taken up by some other member.
13. The decision of the Chairman on any point shall be final. The Chairman shall have the right to give a vote upon any question before the Meeting.
14. A resolution shall not be rescinded after it has been adopted, unless agreed by a majority of the members present and voting.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND

1. The Fund shall be under the control of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer, who may make grants to necessitous players, referees or their families, and others who have rendered service to the game.
2. All applications shall be made on forms to be obtained from the General Secretary of the League. The application which shall state the nature of the injuries or special circumstances necessitating the grant, must be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Club for which the player last played and countersigned by a member of the Club Committee who is prepared to support the application. In all other cases the application must be signed by two members of the Management Committee.
3. Funds for the Benevolent Fund to be raised by donations.
4. The Fund is established not to supersede efforts by Clubs and others interested in a case, but to supplement these local efforts and any other source of income that may be available to the applicant during or in respect of his/her incapacity from work.
5. No salary or honorarium shall be paid from the Fund for service in its control or administration.
6. The Fund shall be maintained in an account separate from the general Fund of the League and if invested, in whole or in part, shall be placed in a form of investment of sound and recognised security
7. Loans must not be made to Associations, League or Clubs.
8. Grants may be made in the form of:-
 - (i) A lump sum.
 - (ii) A series of weekly or monthly payments or
 - (iii) Such form as the Committee deem advisable.
9. The necessary expenses of administering the Fund may be paid out of the Benevolent Funds of the League.

THE F.A. CHILD PROTECTION POLICY STATEMENT

1. Every child or young person who plays or participates in football should be able to take part in an enjoyable and safe environment and be protected from abuse. This is the responsibility of every adult involved in football.
2. The Football Association recognises its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all children and young people by protecting them from physical, sexual or emotional harm and from neglect or bullying. It is determined to meet its obligation to ensure that those clubs and organisations providing football opportunities for children and young people, do so to the highest possible standards of care.
3. These procedures apply to anyone in football whether in a paid or voluntary capacity. For example, volunteers in clubs, referees, club officials, helpers on football tours, football coaches and medical staff.
4. The Football Association will consider, having taken advice, whether anyone who has a previous criminal conviction or caution for offences related to the abuse of children or young people

REGULATIONS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM

1. DEFINITIONS

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

“**AC**” means the Alliance Committee appointed by FA Council.

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

“**Club**” means a football club for the time being in a League in membership of the NLS.

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

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

“**League**” means any competition sanctioned by The Association and/or an Affiliated Association in membership of the NLS.

“**LC**” means the Leagues Committee appointed by FA Council.

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

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

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

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

“**Play Off Position**” means the position of a Club at the end of each Playing Season which qualifies that Club to take part in a Play Off Match to qualify for promotion to the next Step for the next Playing Season.

“**Regulations**” means these regulations.

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

“**Step**” means the level at which a Club participates in the NLS.

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

2. The NLS shall be operated in accordance with the Regulations.

The aims and objectives of the NLS are to provide:

- 2.1 Clubs with a level of competitive football appropriate to their playing ability, stadium/ground facilities and geographical location.
- 2.2 A framework for discussion on matters of policy and common interest to Leagues and Clubs.
- 2.3 The seasonal movement of Clubs.
- 2.4 A co-ordinated approach between Leagues regarding the final date of the Playing Season.

Regulations for the Operation of the National League System

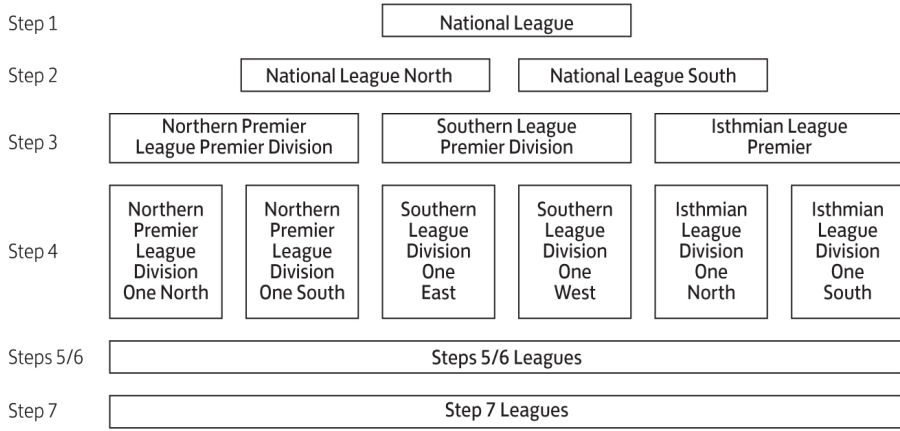
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All Leagues are bound by the Regulations. A Club is bound by the Regulations from the date it has qualified for placement into the NLS until such time as it leaves the NLS for whatever reason.

All Clubs are required to hold a Licence to be a member of a Competition at Steps 1 to 4 of the NLS.

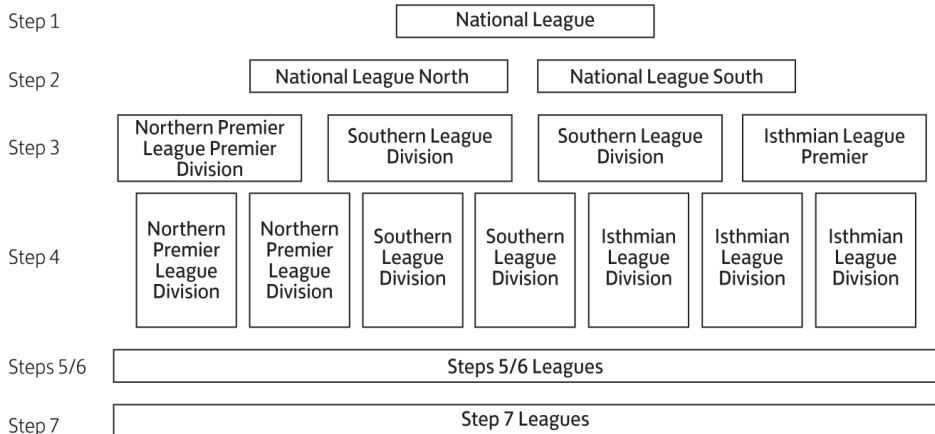
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3.1 The current structure of the NLS is set out below:



The Leagues currently at Steps 5, 6 and 7 are set out at the end of the Regulations.

3.2 With effect from the commencement of the 2018/19 season the structure of the NLS will be as set out below:



Divisions at Steps 3 to 5 shall have the following number of Clubs: Step 3 – 22, Step 4 – 20, Step 5 – 20. At Steps 6 and 7 the number of Clubs in each division will be decided by the LC taking into account all relevant factors. Notwithstanding this, at Step 6 each division shall have no more than 20 Clubs and at Step 7 each division shall have no more than 16 Clubs.

- 3.3 Any league wishing to become part of the NLS must apply to The Association by 31st December in the relevant year in such form and/or providing such information as shall be required by the LC from time to time. The decision as to whether or not a league should be admitted to the NLS shall be made by the LC which will then decide on the Step at which the League will compete.
- 3.4 Any League wishing to propose an adjustment to its position within the NLS must apply in writing to the LC by 31st December in any year for such proposal to be determined by the LC in order, if approved, to have effect in the following Playing Season.

4. Rules and Regulations for Promotion and Relegation

The LC shall provide for the seasonal promotion, relegation or lateral movement of Clubs. A League must be committed to promoting and relegating Clubs at the conclusion of each Playing Season.

5. Detailed Promotion and Relegation Issues

- 5.1 The criteria for entry to the NLS and the criteria for ground/stadium facilities and the criteria for participation in Play Off Matches shall be determined by the LC. All criteria so determined shall be published by The Association from time to time.
- 5.2 At the conclusion of each Playing Season, the following procedures will apply to promotion/relegation subject to the application of the Rules:

Step 1 and Step 2

These regulations do not deal with promotion from Step 1.

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

Step 2 and Step 3

The Clubs in the bottom three places in each of the two divisions at Step 2 at the end of the Playing Season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 3 for the following Playing Season. They will be replaced by the Clubs finishing in 1st position in each of the divisions at Step 3 together with a further three Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishes in 1st position but does not meet the criteria for participation at Step 2, the Club finishing in 2nd position shall be promoted. The Clubs finishing in 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th positions in each Step 3 division shall be eligible to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where one or more of the Clubs finishing in 2nd, 3rd, 4th or 5th positions does not meet the criteria for participation at Step 2, the next eligible Club shall take part in the Play Off Matches, save that no Club finishing below 7th position shall be eligible to take part in the Play Off Matches. The Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other in semi-final matches over a single leg at the grounds of the higher placed Clubs. The winners of each semi-final match will play each other in a promotion final over a single leg at the ground of

the higher placed Club and the winner of that match will be promoted. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to a promotion final where it will play the winner of the other semi-final match and the winner of that promotion final match will be promoted.

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

Step 3 and Step 4

The Clubs finishing in last place in each of the three divisions at Step 3 at the end of the Playing Season will be relegated to a feeder pool and placed in the most geographically appropriate division at Step 4 for the following Playing Season. Nineteen Clubs will be promoted from Step 4 comprising of the twelve Clubs finishing in 1st and 2nd position in each division, together with the highest ranked 3rd place Club on the basis of points per game during the Playing Season plus six further Clubs determined by a series of Play Off Matches.. Where a Club finishes in 1st or 2nd position but does not meet the criteria for participation at Step 3, the Club finishing in 3rd position shall be promoted. If neither the 1st or 2nd place Club meets the criteria for participation at Step 3 then the 3rd and 4th placed Clubs shall be promoted. The Clubs finishing in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th position in each Step 4 division shall be eligible to take part in the Play Off Matches. Where a Club finishing in 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th position does not meet the criteria for participation at Step 3, the next eligible Club shall take part in the Play Off Matches, save that no Club finishing below 8th position will be eligible to take part in Play Off Matches. The Play Off Matches shall be played so that the highest placed of the eligible Clubs plays against the lowest placed and the other two Clubs play each other in semi-final matches over a single leg at the grounds of the higher placed Clubs. The winners of each semi-final match will play each other in a promotion final over a single leg at the ground of the higher placed Club and the winner of that match will be promoted. If there are only three eligible Clubs then the highest placed shall receive a bye to the promotion final match where it will play the winner of the other semi-final match and the winner of that promotion final match will be promoted.

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

In the event of vacancies arising at Step 3 on completion of the season, the losing Step 4 Play Off finalists shall be ranked on a points per game basis during the regular Playing Season, with vacancies being filled by the highest ranked Club(s).

Step 4 and Step 5

At the end of the Playing Season the Clubs finishing in last place in each of the six divisions at Step 4 administered by the Northern Premier League, Southern League and Isthmian League will be relegated and placed in the most geographically appropriate League at Step 5. These relegated Clubs will be replaced by the highest placed Club in each Step 5 division which is eligible to enter Step 4 together with the twelve highest ranking 2nd placed Clubs on the basis of points per game during the Playing Season. The Clubs to be promoted from Step 5 will be allocated to the most geographically appropriate division at Step 4.

Step 5 to Step 6 and Step 6 to Step 7

The promotion and relegation of Clubs between Steps 5, 6 and 7 shall be dealt with as follows.

Movement of Clubs between Steps 5, 6 and 7, where a League operates at each Step, shall be included in their constitutional rules and regulations. Irrespective of any provision contained within the Rules, the Clubs finishing in bottom position in each of the fourteen Step 5 divisions will be relegated to Step 6 and will not be rerieved, as determined by the LC.

Clubs seeking promotion to Step 5 from a League at Step 6 which is not linked to Step 5, must make application using the prescribed form direct to The Association, copied to their existing League, by 31st December in the relevant year. In order to be eligible for promotion Clubs must finish in 1st position in their Step 6 league. If the Club finishing in 1st position does not wish to be promoted or fails to meet the entry criteria then the Club finishing in 2nd position will be eligible for promotion. If the Club in 2nd position does not seek promotion or fails to meet the entry criteria then Clubs down to 5th position may be considered for promotion provided that they meet the appropriate entry criteria. Clubs finishing below 5th position will not be considered for promotion and only one Club will be considered for promotion from each League. Each application must be accompanied by the agreed application fee, as determined by the LC, which is non-refundable.

Clubs seeking promotion to Step 6 from a League at Step 7 which is not linked to Step 6, must make application using the prescribed form direct to The Association, copied to their existing League, by 31st December in the relevant year. In order to be considered for promotion Clubs must finish in 1st position in their Step 7 league. If the Club finishing in 1st position does not wish to be promoted or fails to meet the entry criteria then the club finishing in 2nd position will be eligible for promotion. If the club in 2nd position does not seek promotion or fails to meet the entry criteria then clubs down to 5th position may be considered for promotion provided that they meet the appropriate entry criteria. Clubs finishing below 5th position will not be considered for promotion and only one club will be considered from each League. Each application must be accompanied by the agreed application fee, as determined by the LC, which is non-refundable.

All promotions and relegations between Steps 5, 6 and 7 must be authorised by the LC. All proposed Club movements must be submitted to the LC by no later than 8 May 2018.

- 5.3 Where a vacancy occurs within the NLS either before, during or after the Playing Season, the LC shall decide how such vacancy shall be filled at its sole discretion.
- 5.3.1 Where a vacancy occurs after the date of a League AGM then a League is not able to replace the Club(s) concerned for the following Playing Season.
- 5.3.2 In the event that for any reason whatsoever there are more vacancies in a division before the end of a Playing Season than relegation places in that division, the question of relegation and reprieves shall be dealt with at the sole discretion of the LC.
- 5.4 Only internal changes to the constitution of a League are allowed following the holding of a League's Annual General Meeting.
- 5.5 Clubs are not allowed to enter into a ground share agreement in order to gain promotion or to retain membership at a particular Step where the Club has failed to attain or maintain the relevant Grade.
- 5.6 Ground grading requirements will be in accordance with the Rules.

In order to be considered for promotion, the following requirements will apply.

Step 1 - Clubs must comply fully with the requirements of Grade A.

Step 2 - Clubs competing at Step 2 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade B. To be considered for promotion to Step 1 or to be included in the Play Off Matches, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade B together with any additional requirements by 31st March in the year in which they seek promotion. Clubs must also attain Grade A by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 3 - Clubs competing at Step 3 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade C. To be considered for promotion to Step 2 or to be included in the Play Off Matches, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade C and attain Grade B by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 4 - Clubs competing at Step 4 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade D. To be considered for promotion to Step 3 or to be included in the Play Off Matches, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade D and attain Grade C by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 5 - Clubs competing at Step 5 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade F. To be considered for promotion to Step 4, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade D by 31st March 2019.

Step 6 - Clubs competing at Step 6 must comply fully with the requirements of Grade G. To be considered for promotion to Step 5, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade G and attain Grade F by 31st March in the year following promotion.

Step 7 - Clubs competing at Step 7 must comply fully with the minimum requirements in force. To be considered for promotion to Step 6, Clubs must meet the requirements of Grade H and attain Grade G by 31st March in the year following promotion. Clubs can be promoted from Step 7 to 6 without floodlights provided that all other requirements of Grade H are met by 31st March in the Playing Season in which the Club wishes to gain promotion and that the Club has the following in place:-

- Planning permission for floodlights
- Funding applications submitted if required
- Quotations/estimates for the work to be carried out
- A development/business plan
- That by 30th September following promotion the floodlights are installed and in working order.

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

- 5.7 For 2017/18, the following applies only to Steps 1 to 4: If a Club is relegated for not achieving the required Grade for the Step at which it is playing it will not be eligible for promotion again until it has attained the required Grade for the Step to which it wishes to be promoted. The Club must have that Grade at 31st March in the year in which it seeks promotion.

6. The movement of Clubs within the NLS other than by Promotion or Relegation

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

It may be necessary from time to time to move Clubs laterally at the same Step. Each year the LC will consider whether any lateral movements may be necessary at each Step; if so the Clubs likely to be affected shall be notified and given the opportunity to present a case if that Club does not wish to be moved laterally. The final decision shall rest with a sub-committee of the LC. This sub-committee may include members of Step 5 or Step 6 Leagues if appropriate. A Club may appeal the decision of the LC to an Appeal Board and such appeal shall be conducted in accordance with the Appeal Regulations.

In coming to its decision the LC will have regard to any representations made by any party, the distance to be travelled by any Club to be moved compared to the distance travelled in the Playing Season prior to movement; the financial impact on the Club to be moved, the frequency with which the Club has been moved in the past; the number of Clubs both in the division to which the Club is to be moved and in the division from which the Club is moved, and any other matter that it considers to be relevant.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) If a Club is removed from its League and wishes to remain in the NLS it shall apply to the LC within five working days of it receiving written notification of its removal from its League. The LC will consider such application and will place the Club in what it considers at its sole discretion to be the most appropriate League/division for the following Playing Season.

6.4 If a Club (whether a Members' Club or a Company) ceases to be a member of its league and that Club (that is not a New Club as defined at 6.3 above) wishes to be placed within the NLS for the immediately following Playing Season, then unless otherwise determined by the LC, it may be allowed to make an application to join a League/division below the most recent League/division of which the Club was a member.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7. Placement of a Club into a League

- 7.1 Usually a club can only enter the NLS at Step 7. However a League may seek approval from the LC to receive a club not currently in membership of a League within the NLS provided that there is: (a) exceptional circumstances, (b) a vacancy within its constitution, (c) the club meets the entry criteria and (d) promotion and relegation issues have been satisfied. Such request must be received from the league by no later than 1st February. Any decision shall only be capable of Appeal to The Association by the affected League.
- 7.2 Reserve teams, including a team from a club or Club which is not considered by the LC to be sufficiently separate from another club or Club, will not be permitted to compete above Step 6 in the NLS. There must be a minimum of two Steps between a first and reserve team. This does not apply at Steps 6 & 7. No two teams from the same Club can play at the same Step. Reserve teams currently at Step 5 can remain unless relegated, once relegated they will not be permitted to be promoted back to Step 5.
- 7.3 Teams from Higher Education or Further Education establishments are not permitted to compete above Step 5. This does not prevent any such establishment forming a Club which complies with all entry criteria and which is separate from the establishment itself.
- 7.4 Where a Club moves from one League to another, for whatever reason, the League from which it is being moved must provide the League to which the Club is being moved with a certificate confirming that the Club being moved does not owe any money or other property of any nature to the League from which it is being moved. The Club being moved cannot compete in its new League until such certification has been provided and the onus will be on the Club being moved to ensure that it has cleared all indebtedness to its previous League.

8. Procedures for the Determination of any Matter, Dispute or Difference by the Leagues Committee

- 8.1 The LC may adopt such procedures for the determination of any matter, dispute or difference as it considers appropriate and expedient, having regard to the aims and objectives set out at Regulation 2. The LC may require the attendance at a meeting or the written observations of any League or Club, as it considers appropriate to assist its determination.
- 8.2 (a) Any dispute or difference between a League and a Club relating to promotion and relegation issues, lateral movement and/or other eligibility criteria must be referred for determination to the LC; such determination shall be final and binding subject only to Arbitration in accordance with Rule K.
- (b) Any decision of the LC shall be subject to a right of appeal to an Appeal Board. The decision of that Appeal Board shall be final and binding on all parties.
All referrals of appeals shall be conducted in accordance with the Regulations for Football Association Appeals save for appeals in relation to Ground Grading decisions where the procedures are outlined in 8.2(c) below.
- (c) Procedures for Ground Grading Appeals
- (i) The ratification of the Ground Grading decision must be sent in writing within 14 days of the final decision date, currently 31st March.
- (ii) Appeals in relation to Ground Grading Appeals must be submitted to The Association's Judicial Services Department within seven days from the date of the written decision outlining the Grounds of Appeal, with a copy to The Association's Leagues & Clubs Department.
- (iii) The Ground Grading Technical Panel will appear before an Appeal Board with the Appellant to respond to the application and there is no requirement to make a formal response in writing.
- (iv) In all cases the Ground Grading Technical Panel will submit any documentation including the Ground Grading report that was considered by the Ground Grading Technical Panel in relation to the Ground Grading decision, (which the appellant would already have received).
- (v) Dates would be set annually in advance by the Judicial Services Department for the hearing of Ground Grading appeals and details of the dates would be notified to all Clubs in the correspondence from the Ground Grading Technical Panel notifying the decision of the Ground Grading assessment.
- 8.3 The LC may, at its discretion, delegate the resolution of any matter, dispute or difference arising under these Regulations to anybody it considers to be appropriate (including a sub-committee or commission which may include members of council not on the LC or a body constituted by a County Football Association).

9. Arbitration

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

10. Precedence

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

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LEAGUES/DIVISIONS AT STEPS 5, 6 & 7 OF THE NLS (Season 2017/18)

Step 5	Step 6	Step 7
Combined Counties League Premier Div	Combined Counties League Div 1	Anglian Combination Premier Div
Eastern Counties League Premier Div	East Midlands Counties League	Bedfordshire County League Premier Div
Essex Senior League	Eastern Counties League Div 1	Cambridgeshire County League Premier Div
Hellenic League Premier Div	Hellenic League Div 1 East	Central Midlands League Div North
Midland League Premier Div	Hellenic League Div 1 West	Central Midlands League Div South
North West Counties League Premier Div	Midland League Div 1	Cheshire League Premier Div
Northern League Div 1	Northern Counties East Div 1	Dorset Premier League
Northern Counties East League Premier Div	North West Counties League Div 1	Essex & Suffolk Border League Premier Div
Southern Counties East League Premier Div	Northern League Div 2	Essex Olympian League Premier Div
Spartan South Midlands League Premier Div	South West Peninsula League Premier Div	Gloucestershire County League Premier Div
Southern Combination Football League Premier Div	Spartan South Midlands League Div 1	Hampshire Premier League Senior Div
United Counties League Premier Div	Southern Combination Football League Div 1	Herts Senior County League Premier Div
Wessex League Premier Div	Southern Counties East League Div 1	Humber Premier League Premier Div
Western League Premier Div	United Counties League Div 1	Kent County League Premier Div
	Wessex League Div 1	Leicestershire Senior League Premier Div
	West Midlands (Regional) League Premier Div	Lincolnshire Football League
	Western League Div 1	Liverpool County Premier League Premier Div
		Manchester Football League Premier Div
		Middlesex County League Premier Div
		Midland League Div 2
		Mid-Sussex Football League
		Northamptonshire Combination Premier Div
		Northern Football Alliance Premier Div
		Nottinghamshire Senior League Senior Div
		Oxfordshire Senior League Premier Div
		Peterborough & District League Premier Div
		Sheffield & Hallamshire County Senior League Premier Div
		Somerset County League Premier Div
		Southern Combination Football League
		South West Peninsula League Div 1 East
		South West Peninsula League Div 1 West
		Spartan South Midlands League Div 2
		Staffordshire County Senior League Premier Div
		Suffolk & Ipswich League Senior Div
		Surrey Elite Intermediate League Intermediate Div
		Teesside League Div 1
		Thames Valley Premier League Premier Div
		Wearside League
		West Cheshire League Div 1
		West Lancashire League Premier Div
		West Midlands (Regional) League Div 1
		West Riding County Amateur League Premier Div
		West Yorkshire League Premier Div
		Wiltshire Football League Premier Div
		York Football League Premier Div

RECENT SEASONS HONOURS

PREMIER DIVISION

CHAMPIONS

2003 - 04 Beaconsfield SYCOB
2004 - 05 Potters Bar Town
2005 - 06 Oxford City
2006- 07 Edgware Town
2007 - 08 Beaconsfield SYCOB
2008 - 09 Biggleswade Town
2009 - 10 Aylesbury
2010 - 11 Chalfont St. Peter
2011 - 12 Royston Town
2012 - 13 Dunstable Town
2013 - 14 Hanwell Town
2014 - 15 Kings Langley
2015 - 16 AFC Dunstable
2016 - 17 London Colney

RUNNERS UP

Brook House
Hanwell Town
Hillingdon Borough
Harefield United
Chalfont St. Peter
Harefield United
Chalfont St. Peter
Tring Athletic
Dunstable Town
Aylesbury United
Amphill Town
London Colney
London Colney
Hertford Town

DIVISION ONE

2003 - 04 Haywood United (Aylesbury Vale)
2004 - 05 Oxhey Jets
2005 - 06 Colney Heath
2006 - 07 Brimsdown Rovers
2007 - 08 Kentish Town
2008 - 09 Royston Town
2009 - 10 Holmer Green
2010 - 11 Berkhamsted
2011 - 12 London Colney
2012 - 13 London Lions
2013 - 14 Sun Postal Sports
2014 - 15 Welwyn Garden City
2015 - 16 Edgware Town
2016 - 17 Biggleswade FC

Langford
Buckingham Athletic
Brache Sparta
Cockfosters
Haringey Borough
Kings Langley
Hadley FC
AFC Dunstable
Amphill Town
Cockfosters
Kings Langley
FC Broxbourne Borough
Crawley Green
Harpenden Town

DIVISION TWO

2003 - 04 Old Dunstablians
2004 - 05 Crawley Green
2005 - 06 Aston Clinton
2006 - 07 AFC Dunstable
2007 - 08 Kings Langley
2008 - 09 The 61 FC (Luton)
2009 - 10 Berkhamsted
2010 - 11 Padbury United
2011 - 12 Aston Clinton
2012 - 13 Kent Athletic
2013 - 14 Hale Leys United
2014 - 15 Hale Leys United
2015 - 16 Kent Athletic
2016 - 17 Thame Rangers

Winslow United
Dunstable Town '98'
AFC Dunstable
Kings Langley
Crawley Green
Hadley
Aston Clinton
Totternhoe
Risborough Rangers
Aston Clinton
Kent Athletic
Kent Athletic
Hale Leys United
Totternhoe

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U25 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

2016 - 17 Hertford Town Cockfosters

RESERVE DIVISION ONE

2003 - 04	London Colney	Dunstable Town '98'
2004 - 05	Leverstock Green	Sawbridgeworth Town
2005 - 06	Sawbridgeworth Town	Welwyn garden City
2006 - 07	Leverstock Green	Hertford Town
2007 - 08	Hertford Town	Cockfosters
2008 - 09	Oxhey Jets	Leverstock Green
2009 - 10	Oxhey Jets	London Colney
2010 - 11	Hadley FC	Oxhey Jets
2011 - 12	Kings Langley	Hadley
2012 - 13	Hadley	Hoddesdon Town
2013 - 14	St. Margaretsbury	Hoddesdon Town

RESERVE DIVISION TWO

2004 - 05	Mursley United	New Bradwell St. Peter
2005 - 06	Sun Postal Sports	Stony Stratford Town
2006 - 07	London Colney	Cockfosters
2007 - 08	Broxbourne Borough	East Section Brache Sparta
2007 - 08	Homer Green	West Section Stony Stratford Town
2008 - 09	Royston Town	East Section Hadley
2008 - 09	Kings Langley	West Section Aylesbury Vale
2009 - 10	Cranfield United	Wodson Park
2010 - 11	The 61 FC (Luton)	Risborough Rangers
2011 - 12	Kent Athletic	London Lions
2012 - 13	Ampt Hill Town	Harpenden Town
2013 - 14	Crawley Green	Totternhoe

RESERVE DIVISION SOUTH & EAST

2014 - 15	St. Margaretsbury	Sun Sports
2015 - 16	Hoddesdon Town	London Colney

RESERVE DIVISION NORTH & WEST

2014 - 15	AFC Dunstable	Crawley Green
2015 - 16	Holmer Green	Buckingham Athletic

RESERVE DIVISIONS PLAY OFF CHAMPIONS

2014 - 15	AFC Dunstable	St. Margaretsbury
2015 - 16	Hoddesdon Town	Holmer Green

THE FA VASE (Whilst with the League)

1975	Hoddesdon Town	Epsom & Ewell
1978	Newcastle Blue Star	Barton Rovers
1995	Arlesey Town	Oxford City
2006	Nantwich Town	Hillingdon Borough

Recent Seasons Honours
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LEAGUE CHALLENGE TROPHY

2003 - 04	Brook House	London Colney
2004 - 05	Hillingdon Borough	London Colney
2005 - 06	Ruislip Manor	Hillingdon Borough
2006 - 07	Edgware Town	Stony Stratford Town
2007 - 08	Chalfont St. Peter	Brimsdown Rovers
2008 - 09	Tring Athletic	Chalfont St. Peter
2009 - 10	Broxbourne Borough	London Colney
2010 - 11	Chalfont St. Peter	Dunstable Town
2011 - 12	Haringey Borough	Hillingdon Borough
2012 - 13	Dunstable Town	Codicote
2013 - 14	Cockfosters	Stotfold
2014 - 15	Kings Langley	St. Margaretsbury
2015 - 16	Welwyn Garden City	Berkhamsted
2016 - 17	London Colney	Thame Rangers

PREMIER DIVISION CUP

2003 - 04	Harefield United	Brook House
2004 - 05	Potters Bar Town	Harefield United
2005 - 06	Oxford City	Leverstock Green
2006 - 07	Edgware Town	Oxhey J ets
2007 - 08	Beaconsfield SYCOB	Chalfont St. Peter
2008 - 09	Tring Athletic	St. Margaretsbury
2009 - 10	Aylesbury	Hanwell Town
2010 - 11	Colney Heath	Leverstock Green
2011 - 12	Royston Town	St. Margaretsbury
2012 - 13	Aylesbury United	Hadley
2013 - 14	Amphill Town	Berkhamsted
2014 - 15	Berkhamsted	Colney Heath
2015 - 16	Hoddesdon Town	Welwyn Garden City
2016 - 17	Hoddesdon Town	Wembley

DIVISION ONE CUP

2003 - 04	Langford	Buckingham Athletic
2004 - 05	Biggleswade United	Oxhey Jets
2005 - 06	Brimsdown Rovers	Buckingham Athletic
2006 - 07	Brimsdown Rovers	Stony Stratford Town
2007 - 08	Haringey Borough	Amphill Town
2008 - 09	Royston Town	Amphill Town
2009 - 10	London Colney	Hoddesdon Town
2010 - 11	AFC Dunstable	St. Albans City Reserves
2011 - 12	Crawley Green	Kings Langley
2012 - 13	Kings Langley	Stony Stratford Town
2013 - 14	Kings Langley	Risborough Rangers
2014 - 15	Welwyn Garden City	Crawley Green
2015 - 16	Crawley Green	Edgware Town
2016 - 17	Langford	Wodson Park

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DIVISION TWO CUP

2003 - 04	Winslow United	Old Dunstablians
2004 - 05	Dunstable Town '98'	Crawley Green
2005 - 06	AFC Dunstable	Totternhoe
2006 - 07	Kent Athletic	AFC Dunstable
2007 - 08	Kings Langley	Mursley United
2008 - 09	Hadley	Totternhoe
2009 - 10	Aston Clinton	Mursley United
2010 - 11	Winslow United	The 61 FC (Luton)
2011 - 12	Aston Clinton	Totternhoe
2012 - 13	Aston Clinton	Risborough Rangers
2013 - 14	Kent Athletic	Hale Leys United
2014 - 15	Hale Leys United	Old Bradwell United
2015 - 16	Hale Leys United	Totternhoe
2016 - 17	Mursley United	The 61 FC (Luton)

U25 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION CHALLENGE TROPHY

2016 - 17	Hertford Town	Hoddesdon Town
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RESERVE SECTION CHALLENGE TROPHY

2003 - 04	Royston Town	Dunstable Town '98'
2004 - 05	Colney Heath	Harpenden Town
2006 - 06	Welwyn Garden City	Sawbridgeworth Town
2006 - 07	London Colney	Welwyn Garden City
2007 - 08	Cockfosters	Colney Heath
2008 - 09	Royston Town	St. Margaretsbury
2009 - 10	St. Margaretsbury	Royston Town
2010 - 11	Hatfield Town	London Lions
2011 - 12	Kent Athletic	Kings Langley
2012 - 13	Oxley Jets	Hoddesdon Town
2013 - 14	Kent Athletic	Hoddesdon Town
2014 - 15	Risborough Rangers	Crawley Green
2015 - 16	Crawley Green	Hoddesdon Town

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NAPIER-ENGLISH ELECTRIC SPORTSMANSHIP CUP

1978 - 79	Shillington	1997 - 98	Shillington
1979 - 80	Leighton Town	1998 - 99	Amersham Town
1980 - 81	Eaton Bray United	1999 - 00	Langford
1981 - 82	Electrolux	2000 - 01	Leverstock Green
1982 - 83	Langford	2001 - 02	Leverstock Green
1983 - 84	Pitstone & Ivinghoe	2002 - 03	Langford
1984 - 85	Sandy Albion	2003 - 04	Langford
1985 - 86	Cranfield United	2004 - 05	Cockfosters
1986 - 87	Pirton	2005 - 06	Hillingdon Borough
1987 - 88	Ashcroft Co-op	2006 - 07	Biggleswade United
1988 - 89	Tring Athletic	2007 - 08	Langford
1989 - 90	Electrolux	2008 - 09	Royston Town
1990 - 91	Risborough Rangers	2009 - 10	Sun Postal Sports
1991 - 92	Toddington Rovers	2010 - 11	Langford
1992 - 93	No Award	2011 - 12	Chesham Utd Reserves
1993 - 94	Cranfield United	2012 - 13	Leverstock Green
1994 - 95	No Award	2013 - 14	Hadley
1995 - 96	No Award	2014 - 15	Risborough Rangers
1996 - 97	Leverstock Green	2015 - 16	Leverstock Green
1997 - 98	Shillington	2016 - 17	St. Neots Town Res.

HOUGHTON REGIS CUP

(For achievements outside of the Spartan South Midlands League)

1980 - 81	Sandy Albion	1998 - 99	Letchworth
1981 - 82	Baldock Town Reserves	1999 - 00	Tring Athletic
1982 - 83	Royston Town	2000 - 01	Dunstable Town '98'
1983 - 84	Shefford Town	2001 - 02	St.Margaretsbury
1984 - 85	Eaton Bray United	2002 - 03	Dunstable Town '98'
1985 - 86	Shillington	2003 - 04	Beaconsfield SYCOB
1986 - 87	Selby	2004 - 05	Winslow United
1987 - 88	Welwyn Garden City	2005 - 06	Hillingdon Borough
1988 - 89	Not Awarded	2006 - 07	Edgware Town
1989 - 90	Hoddesdon Town	2007 - 08	Harefield United
1990 - 91	Electrolux	2008 - 09	Chalfont St. Peter
1991 - 92	Letchworth Garden City	2009 - 10	Royston Town
1992 - 93	Hoddesdon Town	2010 - 11	Not Awarded
1993 - 94	Arlesey Town	2011 - 12	Amphill Town
1994 - 95	Arlesey Town	2012 - 13	Amphill Town
1995 - 96	Not Awarded	2013 - 14	Amphill Town
1996 - 97	Arlesey Town	2014 - 15	Not Awarded
1997 - 98	Potters Bar Town	2015 - 16	Berkhamsted
1998 - 99	Letchworth	2016 - 17	Southall

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F.C. CRAIN AWARD - To Club Secretaries

1978-79	R.W. Everitt – The 61FC	1999-00	J. Adlem – Pitstone & Ivinghoe
1979-80	F. Woodward – Langford	2000-01	T. Devereux – Harefield United
1980-81	W. Clegg – Stotfold	2001-02	M. Barber – Stony Stratford Town
1981-82	D. Hawkins – Pitstone & Ivinghoe	2002-03	D. Ward - Winslow
1982-83	J. Basterfield – Totternhoe	2003-04	G. Arkwright – Biggleswade Town
1983-84	A.J. Cole – Shillington	2004-05	G. Grant – Hillingdon Borough
1984-85	G. Groom – Walden Rangers	2005-06	Tracey James – Biggleswade Utd
1985-86	P. Gardner – Biggleswade Town	2006-07	David Brock – London Colney
1986-87	C. Dearden – Electrolux	2007-08	John Bacon – Haringey Borough
1987-88	J. O'Brien – Caddington	2008-09	Craig Renfrew – AFC Dunstable
1988-89	P. Francis – Sandy Albion	2009-10	Eric Turner - Ampthill Town
1989-90	M. Owen – Hoddesdon Town	2010-11	Nick Bishop -Risborough Rangers
1990-91	B. Griffiths – Cranfield United	2011-12	Brian Barter - Leverstock Green
1991-92	R. Griffiths – Tring Athletic	2012-13	Bob Dixon - Mursley United
1992-93	T. Simmonds – Toddington Rovers	2013-14	Andy Mackness - Kings Langley
1993-94	J. Basterfield - Totternhoe	2014-15	Jane Sinden - Hoddesdon Town
1994-95	R. Flight - Mercedes-Benz	2015-16	Julie Longhurst - Stotfold
1995-96	R.Dugdale - Emberton	2016-17	Lee Cook, Wodson Park
1996-97	S. Robinson – Leverstock Green		
1997-98	R. Standring – Brache Sparta		
1998-99	G. Bint - Cockfosters		

ALF JOYCE TROPHY
For outstanding service

1995 - 96	J. Basterfield - Totternhoe	2006 - 07	Maurice Barber - Stony Stratford T
1996 - 97	T. Rutt – Langford	2007 - 08	Peter Wade - Brimsdown Rov.
1997 - 98	N. Ingram – Barkingside	2008 - 09	Graham Bint - Cockfosters
1998 - 99	F. Woodward – Langford	2009 - 10	John Haynes -New Bradwell St. P
1999 - 00	P. Burns – League Chairman	2010 - 11	Brian Smith - League President
2000 - 01	R. Everitt – The 61FC	2011 - 12	Clive Moyse -League Committee
2001 - 02	A. Cole- Shillington	2012 - 13	Bob Fisher - Hanwell Town
2002 - 03	D. Hawkins –Pitstone & Ivinghoe	2013 - 14	Dave Ward - Winslow United
2003 -04	Bob Fisher – Hanwell Town	2014 - 15	Tracey James - Biggleswade Utd
2004 - 05	Stan Eaton–League Committee	2015 - 16	Mick Eldridge - Tring Athletic
2005 - 06	Roy Standring - Brache Sparta	2016 - 17	Martyn Mitchell - League Secretary

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SPECIAL AWARD TROPHY
For perseverance in overcoming difficulties

1986 - 87	Totternhoe	2001 - 02	Haywood Utd (now Aylesbury Vale)
1987 - 88	Buckingham Athletic	2002 - 03	Buckingham Athletic
1988 - 89	Leighton town	2003 - 04	Richard Everitt – The 61FC
1989 - 90	Toddington Rovers	2004 - 05	Not Awarded
1990 - 91	Not Awarded	2005 - 06	Biggleswade United
1991 - 92	Winslow United	2006 - 07	Tring Athletic
1992 - 93	Not Awarded	2007 --08	Kings Langley
1993 - 94	Houghton Town	2008 - 09	Royston Town
1994 - 95	Not Awarded	2009 - 10	Not Awarded
1995 - 96	Not Awarded	2010 - 11	Risborough Rangers
1996 - 97	Biggleswade United	2011 - 12	Not Awarded
1997 - 98	Not Awarded	2012 - 13	Dunstable Town
1998 - 99	Not Awarded	2013 - 14	Cockfosters
1999 - 00	Dunstable Town '98'	2014 - 15	Amphill Town
2000 - 01	Not Awarded	2015 - 16	Crawley Green (for Respect)
2001 - 02	Haywood Utd (Aylesbury Vale)	2016 - 17	Brian Smith - League President

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Premier Division

Pos	Team	Ply	W	D	L	Goal +/-	Pts
1	London Colney	42	31	4	7	65	97
2	Hertford Town	42	28	8	6	56	92
3	Cockfosters	42	27	7	8	42	88
4	Wembley	42	23	6	13	42	75
5	Tring Athletic	42	23	6	13	24	75
6	Welwyn Garden City	42	21	10	11	21	73
7	Hoddesdon Town	42	20	9	13	24	69
8	Berkhamsted	42	21	6	15	21	69
9	Biggleswade United	42	19	11	12	10	68
10	Sun Sports	42	18	10	14	4	64
11	Crawley Green	42	18	6	18	-13	60
12	Leverstock Green	42	16	10	16	9	58
13	Stotfold	42	14	10	18	-11	52
14	Holmer Green	42	13	10	19	-4	49
15	Oxhey Jets	42	13	10	19	-16	49
16	Leighton Town	42	14	5	23	-14	47
17	Edgware Town	42	11	10	21	-27	43
18	Colney Heath	42	12	7	23	-38	43
19	Hadley	42	9	12	21	-22	39
20	St. Margaretsbury	42	9	11	22	-32	38
21	London Tigers	42	8	7	27	-63	31
22	FC Broxbourne Borough	42	4	5	33	-78	17

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Division One

Pos	Team	Ply	W	D	L	Goal+/-	Pts
1	Biggleswade FC	40	32	3	5	95	99
2	Harpenden Town	40	29	6	5	71	93
3	Baldock Town	40	29	5	6	64	92
4	Langford	40	24	5	11	37	77
5	Southall	40	24	4	12	46	76
6	Risborough Rangers	40	21	8	11	35	71
7	Wodson Park	40	21	7	12	22	70
8	Harefield United	40	20	8	12	35	68
9	Hillingdon Borough	40	21	4	15	48	67
10	Buckingham Athletic	40	21	3	16	8	66
11	Broadfields United	40	20	4	16	28	64
12	Kensington Borough	40	16	8	16	10	56
13	Codicote	40	13	4	23	-23	43
14	Amptill Town	40	13	3	24	-36	42
15	Chesham United Res.	40	12	4	24	-31	40
16	Winslow United	40	11	5	24	-58	38
17	Brimsgate	40	10	7	23	-49	37
18	Hadley Wood & Wingate	40	12	4	24	-56	37 *
19	Bedford	40	10	2	28	-63	32
20	Hatfield Town	40	9	4	27	-58	31
21	Arlesey Town Reserves	40	2	2	36	-125	8

Division Two

Pos	Team	Ply	W	D	L	Goal+/-	Pts
1	Thame Rangers	34	28	2	4	89	86
2	Totternhoe	34	26	0	8	63	78
3	Enfield Borough	34	19	7	8	48	64
4	Aston Clinton	34	21	4	9	36	64 *
5	Old Bradwell United	34	19	4	11	22	61
6	MK Gallacticos	34	20	3	11	31	60 *
7	New Bradwell St. Peter	34	17	8	9	37	59
8	Loughton Manor	34	18	5	11	7	59
9	St. Neots Town Reserves	34	17	6	11	18	57
10	Pitstone & Ivinghoe	34	16	4	14	2	52
11	The 61 FC (Luton)	34	13	8	13	3	47
12	Unite MK	34	14	3	17	-21	45
13	Mursley United	34	11	3	20	-24	36
14	Grendon Rangers	34	9	3	22	-50	30
15	Tring Corinthians	34	7	8	19	-40	29
16	Amersham Town	34	6	5	23	-50	23
17	Tring Town AFC	34	4	2	28	-77	14

* Adjustment made

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U25 DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Pos	Team	Ply	W	D	L	Goal+/-	Pts
1	Hertford Town	30	22	6	2	53	72
2	Cockfosters	30	19	4	7	52	61
3	St. Margaretsbury	30	17	6	7	26	57
4	Stotfold	30	15	7	8	13	52
5	Biggleswade United	30	16	3	11	-2	48 *
6	Hadley	30	16	5	9	25	47 *
7	Welwyn Garden City	30	17	2	11	12	46 *
8	Harpenden Town	30	12	5	13	5	41
9	Holmer Green	30	10	7	13	-1	37
10	Oxhey Jets	30	11	4	15	-12	37
11	Buckingham Athletic	30	8	10	12	-13	34
12	Hoddesdon Town	30	9	6	15	-11	32 *
13	Wodson Park	30	9	5	16	-31	32
14	Risborough Rangers	30	7	6	17	-20	27
15	Winslow United	30	4	7	19	-71	19
16	Colney Heath	30	5	3	22	-25	18

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